

## Agenda Item 4: Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through voluntary national reviews, Ministerial Segment

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I am Robie Halip from the Kalanguya and Kankanaey Indigenous Peoples in the Cordillera region in the Philippines representing the Indigenous Peoples Constituency of the APRCEM.

Meaningful engagement of the people in the SDG process as a whole is still lacking and the important contributions of the civil society and constituencies in the realization of the SDGs are not given due recognition and support.

Transformation is needed in the conduct of the VNR process especially on how the civil society and constituencies are meaningfully engaged in the implementation of the SDGs. The process should not just report how the civil society and constituencies were consulted/involved in the preparation of the report but more importantly how the people, especially those left behind, are involved in and are contributing to the development process. This includes the timely resolution of concerns raised and how the systemic causes of inequality are being addressed. This also includes how their specific needs and priorities are integrated in development plans with budget allocation and how their contributions to sustainable development are provided the needed support - technical and financial.

For Indigenous Peoples, it should also reflect how Indigenous Peoples are involved in decision making processes especially in relation to the utilization of their land, territories, and resources and policies and measures being planned that will impact them.

There is also a need to strengthen the data disaggregation of states particularly data disaggregation on ethnicity. A strong data disaggregation system will greatly aid policy making and planning processes to ensure that those left behind and those being pushed further behind are accounted for and their specific needs and

priorities are addressed. Inclusion of citizen generated data in the SDG data collection system of states should also be put in place.

Lastly, the localization of the VNR is important to ensure greater participation of the people especially those in the rural areas. The localization should be accompanied with support for their full and effective participation – translation, mobility support, and ensuring a safe space for them to engage especially in these times where there's an increasing shrinking of civil society spaces.

The multiple crises we are facing needs a rethinking of the development we have now – which is extractivist and exploitative. Sustainable development will just be a mere lip service if the agenda for development is not anchored to the realization of the human rights for all, there is no accountability, greed and profit driven, and power is held by only few. Development that puts the people and the planet at the center is urgently needed.

Thank you.