



## TOPIC 2: THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) & PUBLIC POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This with the second major topic to be covered in this course. This module will comprise of 5 lecture sessions on Tuesdays from 13.00 to 16.00 hrs between 6 December 2016 and 25 March 2017.

### 2. MODULE DESCRIPTION:

This module will examine the background and global policy context in which the SDGs were adopted by the United Nations in September 2015. We will review the final outcomes, unfinished business and lessons learnt from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) up to 2015 and the consultative process of the Post-2015 Development Agenda which finally resulted in the SDGs. We will review the SDG goals, targets and indicators in the context of national and global policy development and identify critical gaps and challenges to national governments in the implementation and reporting on SDGs. The analysis will include review of the role of key global actors and stakeholders in the formulation of the SDGs and their potential role in implementation, monitoring and reporting on the SDGs as national government align their national development plans with the SDGs. Finally, the module will discuss the opportunities and challenges ahead for Governments in the Asia Pacific region and other development actors in achieving the goals and targets of the SDGs in the years ahead.

### 3. LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR MODULE:

- To understand the context and background of the global development agenda based on the unfinished business and lessons learnt from the MDGs and leading towards the SDGs
- To review and critically analyse the goals, targets and indicators of the SDGs vis-à-vis the national and global public policy context
- To understand the roles and contributions of key global development actors in shaping the new global development agenda (SDGs)
- To look at the emerging opportunities and challenges for Government and development partners in adopting, implementing and reporting on the SDGs.

### 4. LECTURE TOPICS:

*Lecture 1: The MDGs and the Post-2015 Development Agenda – Unfinished business and Lessons Learnt*

*Lecture 2: The SDGs – Overview of Purpose, Goals and Targets*

*Lecture 3: The SDGs – Indicators, Monitoring and Reporting*

***Lecture: 4: The SDGs and National Development Agenda – Roles of Development Partners and Stakeholders***

***Lecture 5: Sustainable Development – Opportunities and Challenges for Public Policy***

**5. GRADING:**

Class Participation = 10%. Each student is expected to come to the class prepared to discuss the week's reading materials for this module

Weekly Reflection = 20%. During each class, the final hour will be set apart for discussion, reflection and analysis. Based on these weekly reflection, each student will prepare a short reflection paper (250 to 300 words max in Word Document) to be submitted to me ([vkaranan2016@gmail.com](mailto:vkaranan2016@gmail.com)) soon after the fourth class. These papers will be reviewed and graded (1 to 5: 1 = poor....5 = excellent) and results presented and discussed in the final fifth lecture class.

**6. READING LIST: (Essential)**

- United Nations (2015), The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015, New York
- Ismalebbe, Zanofer (2014), The Post-2015 Development Agenda – Can Lessons from the Public Sector guide the UN system to “Do and Deliver as One”, New York
- United Nations General Assembly (2015), Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, New York.

Other reading materials will be provided on specific topics before each class session as necessary.

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