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**Data User Engagement  
Cambodia: VNR Process**

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# Outline

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# National policy frameworks

- Based on 2030 agenda to leave no one behind for sustainable development, SDGs, International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) etc.
- Cambodia's vision 2030 (upper middle income status) and 2050 (high income status)
- Political platform & Rectangular Strategy IV of the Royal Government of Cambodia
- Cambodia SDGs framework 2016-2030
- National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023
- Other sectoral strategic plans

# Engagement approach

- Ministry of Planning is delegated a leading coordination agency
- Desk review on national policy frameworks and interview with key stakeholders to evaluate progress, challenges and key policies to accelerate CSDGs
- Consultative meetings with line ministries/agencies, development partners, civil society organization and other stakeholders
- Two levels of consultative meetings: technical and policy-making consultation

# VNR's theme focus

- **HLPF 2019 is scheduled to address the theme, 'Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality'**
- **It focuses on the following goals:**
  - SDG 4 (quality education)
  - SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth)
  - SDG 10 (reduced inequalities)
  - SDG 13 (climate action)
  - SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions)
  - Plus SDG 17 (partnerships)

# Key activities

- Orientation workshop to develop VNR content and develop proposed outline template to facilitate and standardize data format and data collection process.
- In collaboration with UNESCAP and UN Country Team in Cambodia, the MOP organized the VNR inception workshop to provide guidelines and timeline for the preparation of the 2019 VNR.
- Final VNR and reporting template was distributed for inputs from line-ministries and agencies (zero draft)

# Key activities (Cont.)

- Conduct Technical Consultation Meeting on zero draft for inputs and comments and prepare final draft
- Conduct policy-making level meeting for comments on final draft with support by UNDP and VNR team, including some external review by UNESCAP and UNDP Regional Office
- Official approval of final draft by the Committee for Economic and Financial Policy and Council of Ministries

# Lessons learnt

- Good cooperation from all stakeholders, especially the development partners
- Lack of full participation from civil society organizations and private sector
- Lack of data availability for support VNR
- Need of support for data exchange/dissemination tools and SDG platform to identify data gaps and data inconsistencies for the VNR preparation
- VNR was first prepared in English, but discussion in local language
- Time constraints for VNR preparation



**Thank you**

