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CONCEPT NOTE

Validation Workshop on the Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation Report

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2022 (9:00-12:00)

Ballroom, 7th Floor, The Landmark Bangkok

and Zoom Meeting (with English-Thai and Thai-English Interpretation)

Objective

In preparation for the Stockholm+50 international meeting convened by the United Nations General Assembly to be held in Stockholm, Sweden from 2-3 June 2022, the Embassy of Sweden in Thailand and UNDP in Thailand in collaboration with Thailand's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Embassy of Kenya in Thailand are hosting a national consultation (validation workshop) intended to discuss and validate the Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation Report and to identify next steps and opportunities for following up to the Stockholm+50.

The validation workshop will seek to achieve three primary goals:

- *Discussion and validation* – to present major findings of Stockholm+50 Thailand national consultations conducted over the past few months and to give an opportunity to hear from representatives of major stakeholder groups their perspectives and views on challenges, opportunities, solutions, and recommendations from national consultations for achieving environmental sustainability in the context of Thailand in line with the three Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogues;
- *Identification of issues and responses to challenges* – The workshop will attempt to map out the primary issues relating to environmental sustainability in the context of Stockholm+50 (i.e., climate change, nature and biodiversity, pollution, COVID-19, SEP, and SDGs), examining both positive and negative effects of these relationships, and to identify possible interventions; and,
- *Avenues for cooperation* – The workshop will explore possible avenues for future cooperation between and among various partners and stakeholders (i.e., public, private, CSOs, IOs, and academic sectors) and local community and ethnic groups on the Stockholm+50 follow-up, including accelerating the implementation of SDG localization activities, the emerging Global Biodiversity Framework, and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) processes.

Background and Context

The 1972 United Nations Conference on Human Environment (the Stockholm Conference) held in Stockholm, Sweden, from June 5 to 16, 1972 was the first world conference to make the environment a major issue. A series of principles for sound management of the environment, including the Stockholm Declaration and the Action Plan for the Human Environment and its development, were adopted by the participating delegations from 114 governments. The Stockholm Declaration, which contained 26 principles, placed environmental issues at the forefront of international concerns and marked the start of a dialogue between industrialized and developing countries on the link between economic growth, the pollution and environmental damage, and the well-being of people around the world.

The period since Stockholm 1972 has seen some major achievements in environmental protection, including the considerable development of international environmental law and the production of high-quality global assessment reports. Environmental degradation nevertheless continued and often intensified with population growth (doubling of the world's population in 50 years) and increased resource needs. Furthermore, the climate issue has become a priority that disrupts the natural systems and exacerbates the need for more active policies in the areas of natural resources and environmental management.

To enhance action and sustainable transformation agenda launched at the Stockholm Conference in 1972, the Government of Sweden with support of the Government of Kenya will host a crucial international meeting under the theme “*Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity.*” The Stockholm+50 aims to accelerate the implementation of the UN Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement on climate change, the post-2020 global Biodiversity Framework, and encourage the adoption of green post-COVID-19 recovery plans. Leading up to the international meeting, national level consultations will be held under UNDP's leadership in a number of countries, including Thailand. The objective of the national consultations is to stimulate an inclusive whole-of-society and whole-of-government dialogue on the main themes of Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogues as they relate to the national context.

To stimulate a meaningful debate at different levels and with a range of stakeholders during the national consultations, guiding questions on topics relevant to the main Leadership Dialogues are exploited and adapted to align with Thailand's sustainable development concept and priority national and sector themes (i.e., sufficiency economy philosophy, climate action, biodiversity conservation, and green recovery), development challenges, and different target audiences. The discussions have focused on opportunities for addressing challenges based on the three themes of Leadership Dialogues expecting to contribute to the outcome of Stockholm+50.

Leadership Dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all, where aspirations and rights can be fulfilled and which focus on the need to live in harmony with nature, ecosystems restoration, including how we measure and define wealth

and prosperity, and integrate human development and planetary pressures with a focus on social equity, ecological security, and economic prosperity.

Key guiding questions include: How can we restore and regenerate a positive relationship with nature? What are the actions that you (your group) would take to scale up the change towards a healthy planet? Which good practices and pathways that you would like to see scaled up to enable a move to a healthy planet? What policies/structures need to be in place for you to take such action? How could marginalized and vulnerable groups benefit from policies and initiatives designed to restore a more sustainable and resilient relationship with nature (that mitigates nature risks)? How can we safeguard the rights of people and nature, including among others, indigenous peoples and local communities, environmental defenders, women, youth, future generations? What are the new or prioritized set of metrics and indicators needed for tracking our progress towards a healthier and more prosperous planet? What kind of follow-up activities would you like to see from Stockholm+50?

Leadership Dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on actions needed to recover and build forward from the pandemic and its adverse impacts on people, planet and prosperity; and to put the world back on track to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. This could be through a focus on sectors most affected by COVID-19, through rethinking financing, social protection schemes for the informal sector, policies for circularity and sustainable consumption and production, digitalization, where job creation, skills building, and capacity enhancement form a central part of the just transition for all countries and in particular for the poorest and most vulnerable.

Key guiding questions include: What are the most promising sustainable and inclusive recovery practices currently being applied by public, private and civil society groups at individual, community, city, regional, country level? And how could we scale them up? What recovery and pre-existing practices need to be changed to ensure an inclusive and sustainable recovery? How do we ensure that all countries/communities can benefit from opportunities stemming from a sustainable and just transition? How can we create better performing industries and supply chains for a just transition to more sustainable economies? Which sectors are most critical? What are some of the commitments and “responsible” principles that need to be made by key industry sectors and by finance and investment institutions? What are the decent green jobs of the future? What are the new skills needed, what is needed from business? From government? From academia? What kind of follow-up activities would you like to see from Stockholm+50?

Leadership Dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the Decade of Action, with a focus on the means (i.e., multi-level governance, institutions, multilateral frameworks, and commitments highlighting accountability, accessibility, and incentives) necessary to implement commitments and actions, ensuring delivery on the 2030 Agenda (SDGs), the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, and the national implementation plans of the emerging Global Biodiversity Framework.

Key guiding questions include: What are the biggest challenges we are facing in implementing the commitments to the 2030 Agenda and other environmental commitments (MEAs)? How do we create an enabling environment for delivery on the ground? What are the good practices and pathways that you would like to see scaled up to accelerate the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context, of the Decade of Action? How to transform governance and legal systems that maintain long-term economic stability and ecological and social wellbeing for all? What measures are needed to align public, private and development finance with existing commitments and priorities? What type of partnerships from the UN and beyond are needed to accelerate a green and sustainable economic transformation that leaves no one behind? What capacities and technologies are needed to improve human wellbeing in harmony with nature? What kind of follow-up activities would you like to see from Stockholm+50?

Thailand's Stockholm+50 National Consultation Process

With financial support from the Government of Sweden and facilitation by UNDP, Stockholm+50 national consultations in Thailand have been conducted between February and May 2022. Consultations happen in-person and online, depending on current COVID-19 travel restrictions, in the form of roundtable meetings and an online survey designed to elicit perspectives about Thailand's environment-related issues and sustainable solutions from relevant and all-inclusive stakeholder groups as well as via SparkBlue online community engagement platform powered by UNDP. Participants to the consultations have been stakeholders of different nature: representatives from national and sub-national governments, business and private sector, civil society, marginalized and vulnerable groups (including gender/women, youth, local communities and ethnic groups), academia, international organizations, and relevant networks and associations as well as professionals whose work and experience concerns environment and sustainable development.

In addition to communication and consultation sessions as part of a series of meetings and workshops organized or contributed by UNDP Thailand during the period, three core national consultations and a validation workshop have been organized in and outside Bangkok. The consultations are designed to focus discussion on the practical aspects of environment and sustainable development in the local context that can be taken forward in the High-level Leadership Dialogue discussions at the Stockholm+50 international meeting. These include:

Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation Launch and Roundtable Discussion, focusing on gender perspectives in line with the three Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogues – held on 05 April 2022, organized in Bangkok via Zoom with simultaneous translation (Thai-English) and live streaming to UNDP Thailand Facebook page, participated by over 120 registered participants representing government, private sector, international organizations, civil society groups, and academia;

Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation session with key stakeholders in the Northern region in line with the three Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogues, focusing on environmental issues linked with leadership dialogue 3 (particularly SDG localization) and priority national theme (i.e., Sufficiency Economy Philosophy) – held on 29 April 2022, organized in Chiang Mai Province as a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) with simultaneous translation (Thai-English) and live streaming to UNDP Thailand Facebook page, participated by over 100 registered participants representing government, private sector, international organizations, youth, local community and ethnic minority groups, civil society groups, and academia;

Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation session with key stakeholders in the Southern region in line with the three Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogues, focusing on environmental issues linked with leadership dialogue 1 (an urgent need for biodiversity action) and leadership dialogue 3 (SDG localization and plastic waste management) – held on 12 May 2022, organized in Phang-nga Province in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom) with simultaneous translation (Thai-English) and live streaming to UNDP Thailand Facebook page, participated by over 100 registered participants representing government, private sector, international organizations, youth, local community and ethnic minority groups, civil society groups, and academia;

Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation session with youth in line with the three themes of Stockholm+50 Leadership Dialogues, focusing on climate and biodiversity actions – organized virtually via SparkBlue (18 May-30 June 2022) and online dialogue (21 May 2022) with simultaneous translation (Thai-English), participated by over 50 youth representatives and 50 other stakeholders representing government, private sector, international organizations, local community and ethnic minority groups, civil society groups, and academia;

Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation session on validation of a draft Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation Report – scheduled on 25 May 2022 in Bangkok as a hybrid meeting (in-person and via Zoom) with simultaneous translation (Thai-English) and live streaming to UNDP Thailand Facebook page, expected to be participated by over 100 registered participants representing government, private sector, international organizations, youth, local community and ethnic minority groups, civil society groups, and academia.

Outcomes of the consultations will inform the Stockholm+50 international meeting through the national consultation report that captures key findings, recommendations, data, media coverage, and links to national policy frameworks such as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) process, National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), sufficiency economy philosophy, balanced and green recovery, sector strategies (i.e., conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity), and the SDG localization process. They are also closely linked to regional and other thematic consultations organized by UNEP and partners.

The Draft Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultations Report and Timeline

A draft Stockholm +50 National Consultations Report has been prepared and will be shared (available online at: <https://bit.ly/3wxi7Tb>) with stakeholders for review and contribution to the preliminary global synthesis, containing key messages on the national priorities and leadership dialogues, recommendations and participation statistics as well as the organization and proceedings of the national consultations. Outcomes of the national consultations reviewed and discussed through the validation workshop will provide inputs for finalizing the National Consultations Report to be delivered to UNDP HQ by 31 May 2022. The national consultations report will provide inputs for preparing UNDP global report to be presented at the meeting in Stockholm+50 as well as inform Country Participation in Stockholm international meeting in 2-3 June 2022.

The Stockholm +50 Thailand National Consultations Report contains four main sections and annexes that standardize the content and quality of the reports across all countries. It captures the main aspects of the process, recommendations, and next steps.

Section 1: National Consultation at a Glance provides the basic information about the consultations (onsite and online), including consultation dates, number of participants, list of participants and speakers disaggregated by sex, stakeholder group, institution, and sector (i.e., public/private/civil society, national/international).

Section 2: Consultation Process provides a description of the consultation process and timeline that reflects the whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach used, including meeting details, invited speakers and stakeholders, other national and sector policy consultation processes, and methods (communications and media).

Section 3: Main Consultation Inputs, Insights and Innovations summarizes the main outcomes of the consultation, including general overview of the main themes and forward-looking findings of the consultation, summary of the discussions, messages, examples, and recommendations relevant to each the standard/guiding global Stockholm+50 questions, and a summary of the discussions, messages, examples, and recommendations relevant to country-specific themes and discussion questions including links to NDCs and other national and sectoral frameworks.

Section 4: Consultation Follow-up, Next Steps and Links to National Policies describes linkages between national/subnational processes, agreed follow-up and next steps including the design and implementation of national and sectoral policies, NDCs, NBSAPs, INFFs, SDG Strategies, Green/Blue Economy and Green Recovery Plans.

Section 5: Annexes include more detailed minutes/transcripts of the consultations, consultation materials (including presentations, graphics, video clips) and photos, and summary of traditional and social media coverage with links.

Structure of the Validation Workshop

The validation workshop will be conducted in a hybrid mode, both in-person (at The Landmark Bangkok) and virtually on Zoom meeting with simultaneous translation and live streaming to UNDP Thailand Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/UNDPThailand>.

The workshop will last over approximately three hours (09:00-12.00 hrs.), consisting of an opening, presentation on the draft Stockholm+50 Thailand national consultation report, stakeholder feedback, and closing sessions. During the draft report session, the Stockholm+50 National Coordinator will make a short presentation to introduce a summary of major findings from the national consultations. In the stakeholder feedback session, representatives of identified major stakeholder groups will reflect on the main outcomes and recommendations from the national consultations as well as identify opportunities and solutions in the context of Thailand towards a healthy planet for the prosperity of all.

Participants

Participants will include representatives from government (including MoNRE, NESDC, MoAC, MoI, MoE, and relevant agencies at national and sub-national levels), civil society, private (including GCNT, TBCSD, business and industries), gender/women, youth, academia, international and bilateral organizations (including UNCT, UNRC, UNEP, embassies, donors, etc.), local communities and vulnerable groups, as well as relevant networks and associations whose work and experience involve environmental sustainability and sustainable development.

Program and Agenda

Time	Agenda/Speakers
09:00-12:00	<i>Master of Ceremonies (MC) – Mr. Kesrat Sukasam, UNDP Thailand</i>
09:00-09:45	Opening Session
09:00-09:05	Welcome and Introduction by MC
09:05-09:15	Keynote Address by Dr. Pinsak Suraswadi, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Thailand's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) (online)
09:15-09:25	Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Kiptiness Lindsay Kimwole, the Ambassador of Kenya to Thailand (online)
09:25-09:35	Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Jon Åström Gröndahl, the Ambassador of Sweden to Thailand
09:35-09:45	Keynote Address by Ms. Gita Sabharwal, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand
09:45-10:00	Coffee/Tea Break

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10:00-10:20	Presentation on Main Areas and Key Points of the Draft Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultation Report <u>Presentation:</u> Ms. Ampai Harakunarak, National Coordinator, UNDP Thailand
10:20-11:50	Stakeholder Feedback Session: Reflection on the main outcomes and recommendations from the national consultations <u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Sukanya Thongthumrong, UNDP Thailand <u>Speakers/Panelists:</u> • Mr. Prasert Sirinapaporn, Deputy Secretary-General, ONEP • Mr. Krit Jitjang, President, Kasikorn Bank • Dr. Jeeranuch Sakkhamduang, Senior Researcher, Thailand Environment Institute • Ms. Aminta Permpoonwiwat, Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition and GYBN Thailand • Mr. Sakda Saenmi, Director, Inter Mountain Peoples Education and Culture in Thailand (IMPECT) Open Discussion
11:50-12:00	Conclusion, Next Steps, and Closing: Remarks by Mr. Renaud Meyer, UNDP Resident Representative in Thailand

Online Registration

To register for the validation workshop on the Stockholm+50 National Consultation Report, please complete the on-line registration form at: <https://bit.ly/3a4xzic>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, in-person audience is limited (approximately 85 persons). All in-person participants must have a negative COVID test before entering the venue. Masks must cover a participants nose and mouth at all times during the meeting. Please keep a minimum distance of one meter to others at all times. Hand sanitizers will be installed right outside of the meeting room.

Global Survey

To help us capture the opinions of people around the world on the world's progress towards a sustainable planet, please participate in *a global survey* to inform the Stockholm+50 Global High-Level meeting in Stockholm at: <https://www.stockholm50.global/state-planet-global-public-survey>.

For more information on the Stockholm+50 Thailand National Consultations and related activities, we are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, or please send us an email at undp.thailand@undp.org as well as visit the *Stockholm+50 websites* at: [Stockholm website](#) or [the sparkblue channel](#).