



Preparing an **SDG** Agenda for Hong Kong

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Hong Kong is an associate member of the UN:

The HKSAR government has embedded a number of SDGs into the territory's long-term planning, with a focus on goals addressing urban sustainable development.

There currently is no whole-of-government approach to the UN Goals, and no systematic reporting.

Active Role of hosting and convening UN related events

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the UNCTAD website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1420. The website header features the United Nations logo and the text "UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPERITY FOR ALL". Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for "ABOUT", "THEMES", "PROJECTS", "ANALYSIS", "MEETINGS", and "STATISTICS". The "MEETINGS" tab is selected, and the page displays the title "Healthy Oceans – Healthy Coasts. International Leadership Conference towards achieving SDG 14: Current challenges and opportunities in ocean and coastal sustainable development". The event dates are "25 - 26 April 2017" and the location is "Senate Room (add: 16/F, Li Ka Shing Tower), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region". A sidebar on the right lists various UNCTAD meetings, including the Trade and Development Board, Working Party, Expert Meetings, and several Commission and Group of Experts meetings. A blue box on the page contains the text: "HEALTHY OCEANS – HEALTHY COASTS INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TOWARDS ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OCEAN AND COASTAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT".

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Home Meetings

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Key Issues Documents Programme Presentations

In September 2015 at the United Nations General Assembly, a Summit of Heads of States adopted the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals with specific targets achievable by 2030.

Achieving these Goals is not only the responsibility of States but also of regions, provinces, cities and individuals. This will require clear policy leadership, exchange and transfer of technology, the implementation and exchange of best practices, trade, investment, stewardship, and the development of human capacities and expertise, knowledge and skills.

There are a number of immediate and long term policy responses that need to be addressed, beginning with the ocean-related aspects of climate change, trade, and future investments and adjustments to meet sustained and sustainable development across economic, social and environmental

MEETINGS

- Trade and Development Board
- Working Party
- Expert Meetings
- Commission: Trade and Development
- Commission: Investment, Enterprise and Development
- Commission: Science and Technology for Development (ECOSOC)
- Group of Experts: Competition Law and Policy
- Group of Experts: Consumer Protection
- Group of Experts: E-commerce and the Digital Economy
- Group of Experts: Financing for Development
- Group of Experts: International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)
- UNCTAD Conferences

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North-East Asia Multistakeholder Forum on Sustainable Development Goals

3 NOV 2020 TO 4 NOV 2020
ONLINE, ASIA PACIFIC
VIRTUAL

Turning the pandemic crisis into collective SDG actions

ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office (ESCAP-ENEA) virtually organized the annual North-East Asia Multistakeholder Forum on SDGs on 3-4 November 2020. In the lead up to the Forum, *pre-sessions* were convened virtually on 27-29 October 2020 to facilitate in-depth discussions on the selected SDG themes.

The theme of the Subregional SDG Forum this year is "Turning the pandemic crisis into collective SDG actions", aligned with the cluster of Sustainable Development Goals (1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17) and the theme of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).

The Forum provided a unique opportunity to bring together stakeholders from the Governments of East and North-East Asia, academia, international community, and civil society. It was a venue to: (1) share experiences and key challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for selected SDGs, while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) provide subregional inputs and perspectives for regional and global forums, notably, Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) and High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Recording of the Forum

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The ESCAP website is undergoing a design revamp. If you require specific information please [contact](#) the webmaster. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.
• Session on November 4

Support Materials

- [Concept Note](#)
- [Programme](#)

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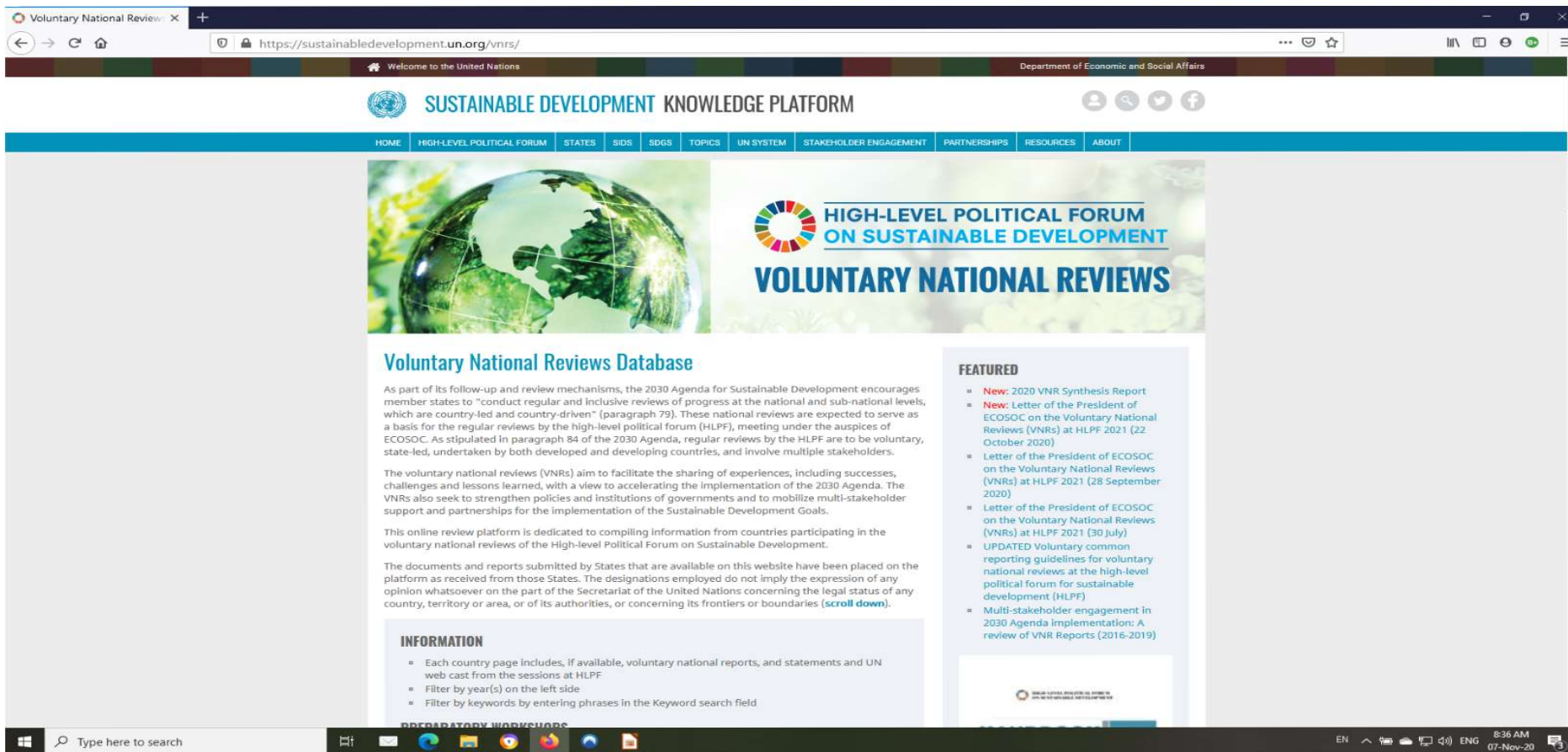
Some progress, but...



“The North-East Asian subregion has made relatively good progress in achieving SDGs 1 to 9 compared with goals from 10 to 16, according to the Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2020. North-East Asia is on track or made significant progress on no poverty (Goal 1), zero hunger (Goal 2), good health and well-being (Goal 3) and quality education (Goal 4) as well as clean water and sanitation (Goal 6), affordable and clean energy (Goal 7), decent work and economic growth (Goal 8), and industry, innovation and infrastructure (Goal 9). On the other hand, the subregion needs to further intensify progress being made in income equality, women empowerment, renewable energy, marine protected areas, forest coverage, etc., and make spillover effects in their relevant SDGs in the Decade of Action for accelerating SDGs, starting from 2020.”

https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/SDG2020_Concept%20note%202022%20Oct%202020_revised.pdf

Voluntary National, Sub-national, Regional, and City Reviews



The screenshot displays the website for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, specifically the Voluntary National Reviews Database. The page features a navigation menu with options like HOME, HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM, STATES, SIDS, SDGS, TOPICS, UN SYSTEM, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS, RESOURCES, and ABOUT. The main content area includes a header with the UN logo and the text 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM'. Below this is a large banner image of a globe with the text 'HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT' and 'VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS'. The main section is titled 'Voluntary National Reviews Database' and contains several paragraphs of text explaining the purpose and scope of the reviews. A 'FEATURED' section on the right lists recent news items, including a 2020 VNR Synthesis Report and letters from the President of ECOSOC. An 'INFORMATION' section at the bottom provides details about the database's structure and search capabilities.

Voluntary National Reviews Database

As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member states to "conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven" (paragraph 79). These national reviews are expected to serve as a basis for the regular reviews by the high-level political forum (HLPF), meeting under the auspices of ECOSOC. As stipulated in paragraph 84 of the 2030 Agenda, regular reviews by the HLPF are to be voluntary, state-led, undertaken by both developed and developing countries, and involve multiple stakeholders.

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This online review platform is dedicated to compiling information from countries participating in the voluntary national reviews of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

The documents and reports submitted by States that are available on this website have been placed on the platform as received from those States. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities, or concerning its frontiers or boundaries ([scroll down](#)).

INFORMATION

- Each country page includes, if available, voluntary national reports, and statements and UN web cast from the sessions at HLPF
- Filter by year(s) on the left side
- Filter by keywords by entering phrases in the Keyword search field

FEATURED

- New:** 2020 VNR Synthesis Report
- New:** Letter of the President of ECOSOC on the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at HLPF 2021 (22 October 2020)
- Letter of the President of ECOSOC on the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at HLPF 2021 (28 September 2020)
- Letter of the President of ECOSOC on the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at HLPF 2021 (30 July)
- UPDATED Voluntary common reporting guidelines for voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum for sustainable development (HLPF)
- Multi-stakeholder engagement in 2030 Agenda implementation: A review of VNR Reports (2016-2019)

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/>

Global Knowledge Sharing on UN 2030 Goals



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THE SDG REGIONAL DASHBOARD



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Cambodia	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
China	Yellow	Red	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green
India	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
Indonesia	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Iran, Islamic	Green	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
Japan*	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red
Korea, Rep.*	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red
Lao PDR	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
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Nepal	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Grey	Red	Red	Red	Yellow
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Network for international policies and cooperation in education and training <https://www.norrag.org/>

Hong Kong 2030+ : Planning for a sustainable city



...updating the territorial development strategy to guide planning, land and infrastructure development and the shaping of the built environment of Hong Kong beyond 2030

Hong Kong 2030+ : Planning for a sustainable city



Various reports related to UN SDGs, but no comprehensive assessment of goals/achievement of all of them.

HONG KONG'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2030+

The logo features a stylized orange sun or flame shape with a white center. Inside the white center, the text "Climate Ready@HK" is written in red and black, with the Chinese characters "氣候變化香港行動" below it.

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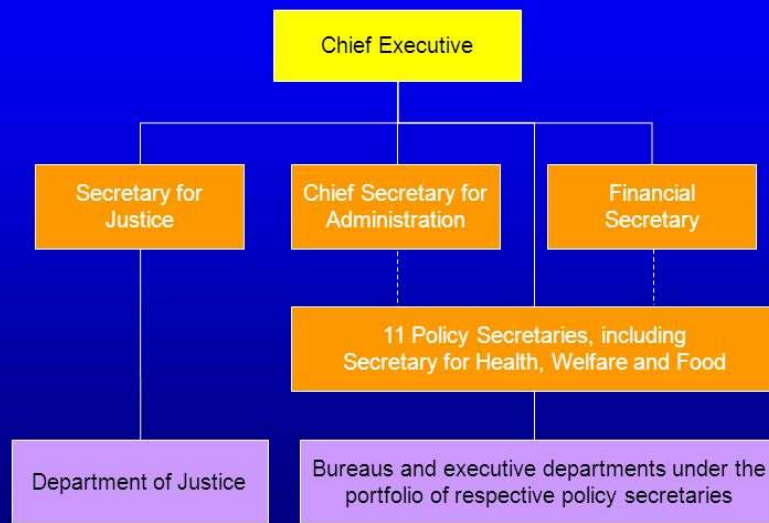
“In formulating the Hong Kong 2030+ territorial development strategy, we have taken into account international best practices, guidance and benchmarking indexes, as well as global megatrends, regional dynamics and local circumstances.

Amongst these, we have taken cognisance of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals and its objectives, in particular, goal 11 in making our future cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.”

(HK Planning Department Dec 2017)

Institutional Arrangements

Organisation Chart of the Hong Kong SAR Government



HK Planning Department, Dec 2017

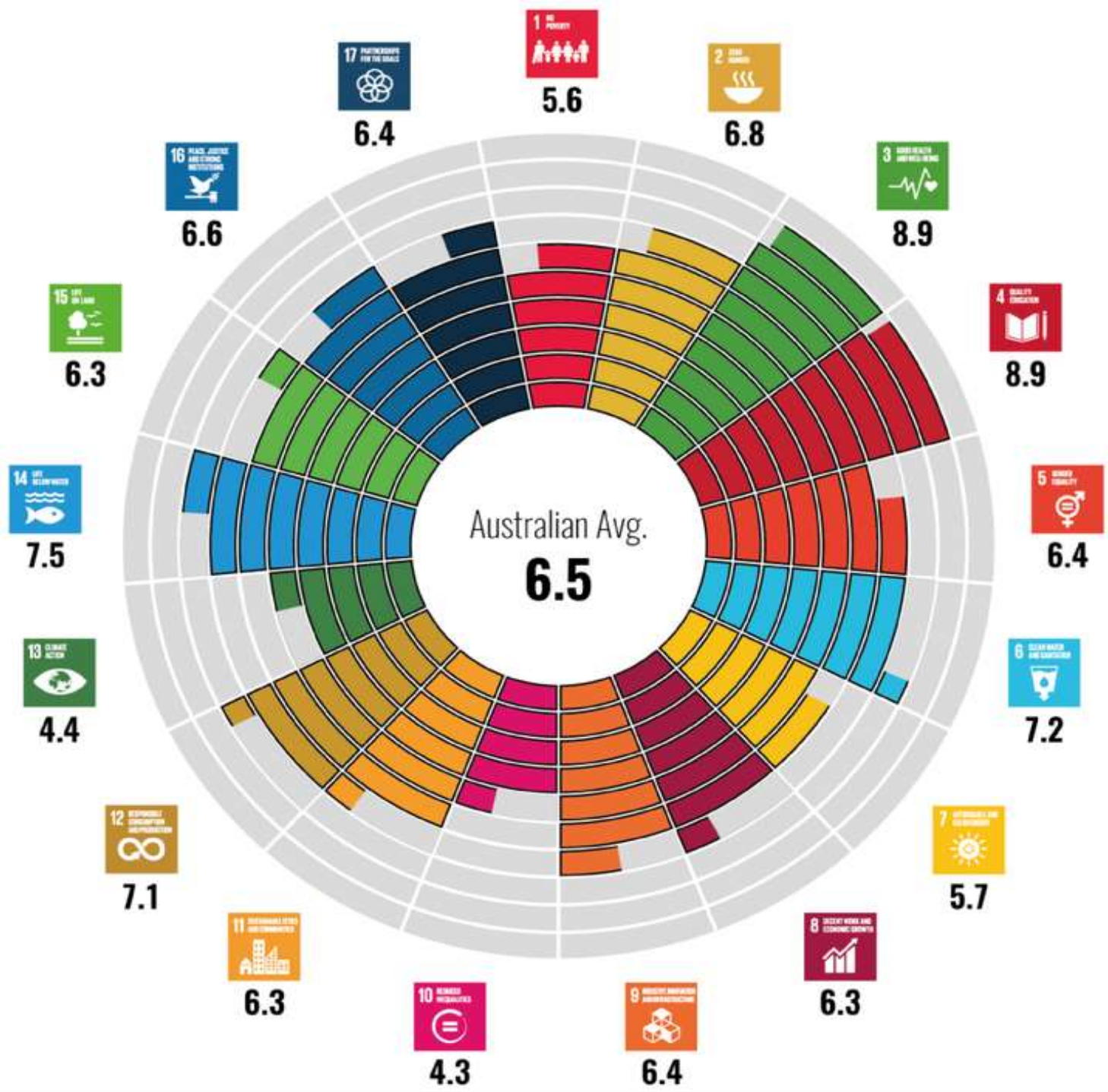
...”we have proposed the setting up of a high-level steering committee within the Government to coordinate and prioritise the strategic actions in the long-term. Furthermore, we will also explore the adoption of quantifiable benchmarks to review and gauge the implementation of the strategic plan.

SDG 1 No Poverty

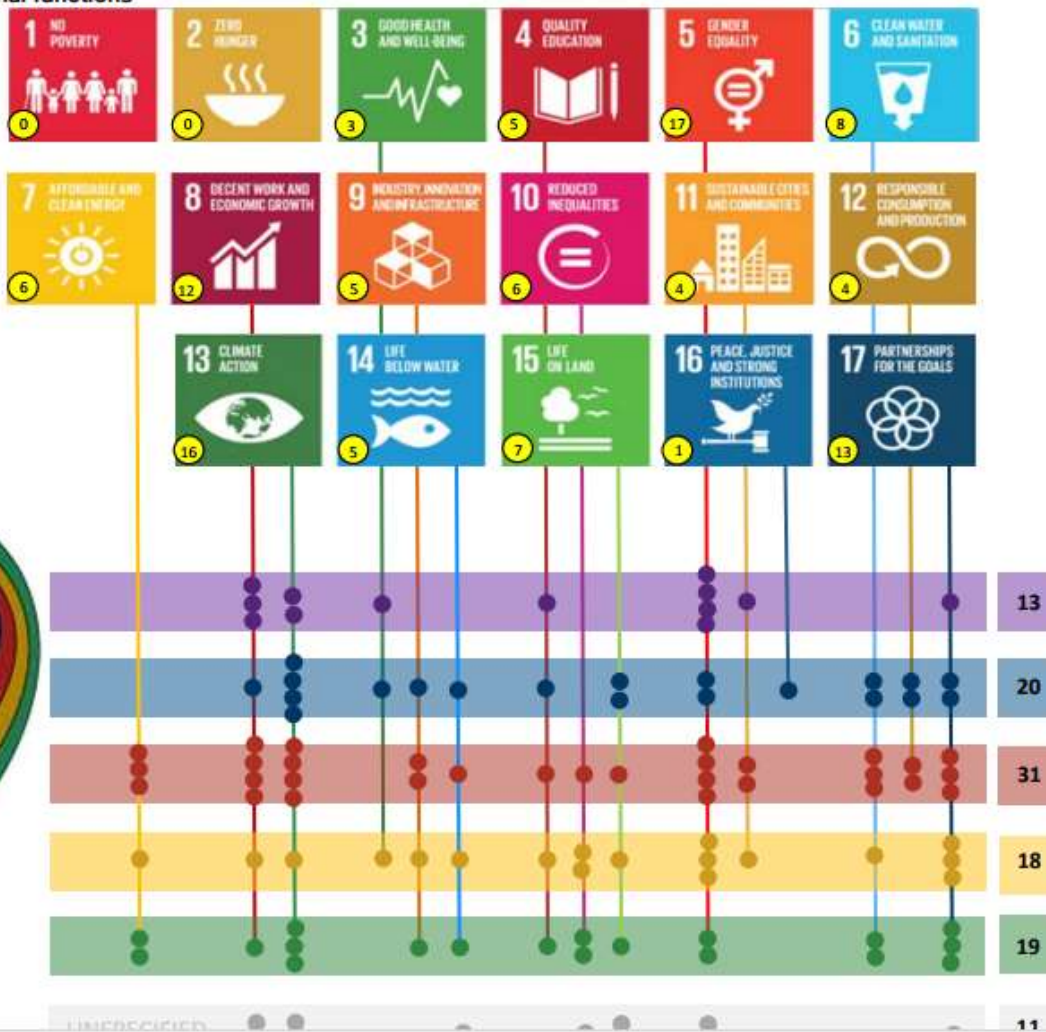
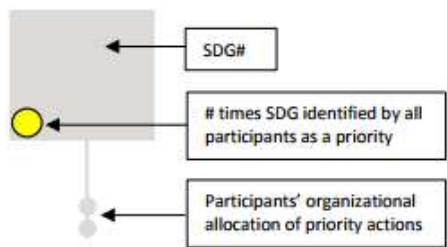


SCMP 17 Nov 2017

Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung Kin-chung insisted that government efforts to combat poverty had been useful, while admitting there was “not much room” for the poverty rate to drop significantly in face of a rapidly ageing population.

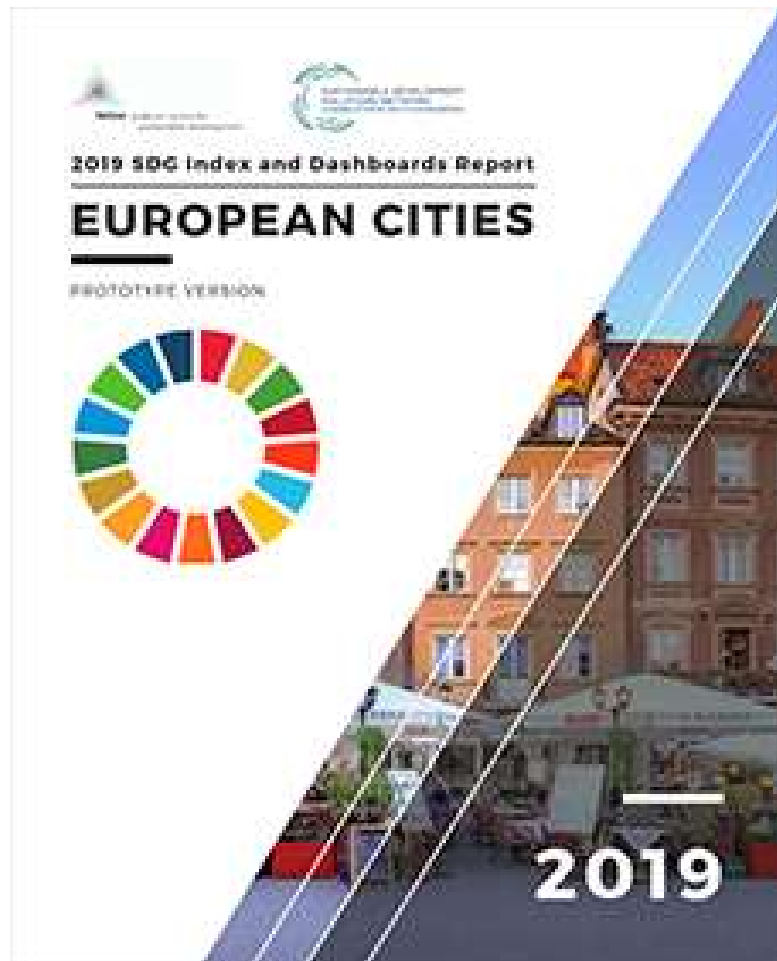


Hong Kong: Prioritizing SDGs and aligning them with internal functions



Sphere of Influence





How could we develop a SDG dashboard for Hong Kong?

<https://www.unsdsn.org/sdg-index-and-monitoring>

Status of UN Goals readiness in Hong Kong



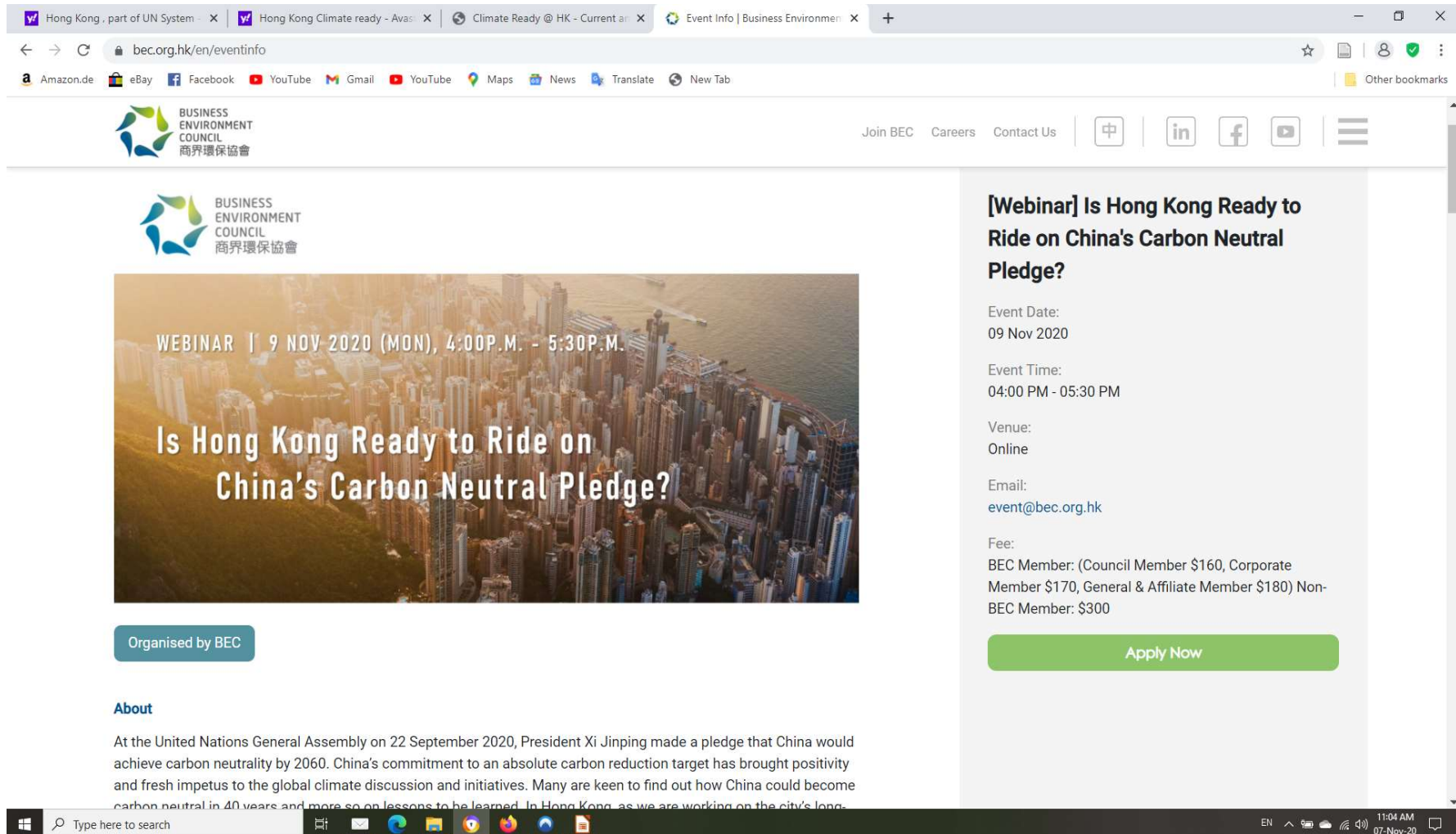
SDG implementation fragmented

No systematic approach

Limited transparency

Accountability not defined

Multi-stakeholder Collaboration – the way forward



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Business Environment Council (BEC) website. The browser's address bar shows the URL bec.org.hk/en/eventinfo. The website header includes the BEC logo and navigation links for 'Join BEC', 'Careers', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a large banner image of a city skyline with the text 'WEBINAR | 9 NOV 2020 (MON), 4:00P.M. - 5:30P.M.' and 'Is Hong Kong Ready to Ride on China's Carbon Neutral Pledge?'. Below the banner, it states 'Organised by BEC'. A sidebar on the right provides event details: 'Event Date: 09 Nov 2020', 'Event Time: 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM', 'Venue: Online', 'Email: event@bec.org.hk', and 'Fee: BEC Member: (Council Member \$160, Corporate Member \$170, General & Affiliate Member \$180) Non-BEC Member: \$300'. A green 'Apply Now' button is located at the bottom of the sidebar. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar and system tray with the time 11:04 AM on 07-Nov-20.

[Webinar] Is Hong Kong Ready to Ride on China's Carbon Neutral Pledge?

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....through collaboration across all sectors of society in HK