

# A Glimpse of CPD's SDGs and South Asia Related Activities

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**The Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh is an initiative undertaken by a group of CSOs, NGOs and individuals.**

**The objective of the Platform is to provide an opportunity to track the progress of SDG delivery; sensitise policymakers towards challenges in implementation; bring transparency in the implementation process; and, facilitate exchange of information and coordination among all those working on the SDGs in Bangladesh.**

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# Appreciation Course on 2030 Agenda: Framework Issues and Challenges





# “Citizen’s Conference on SDGs in Bangladesh” Theme: Leave No One Behind



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# “Youth Conference 2018: Bangladesh and Agenda 2030 – Aspirations of the Youth”



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Citizen's Platform Brief  
October 2018 No. 25

## Youth Education towards Employment Is Everyone's Needs being Recognised?

**Context**

Bangladesh, in the past few decades, has seen notable growth in its education sector as shown by the increasing literacy rate. However, the country is yet to provide quality education and the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) is yet to facilitate an apprenticeship for the youth to be moulded into skilled human resources. Also, with that, another dimension...

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Citizen's Platform Brief  
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## Understanding Key Issues Surrounding Rape of Young People in Dhaka

**Context**

This brief focuses on the barriers to ensuring access to justice for rape survivors, particularly young women in Dhaka city, and proposes necessary reforms in view of the need to ensure fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 on gender equality and SDG 16 on peaceful, just and inclusive societies. It draws on Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services...

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Citizen's Platform Brief  
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## Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights of Adolescents and Young People

**Context**

According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) 2015, the adolescent population (between the ages of 10 and 19), covers more than one-fifth of the total population of Bangladesh, which consists of approximately 36 million in total. Although many initiatives (policies, strategies and programmes) are taken to protect the rights of adolescents the...

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## Engaging Young Women and Men in Decision- making Process

**Context**

Currently, about one-third of Bangladesh's total population is between 15-30 years. The potential for this demographic dividend depends on the extent of engagement of young women and men at all levels of the decision-making process. Without the meaningful engagement of young people in the decision-making process, particularly...

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## VSO Approach through Citizen-led Monitoring Engaging Youth in SDGs

**Background**

Youth in Bangladesh play a very crucial role in the development of the country. About one third of the population of Bangladesh are youth (15-35 years). The Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) - Bangladesh, through volunteers and local organisations, is working closely with various local stakeholders including youth groups in the most...

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## Youth in Action towards Sustainable Development Goal 6 Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward

**Background**

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights, and central to the advancement and well-being of young people. Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are linked to wider development outcomes such as cognition, nutrition, well being and dignity—all of which bear particular relevance for adolescent and youth groups, who are in a transitional...

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## Promoting Mental Health of Youth in Bangladesh From Evidence to Policy Advocacy

**Introduction**

AED International Bangladesh has been implementing a Community Based Mental Health programme since 2009 to raise community awareness and de-stigmatise the traditional concept of mental illness. The project has been working with more than 1,500 people with mental health/psychosocial disabilities of which around 70 per cent are youth, including...

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## The State of the Marginalised in Bangladesh

**Background**

Over the last decades, Bangladesh has undergone many social and economic changes. It is evident now that the country has achieved remarkable advancement in many of the social and economic indicators. It has also achieved the status of a lower middle-income country (LMIC) recently. As a democratic and developing state, the country intends to establish an economy and society free from inequality and discrimination of any kind, and a sustained culture of democracy and respect for human rights and dignity for all. The country is also serious about establishing rule of law and social justice.

However, it has become a common place that the government – led by any political party – tends to use and abuse laws as tools to dominate and control state mechanisms with the...

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Citizen's Platform Brief  
November 2017 No. 8

## Localising the SDGs in Bangladesh

Bangladesh made outstanding progress during the era of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Will it continue its progress and achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

There are reasons for both optimism and concern. The Bangladeshi people are resilient and creative, finding innovative and low-cost solutions and empowering individual 'agency' especially of women to meet the challenges of school enrolment, public health and poverty reduction.<sup>1</sup> Bangladesh has large-scale service providers both inside and outside government. Yet issues such as climate change, corruption and other governance failures, institutional weaknesses and growing violence threaten further progress.

Bangladesh is not the only country facing those obstacles to future progress. Hence, the SDGs



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## Quality Education: Is Absence of Accountability and Participation a Villain in the Scene?



For making SDG 4 a reality, Bangladesh will need to address a number of concerns that have been affecting the education sector in various ways. These include policy development, policy ownership, building consensus on key objectives and strategies and their effective implementation. Bangladesh is quite confident about setting itself as an example of a leading SDG achiever. In order to do so, it needs to prioritise the issue of accountability and participation for



Citizen's Platform  
**Brief** August 2017 No 6

## Bridging Climate Action and Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh

Climate change can hinder the achievement of SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) introduce a holistic and integrated framework that spans across social, economic and environmental dimensions. While the 17 goals with 169 targets range from tackling poverty to creating meaningful global partnerships – which are all equally important issues – the goals need to be prioritised according to country-specific needs.

Goal 13 is specifically assigned for climate change – “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.” climate change is a cross-cutting issue and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate



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## Aligning SDG 4 and 7th Five Year Plan in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges



Bangladesh has integrated many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in its national development plan – the 7th Five Year Plan (7FYP) (2016-2021), even before the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the United Nations (UN) that has kept Bangladesh “ahead of the curve.” Hence, Bangladesh is expected to emerge as a leader in implementing the SDGs, repeating its success of leading the Millennium Development Goals



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## CSOs in SDG Implementation in Bangladesh

Role of CSOs in SDGs

Participation of all stakeholders, including public representatives, government, private sector, civil society, knowledge community and development partners, in the implementation process and “follow-up and review of progress”, will be critically important for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDGs are the result of over two years of intensive public consultation and engagement with civil society and other stakeholders around the world. The UN document titled, *Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* has one dedicated target for stakeholder partnership and one explicit paragraph (on review mechanism) on the role of civil society organisations (CSOs) in SDG implementation.



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## SDG Priorities for Bangladesh

Partner Organisations of SDG Platform Set Country-level Priorities for Bangladesh

Targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are defined as aspirational and universal. While being guided by the global level of ambition, the SDGs have also allowed national governments to set and prioritise their own development targets taking into account their national circumstances. The methodology for country prioritisation is yet to be fully developed. However, in the context of Bangladesh it may be argued that emphasis should be on weaker areas of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) achievement, while the lowest possible measures should not define the ambition.

The Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh, in partnership with the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), organised a workshop titled, *Appreciation Course on 2030 Agenda: Framework Issues and Implementation Challenges* on 19 November 2016 at the BRAC Centre Inn Conference Room, Dhaka.





# CPD's Membership in SDG Committees

***Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, CPD***

- 1. Inter-Ministerial Committee on SDG Monitoring and Implementation (On special invitation as civil society representative)**

***Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Senior Research Fellow, CPD***

- 1. SDG Working Team, Prime Minister's Office**
- 2. SDG Implementation Sub-committee, NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office**

***Mr Mostafa Amir Sabbih, Senior Research Associate, CPD***

- 1. National Data Coordination Committee-NDDC**





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2015 On Post-MDG International Development Goals

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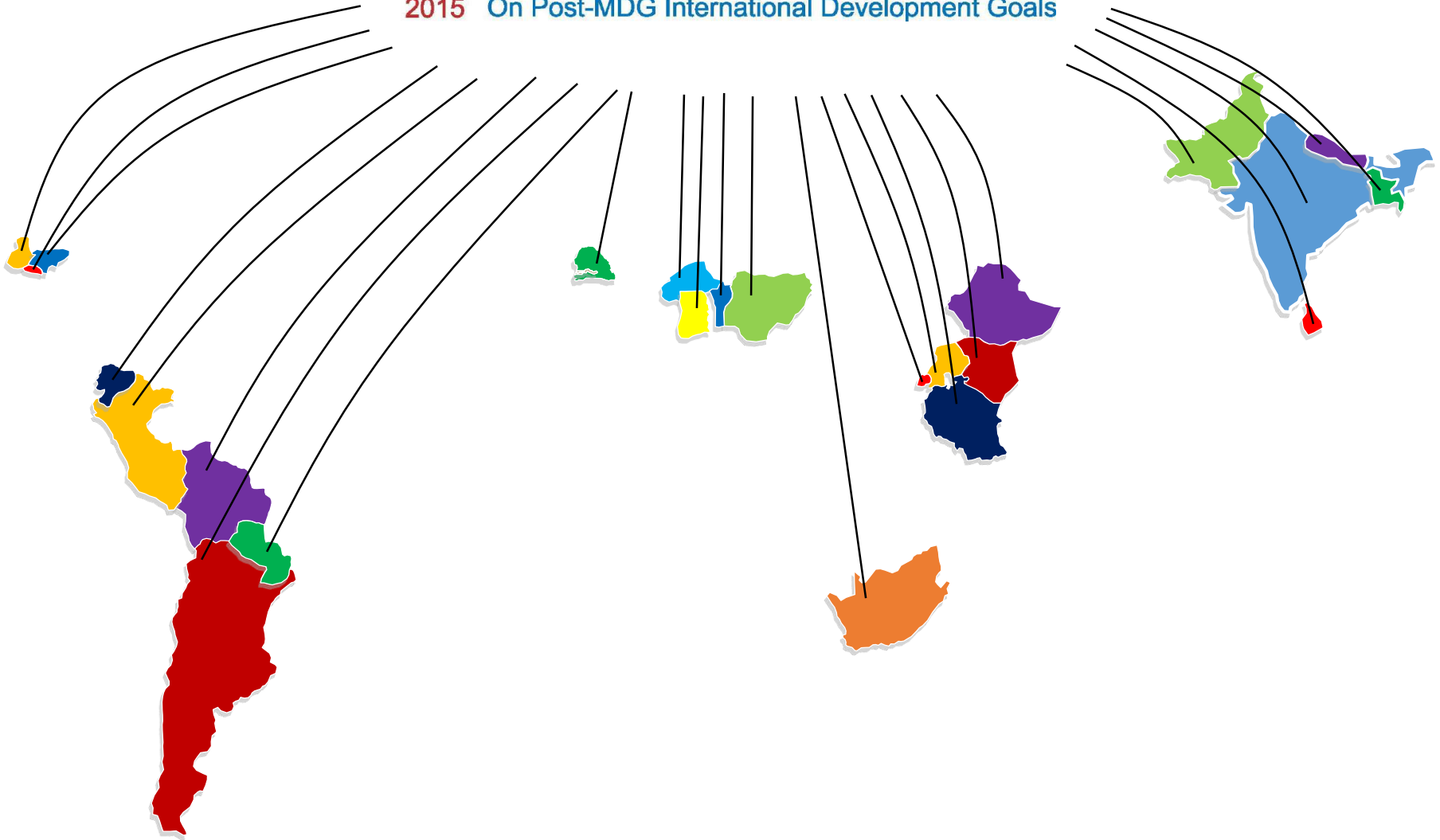
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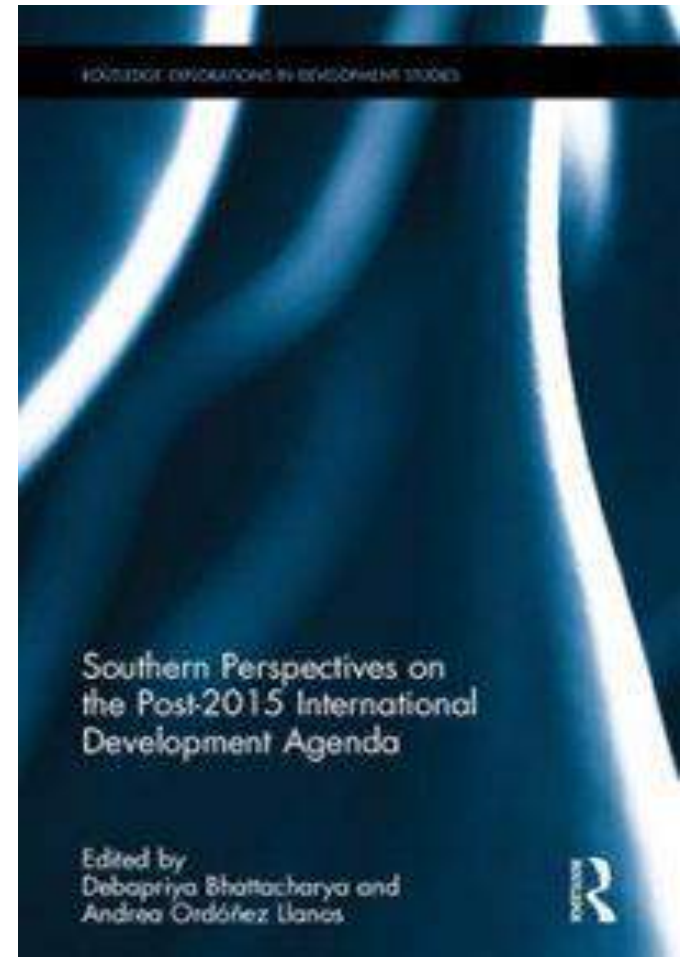
## Embedding Global South Research in Delivery of SDGs





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# CPD's Involvement in South Asia

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