OBJECTIVE

The global programme -- Saemaul Initiative towards Inclusive and Sustainable New Communities (ISNC) – was launched jointly by UNDP and the Republic of Korea (ROK) in 2014. It aims to update and scale up elements of ROK's rural development experiences from Saemaul Undong and its application, to create a model for localizing the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. It is intended to: (1) advance development thought leadership that provides policy options for integrated local development, drawing on the expertise of relevant development partners and their solutions, including those from the South; (2) achieve impact of the adapted approach at both local and national policy levels through its application to an initial set of countries, rigorous monitoring and evaluation, and systematic documentation of lessons learned for synthesis and dissemination; and (3) support South-South knowledge exchange and triangular cooperation through the sharing of evidence-based results and experiences from the initiative, with the aim of achieving impact at the regional and global levels. Overall, this project aims to demonstrate how various development cooperation modalities, ODA, domestic resource mobilization, South-South and Triangular cooperation can complement effectively within one development initiative and will provide substantive evidence to inform the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. As of 2015, the project is being implemented in Bolivia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Rwanda, Uganda and Viet Nam.

In August 2015, the UNDP South-South Cooperation team in the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) organized a two-day Global ISNC Inception Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss the initial experiences and challenges and exchange solutions with the implementing countries during the first year of launching the global project. During the workshop, participants from six government representatives , project teams from UNDP country offices, UNDP expert Panel members, regional hub representatives from Addis-Ababa, Bangkok and Panama as well as ROK and KOICA representatives reviewed and built a common understanding of methodology, project goals, and implementation guidance Note of the ISNC global project. They examined individual local development policy options, and potential models and linkages of South-South Cooperation and local development; they also discussed support and quality assurance mechanism that needed to be established at national, regional and global levels.

One year after the global inception workshop, initial results have been achieved through the implementation of the project in the six participating countries. It is time for the national counterparts, programme managers, and UNDP experts from HQ and Regional hubs and country office to come together and discuss lessons learned from the implementation phase. Therefore, UNDP is organizing the second Community of Practice meeting for the ISNC project – **ISNC Implementation Workshop, in Cochabamba, Bolivia from 29-31 August 2016** to discuss implementation progress. Type A countries (Bolivia, Lao PDR and Uganda) will share their progress on the local level implementation while linking community development vision with national policies and programmes. Type B countries (Myanmar, Rwanda and Viet Nam) will share their progress on identifying and collecting knowledge on local development best practices from previous experiences that could be scaled up within the region and beyond, while exploring options to establish/link with Centres of Excellence in their respective regions.   Each country will have

the opportunity to engage in South-South knowledge exchanges on their approaches, success, challenges and lessons learned during the implementation phase. The participants will also visit a project site in the Cochabamba in which they will have the opportunity to interact with community leaders, local government officials and beneficiaries. This workshop will also present the final version of the Implementation Guidance and will provide a joint training with KOICA to the participants on the approaches of ISNC.

The Workshop aims to accomplish the following:

1. Identify experiences, challenges and lessons learned during the ISNC implementation
2. Discuss approaches to establish/link with regional centers of excellence to provide policy advise, and contribute to knowledge gathering and south-south cooperation
3. Discuss a roadmap for scaling up the ISNC model
4. Deepen the understanding of the ISNC model and training on the Global Implementation Guidance

Additionally, this workshop will also include the Project Board meeting to review the progress of the project and discuss and agree on the work plan for 2017. The Project Board membership is represented by participants to the workshop including representatives from the six implementation countries, ROK and UNDP.

PARTICIPATION

- Country level: The six participating countries: One UNDP country office programme focal point and One government counterpart representative
- UNDP Global and regional South-South Cooperation team and Local Governance/Development team
- Representatives from ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and KOICA
- Selected External research institutions/experts
- Total: About 30-35 people

Programme/Agenda of ISNC Implementation Workshop
and the annual Board Meeting

Day 1: 29 August

9:00 – 9:30: Session 1: Opening, Welcome, Introductions
- ✓ Presentation from Local Government of Cochabamba
- ✓ Welcome remarks:
  Simona Marinescu, Director of Development Impact Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
  Representative from the Government of ROK
- ✓ Participant introduction

9:30 – 10:00 Session 2: Localizing the SDGs and the ISCN
Keynote speaker: Mireia Villar, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP, Bolivia
Q&A and Discussion

10:00 -10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-12:30 Session 3: ISNC Country Experience during the implementation phase: Challenges, progress and Opportunities *(moderated by Pablo Basz, SSC Policy Specialist, Panama Regional Hub, UNDP)*

- ✓ Country Implementation Type A–Implementation at local level
  Each country will be allocated 10 mins to give an overview of their project and specific success and challenges (UNDP CO focal points on ISNC along with national counterparts)
  - o Bolivia: Ms. Gricel Avila, Network Specialist, UNDP Bolivia; Mr. Humberto Sánchez, Mayor of Sacaba
  - o Lao PDR: Ms. Hyun Joo Youn, Programme Analyst, UNDP Lao PDR;
  - o Uganda: Mr. James Muge, Programme Officer, Public Sector Management, UNDP Uganda; Ms. Assumpta Tibamwenda, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Local Government, Uganda
  - o Q&A and Discussion (15 mins)

- ✓ Country Implementation Type B- Centre of Excellence: provide policy advices and contribute to knowledge gathering and South-South exchanges (country and regional experiences)
  Each country will be allocated 7 mins to give an overview of their project and specific success and challenges (UNDP CO focal points on ISNC along with national counterparts) (20 min)
  - o Myanmar- Presenter tbc
  - o Rwanda- *Ms. Yoon Kyung LEE, M&E Specialist, Poverty Reduction and Environment Unit, UNDP Rwanda*; *Mr. Eric Karerangabo, Knowledge Management Specialist, Rwanda Environment and Climate Change Fund*
  - o Viet Nam: *Mr. Doan Huu Minh, Head of Division, Department of Social Assistance, Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, National Project Manager of PRPP-ISNC project*; *Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Han, Programme Officer, UNDP Viet Nam*
  - o Q&A and Discussion (10 mins)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

 14:00-15:00 Session 4: Implementation Peer Review Clinics (moderated by Ms. *Shams Banihani, Policy Analyst on SSC and TrC, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP)*

- ✓ Breakout groups to analyze in detail the challenges and lessons learned during implementation and seek peer feedback (45 mins)

	Group 1: Bolivia, Rwanda and Myanmar (*facilitated by Ms. Nan Collins, SSC Policy Specialist, Bangkok Regional Hub, UNDP*) Group 2: Lao PDR, Uganda and Viet Nam (*facilitated Mr. Pablo Basz, SSC Policy Specialist, UNDP Panama Regional Hub, UNDP*) Groups report back to Plenary (15 mins)

15:00 -17:00 Session 5: Knowledge Fair
- ✓ Present and discuss potential usage of the knowledge products developed (45 mins)
  All participating teams can apply to host one knowledge table and explain to visitors to your table the knowledge products and explore potential collaboration to use your knowledge in other's contexts.

17:00-17:30 Wrap up for Day one
Simona Marinescu, Director of Development Impact Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP

18:00-20:00 Reception Dinner

Day 2: 30 August, 2016

9:00 -13:00 Session 6: Field visit to ISNC implementation site in Cochabamba, Bolivia (half-day)

Lunch to be served at Hotel Cochabamba

14:00-17:30 Session 7: Training on the implementation guidance *(Moderated by Amita Gill, Policy Specialist, Local Governance, UNDP HQ)*

This is session will be a joint training session on the ISNC implementation guidance for both UNDP project managers and KOICA colleagues.

- ✓ Review of the latest updates, comments and suggestions on the Implementation Guidance of ISNC (30 mins)
- ✓ Implications of the SDGs on the ISNC project: at local, regional, and global level (30 mins)
  - o Localization of SDGs, opportunities and challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean: *Lurdes Gomez, Local Governance Advisor – Panama Regional Hub, UNDP*
  - o African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance and Local Development: *Rose Akinyi Okoth – Local Governance and Decentralization Advisor, Addis Ababa Regional Hub, UNDP*
  - o SDG local governance diagnostic tool: Local/community process (30 min)- *Mr. Patrick Duong, Regional Local Governance Advisor, Bangkok Regional Hub, UNDP; Ms. Nan Collins, SSC Policy Specialist, Bangkok Regional Hub, UNDP*
- ✓ Q&A and discussion (30 mins)

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break at 15:30 (15 mins)
- ✓ Transformation of mind-set: Practical experiences on community-led development (40 mins)- Mr. *John Coonrod, Executive Vice President, The Hunger Project*
- ✓ Q&A (15 min)

Plenary reflection: Further suggestions to the implementation guidance, based on field knowledge and practices (20 mins)

Day 3: 31 August 2016

9:00 -10:30 Session 8: Establishing Centres of Excellence (*moderated by Mr. Pablo Basz, SSC Policy Specialist, UNDP Panama Regional Hub, UNDP***)**
This session will focus on the attributes, roles and missions, and the establishment of centres of excellence.

	✓ Overview of the Bolivia's Virtual Centre of Excellence, its progress, challenges and best practices. (20 mins)- Ms. *Gricel Avila, Network Specialist, UNDP Bolivia; José Blanes Jimenez, Director CEBEM*
	✓ World Café Methodology (15 min per topic)
	    o **Topic 1:** how to address challenges and sustainability of Center of Excellences and ownership by local partners and participants. (15 min)
	    o **Topic 2:** how to promote synergy and interregional networking of Center of Excellences; sharing knowledge, technical information and best practices among regions. (15 min)
	    o **Topic 3:** how to identify and analyze regional particularities; what makes us different from other initiatives (networks, platforms) in local development in our regions. (15 min)
	✓ Wrap up (10 min)

10:30 -10:45 Coffee break	

10:45 -12:00 Session 9: Introduction of SSMart for SDGs System and the SSMart-Communities window- Ms. *Shams Banihani, Policy Analyst on SSC and TrC, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP*
 	
  ✓ SSMart for SDGs introduction (15 mins)
  ✓ SSMart- Communities as the first thematic window (Progress and roadmap) (15 mins)
  ✓ Feedback and suggestions (45 mins)	

12:00 -13:30 Lunch Break	

14:00 -15:30 Session 10: ISNC Project Board Meeting *(moderated by Ms. Simona Marinescu, Director, Development Impact Group, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP)*
  ✓ Review progress reports in 2015-2016 (45 mins)
  ✓ Discuss and endorse work plan for 2017 (45 mins)	

15:30 -16:00 Conclusion
  ✓ Closing Remarks by Representative from the Government of ROK
  ✓ Closing remarks by UNDP- Ms. Simona Marinescu, Director, Development Impact Group, *Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP*	