SDGs Integration in Pakistan: Challenges, Opportunities and Learning from the Region

SDGs integration takes a system-wide approach to fine-tuning the implementation process of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at a national and sub-national level. The current understanding is that drivers of this approach could include: policy alignment; monitoring and generating evidence; arranging public and private finance; and policy innovation. To achieve sustained progress, it is important for federal and provincial governments to understand that actions for prioritised SDGs need to be expediently integrated with on-ground planning and budgeting systems. This will also require the political leadership and the civil service at the grass roots to have a shared understanding around SDGs integration. Any approach to integration should also allow room for innovative solutions which could lead to SDGs acceleration. In this regard the role of private sector, academia and policy think tanks (as knowledge intermediaries) remains pivotal.

This panel aims to discuss:

- How to develop better understanding around the SDGs integration approach at a national and sub-national level?
- What are the roles and responsibilities of various actors in the integration framework (e.g. government, development partners, private sector, non-profit and non-government organisations, and think tanks etc.)?
- What is the evidence from other developing countries? How are they approaching SDGs integration?

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