



- The proposed 2023 SDG 16 Plus Forum Asia is the third initiative of the ADA with its partner organizations to promote the SDG16+ approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda / SDGs and other related issues in Asia and respond to the global challenges based on the Asian experiences in the spirit of global solidarity.
- It is organized by the ADA in cooperation with JANIC, TAP Network, FORUS and GCAP.
- It is part of the Global People's Assembly held during the Global Week of Action in the context of the SDG Summit in New York in September-18-19 2023.
- Contact Persons
Jyotsna Mohan, ADA jyotsna@ada2030.org
.Qurratul Ayen, ADA qurratul@ada2030.org

Background

- Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015, progress towards SDG16+ has been slow and uneven – and in many cases backsliding. On top of this, global trends and forces continue to work against peaceful, just and inclusive societies, with political will from governments fading and exclusion on the rise. This third SDG16+ Forum represents an opportunity for CSOs to come together to identify areas where amplified actions are needed on SDG16+.
- In this context, the [2022 editions of the SDG 16+ Forum Asia](#) and the [Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+ 2023](#) will be reviewed in terms of our commitment and relevance to the changing context to advocate for deeper implementation and accountability of SDG16+ from the governments and inter-governmental organizations as well as civil society.
- 2023 is a turning point in the 15 year journey of the 2030 Agenda (2016-2030) and CSOs are challenged to mobilise to revitalize the momentum to accelerate the effective implementation of the SDGs to tackle the ongoing, even worsening global crisis such as inequality, climate, food and energy crisis. The outcome document of the 3rd SDG 16+ Asia Forum will be formulated based on the deliberations during the Forum and will be used as our common guide for collective actions for 2023 and 24, specially the SDGs Summit in 2023 , summits of the Summit of the Future in 2024 , and review of SDG 1 (no poverty), SDG 2 (zero hunger), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals) (SDG 16+) in 2024
- Main issues to be addressed in terms of the SDG16+ are
 - Ongoing challenges and crisis such as geo-political challenges and unrest , shrinking civic and democratic space, potential collaboration between MDBs/IFIs and CSOs and risks Climate crisis, etc.
 - Monitoring of the SDGs implementation from SDG 16+ perspective in Asia

- UN Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) and High level Political Forum (HLPF)
- [UNSG's Our Common Agenda \(OCA\)](#) including Transforming education submit (2022) and Summit of the Future (2023)
- Forthcoming UN General Assembly (2023) and SDGs Summit (2023)
- FICS in Sept (Cartagena) UNFCCC in UAE (2023)
- C20 Actions on G20 Summit in India (2023)

Program Agenda

Moderation - Zia Ur Rahman

Time (BKK time)	Agenda
6:00-6:10 PM	Opening Session Welcome and opening remarks – ADA Chair, Jamila Asanova Tone Setting and SDG Summit - Hideki Wakabayashi, ADA Advisor and JANIC/ Think Lobby
6:10-6:30 PM (20 mins)- 6 minutes each speaker	Session 1: Youth Voices from the Ground / TED Talk Speakers –Bangladesh, Qurratul Ayen, ADA,India Nidhi Goyal - Founder and Executive Director, Rising Flame, disability group lead, C20 Indi) , Mongolia (Enkhmaa) ▪ Why it's essential to include the voices from the disability , LGBTIQ and the youth in the SDGs implementation)
6:30-7:00 PM (30 mins) (8 minutes each)	Session 2: SDG16+ ▪ Current Civic and Democratic Challenge in Asia – ▪ ADN, Secretary General , Icha Supriadi ▪ Collaboration between MDBs/IFIs and CSOs (one speaker each from one MDB and CSO) - ▪ How to strengthen collaboration between the bank (IFIs) and the CSOs? maybe you could highlight some best practices of the ADB? ▪ How the development banks, especially the ASDs, are ensuring the rights of the people , while implementing their projects . ▪ Ms. Haidy Seang Ear-Dupuy, Unit Head, NGOC, ADB

	CSO representation Wanun Permpibul, Director, Climate Watch, Thailand
7:00-7:20 PM (30 mins) 8 minutes each	Session 3: SDG16+ Asia and Global 1 Rome Declaration, John Romano, Director, TAP Network - Review for 2023: SDG 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 - Review for 2024 SDG 1, SDG 2), SDG, SDG 16), and SDG 2 SDG 16 plus - Global Review, Forus, Marie I hoste 3 Report from C20 India (SDG 16 Plus and Promoting Civic space thematic paper), Jyotsna Mohan, Regional Coordinator- Asia, ADA A. C20- Policy pack , B. ADA Recommendations to C20 -SDG 16 PLUS & PROMOTING CIVIC SPACE C. ADA White Paper on SDG 16+ & Promoting Civic Space
7:20-7:30 PM (10 mins)	Q &A
7:30-7:50 PM (20 mins)	Session 4: Recommendations and Action Planning (Participatory) - Inputs for the 2023 Declaration of Asia SDG16+ - Opening discussion on Session 2 and 3 - Concluding remarks - Mr Abdul Awal, SUPRO Bangladesh , Steering Committee Member of ADA - Takeaway by all presenters
7:50-8:00 PM (10 mins)	Closing Session