

Partnering to achieve the SDGs

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) and UNESCAP are partnering to promote systematic, quality engagement of stakeholders and the public, to help governments and others who lead and design engagement processes to develop structured, well-planned and meaningful engagement.

Promoting well-planned and meaningful engagement contributes towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) serves as the United Nations' regional hub promoting cooperation among countries to achieve inclusive and sustainable development, through its research and analysis, policy advisory services, capacity building and technical assistance to governments.

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is a global not-for-profit organisation and as an international leader in public participation, aims to advance the practice of community and stakeholder engagement. IAP2 has developed tools that are widely used and acknowledged, including the Core Values for Public Participation; the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum and the Quality Assurance Standard for Community and Stakeholder Engagement.

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Public participation and quality engagement is essential for achieving all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. As IAP2 is committed to advancing the practice of community and stakeholder engagement through education, advocacy and building partnerships, we are working to submit a proposal for an International Year of Participation.

A year focusing on public participation and quality engagement could promote action on three fronts:

1. Build awareness and focus attention on an enabling environment for engagement and public participation – for e.g. legislation, institutional mandates, education;
2. Build capacity for engagement, benefitting from proven methods; and
3. Mobilise engagement and public participation to support the 2030 Agenda and achievement of the SDGs.
4. To contribute to the health and wellbeing of all and build peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.

Find out more, share your ideas or join the call for an International Year of Participation by visiting yearofparticipation.com or email us at info@iap2.org.au.

Organisations will be acknowledged and presented in a proposal document to the United Nations as supporting a focus on engagement.