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Bangkok, Thailand



International Forum on Public Participation and Stakeholder Engagement for SDGs

The forum themes include:

- Building Better Partnerships
- Making Better Decisions
- Understanding the practice
- Strengthening the knowledge base
- Advancing public policy
- Shaping Research Agenda

Some key topics that will be addressed:

- Public Participation (P2), Stakeholder Engagement (SE) and the SDGs.
- Impacts of P2 and SE practice by the private sector and government.
- Public policy for P2 and SE.
- National and international sustainability standards, and guidelines, and their relationship with P2 and SE.
- The roles of state and non-state actor initiatives, international organizations (including the UN system and IAP2) and other parties in facilitating the institutionalization of P2 and SE, such as IAP2 Core Values in action.

IAP2 Core Values:

- People affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
- People will be informed how their contribution influences the decision.
- The needs and interests of all people, including decision makers are recognized.
- People affected by or interested in a decision will be sought out and their involvement facilitated.
- People assist in designing how they participate.
- People are provided with all the information they need.
- People are informed about how their input affects the decision.

Join Us!

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets out seventeen ambitious sustainable development goals (SDGs) for the international community. The Asia-Pacific region continues to experience rapid development and increasingly becomes a hub for a progressively globalized economy. Despite the significant economic growth and expansion within the region, there are still substantial challenges to achieving the SDGs including income and social inequality, a growing gap between rich and poor, continuing environmental degradation, and declining civic space.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development demands increasing participation of the public and stakeholders in development processes, in particular through the emphasis on inclusive decision-making and effective institutions in Goal 16 on Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. Public participation (public-initiated engagement) and stakeholder engagement (government or institution-led) are requirements for social accountability and strengthened governance. The topic will receive special attention in the various UN-related arenas this year, with governments agreeing to address “empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” as theme of the High-Level Political Forum. The evidence is mounting that engaging people in policy and decision-making processes leads to more efficient and effective public service delivery in health, education, infrastructure, and other areas. Engaging diverse

views and perspectives of stakeholders, communities and the public generates more environmentally, economically and socially-sustainable decisions. For this reason, public participation and stakeholder engagement are increasingly seen as an integral part of the day to day work of government business.

However, the experiences of effective public participation and stakeholder engagement in developing countries are limited and under-documented. The challenge is to increase access and awareness of the evidence-based research public participation in developing country contexts, and bringing this to bear on government policy and practice at all levels of governance.

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) will organize a Forum during April 29 – May 1, in Bangkok, Thailand in the context of its mandate to advance the practice of public participation and to strengthen capacity for stakeholder engagement across the globe. In executing the event, the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) will partner, the School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), building on IAP2's partnership with UNESCAP to promote public participation, and stakeholder and community engagement as a means of strengthening the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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Presented in partnership with:

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

School of Government and Public Policy Indonesia (SGPP).

Who should attend:

- Researchers and practitioners of participatory governance, stakeholder engagement and public participation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Government officials/institutions responsible for public administration, policy and capacity development.
- International organizations and partnership initiatives that focus on strengthening governance.

Objectives:

This forum aims to support the delivery of purposeful, inclusive, pro-active and transformative engagement processes that enhance the responsiveness of governance systems and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. It will:

- Bring the research, development partners and government/policy communities together to increase the understanding of the state, impacts, dynamics, and trends of stakeholder engagement in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Exchange knowledge on the impacts of public participation and stakeholder engagement in different parts of the Asia-Pacific region.
- Share information on various initiatives to strengthen the role of public participation.
- Discuss the implications of research for public policy.
- Help shape future research agenda with inputs from policy makers.

The event will also share the insights of the UNESCAP and IAP2 partnership. It will be followed up by a partnership dialogue to explore means of expanding partnership and support for governments, based on discussion in the workshop.

Dates and location:

This two and a half-day forum will be held from **April 29 - May 1, 2019** at the United Nations Conference Centre in **Bangkok, Thailand**.

Day 1. Presentation of research papers, policy and advocacy experiences in interactive sessions/marketplace approach – based on a call for papers.

Day 2. Workshop for sharing the insights from the first day, and discussing the implications for public policy and future research agenda in specific areas around of Public Participation (P2) and Stakeholder Engagement (SE).

Day 3. (1/2 day) Partnership dialogue involving organizational stakeholders (including from IAP2, UNESCAP, SGPP, and other partners) are to share initiatives and plans, as well as to discuss potential co-investment and follow up.

This event is organized by: