



Good institutional practices in promoting policy coherence for sustainable development

Building Block	Description
 Political Commitment	<p>In 2016, the government established the SDGs Promotion Headquarters, headed by the Prime Minister and composed of all ministers in order to ensure commitment at the highest level. A new national strategy, The Implementation Guiding Principles, includes national priorities and indicators. The SDGs Promotion Headquarters agreed on the “SDGs Action Plan 2018” in December, 2017.</p>
 Policy Integration	<p>The Government of Japan / the SDGs Promotion Headquarters is taking an integrated approach to solve issues related to the three dimensions of economy, society and the environment, and fosters interactions and synergies among eight identified priority areas. The SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles provide a framework for integrating SDGs into the plans, strategies and policies of ministries and government agencies.</p>
 Strategic Long-term Vision	<p>The SDGs Promotion Headquarters is a new cabinet body ensuring long-term support.</p>
 Policy and Financing Impacts	<p>The SDG Promotion Headquarters consists of all ministries in charge of domestic and international issues and can take into account policy effects from domestic and international cooperation for the SDGs.</p>
 Policy Coordination	<p>The SDGs Promotion Headquarters holds meetings twice a year to review and decide basic directions, policies and detailed projects for promoting the SDGs. Its central position within the Cabinet can foster close cooperation among relevant governmental agencies and support information sharing.</p>
 Local and Regional Involvement	<p>The national government encourages local governments to incorporate the SDGs into their strategies and policies. The Headquarters sets “vitalizing local areas through promoting the SDGs” as one of the three basic directions of Japan’s SDG Model in the SDGs Action Plan 2018. The Headquarters plans to create a project “SDGs Models of Local Governments” through which the entire central government will provide extensive support to selected local governments in their SDGs implementation, and then expand to other local governments based on lessons learnt.</p>
 Stakeholder Engagement	<p>The Headquarters promotes consultations with stakeholders via SDGs Promotion Roundtable Meetings that include representatives from the related governmental agencies, NGOs/NPOs, academia, the private sector and international organizations. The SDGs Promotion Roundtable Meeting also conducts implementation reviews on the achievement of the SDGs. The Headquarters awards the “Japan SDGs Award” to highlight best practices of companies, local governments and CSOs. The first ceremony was held in December 2017. The dialogue at the SDGs Promotion Roundtable Meeting also fed into in the preparation of the Implementation Guiding Principles.</p>
 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation	<p>The SDG Promotion Headquarters monitors progress of measures taken in line with the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles. This includes particularly the 140 measures included in the annex of the guiding principles. The first review and follow-up will be conducted in 2019. Japan will make proactive use of statistical data and employ key performance indicators (KPIs), including the SDGs global as much as possible. Subsequent to the 2019 HLPF, follow-up and review will be conducted, taking into account the four-year cycle of the HLPF organized by the President of the General Assembly</p>