

Workers Engagement on the SDGs in Asia Pacific



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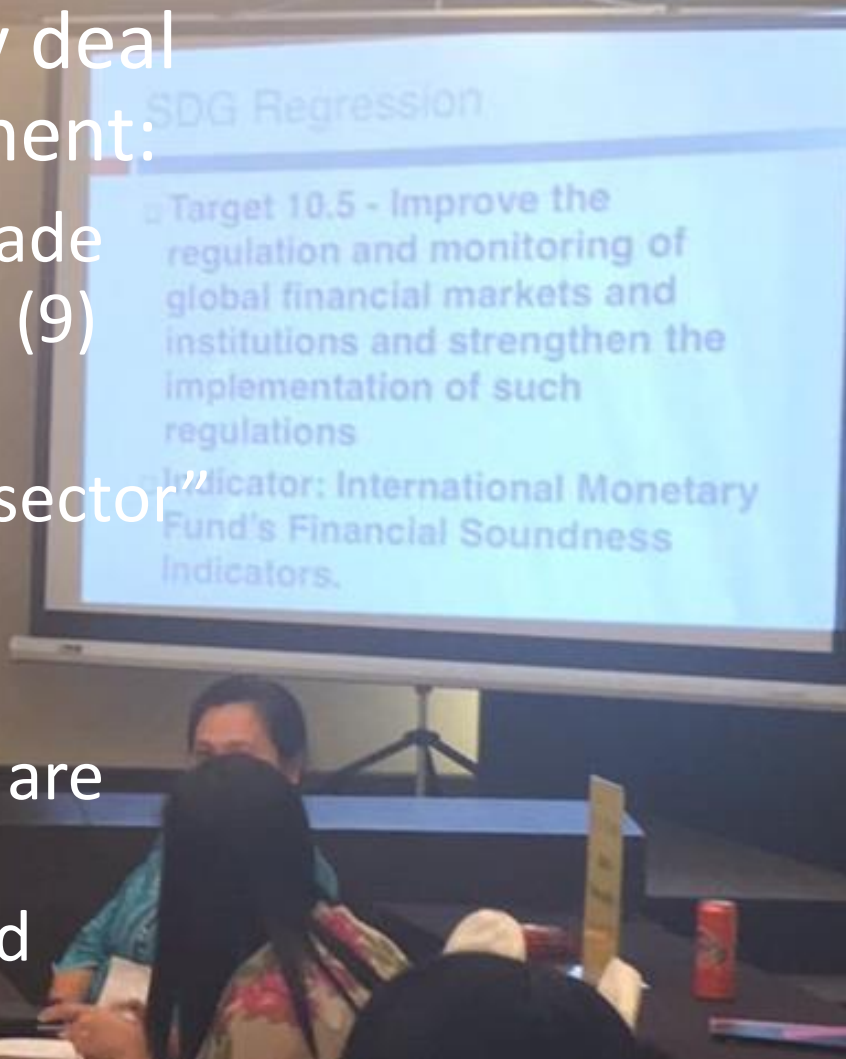
- ESCAP organizes the annual Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)
- As preparation for APFSD, ESCAP together with UN Environment support and co-organize with RCEM the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development (CSO Forum)

How the CSO Forum relates to APFSD

- Using the International Labor Conference as reference:
 - CSO Forum to APFSD is like “workers meetings” or “committee meetings” prior to the ILC
 - CSO Forum is where joint positions are agreed on for delivery during APFSD
 - CSO Forum is where coordination happens on who speaks on what at the APFSD
 - CSO Forum is where we strategize and set our game plan for APFSD

How the CSO Forum relates to APFSD

- Unlike the ILC where we only deal with employers and government:
 - At the APFSD, “workers and trade unions” is just one of the nine (9) “major groups”
 - Employers are in the “private sector”
 - In the RCEM, there are 17 constituencies, including us
 - Together with other CSOs, we are always “last to speak” after governments, UN agencies and Multilateral institutions



What RCEM does in Preparation for CSO Forum and APFSD

- Influence APFSD agenda
 - Set the agenda for CSO Forum based on APFSD theme/ featured SDG
 - Call for participants (more openings this year)
 - Screen applications with ESCAP
 - Approve applications
 - with funding
 - without funding
 - Manage logistical and admin CSO Forum
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- A group of people are seated around a long, light-colored wooden conference table in a meeting room. They are engaged in a meeting, with some looking at laptops and others at documents. The room has a neutral color palette with a grey wall and a dark wood panel. The lighting is bright, likely from overhead fixtures. The overall atmosphere is professional and collaborative.

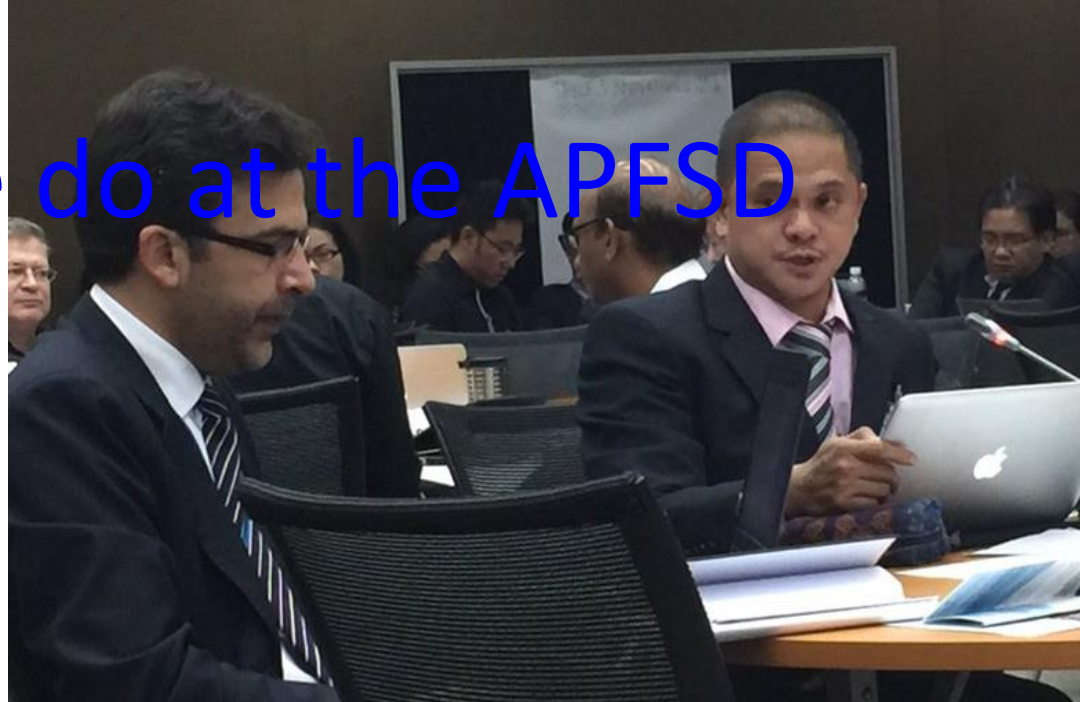
What do we do at the CSO Forum

- Manage the Forum
- Speak at sessions (plenary and parallel)
- Facilitate
- Take part in “working groups” of RCEM
- Give inputs/ comment on the common and sectoral statements
- Network with civil society and UN



What do we do at the APFSD

- Organize, manage, speak, facilitate sessions
- Organize, manage booths (pav of partnerships)
- Manage assignment of “interventions”
- Give inputs/ comment on the statements
- Network with civil society, UN, government
- Dialogue with UN agencies, government
- Evaluate APFSD as CSOs



RCEM's work other than APFSD



- Work on Environment issues with UN Environment (Sept., Dec. 2017/ Dec. 2018/ March 2019)
- Regional Knowledge Sharing Conferences with UNDP (Q3 2017)
- Continue work as “working groups”

Recommendations to TUDCN-AP/ ITUC-AP

- Apply for participation in the coming APFSD
 - Submit online application no later than 11 Feb (inks will be sent, together with announcements)
 - Make a strong case for your participation:
 - Introduce your union and personal engagements
 - SDG expertise; attendance in SDG related meetings, including ILO processes
 - Use ECOSOC accreditation of ITUC or ILO your own ILO consultative status
 - Give accurate contact info for verification purposes



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Recommendations to TUDCN-AP/ ITUC-AP

- Actively comment, give inputs to our listserve/ googlegroup
- Sponsor a session at CSO Forum and/ or APFSD Parallel Session
- Sponsor a booth
- Prepare interventions for CSO Forum and APFSD
- Work with RCEM CSOs at the national/ subregional levels
- Create a “core group” for APFSD and RCEM

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