

Highlights

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Global Sustainable Development Report, 2016 responds to the mandate from the Rio+20 conference to contribute to strengthening the science policy interface for sustainable development in the context of the High Level Political forum on Sustainable Development.

Leaving No One Behind

The fundamental guiding principle for the implementation of 2030 Sustainable Development Goal is to ensure that no one should be left behind.

In order to implement this principle at the conceptual level, three questions need to be addressed.

- To identify those who are at the risk of being left behind.
- How can strategies and policies reach them in practice and
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Economy-wide Growth Strategy: It stresses on the fact that strategies which are made to fight the economic problems like poverty must be formed by taking into consideration the underlying structural dynamics not only across broad economic sectors (agriculture, industry, services etc.) but also within them and the difference in integration of the economy with the global economy.

Social Protection Systems: They are one of the most vital component through which a society manage to leave no one behind. Despite coverage, health care is frequently neither available nor affordable, and poverty. As per OECD, even in developed keep pace with the demands resulting from the ageing population.

Area Based Strategies: It says that the development strategies should be integrated and focused on a well-defined geographical area. These strategies are expected to be comprehensive in nature and would be focusing on multiple aspects like shelter water sanitation, basic services, access to education, road, transport and jobs.

Sectoral Strategies: It talks about several other strategies which emerges from the investigation of scientific evidence on strategies. This talks about some the commonly used strategies which have been used in some SDG areas and the extent to which they have been used in leaving no one behind.

Some points of the report:

- There is a need to strengthen the national systems of innovation to accelerate technology progress. National innovation systems comprise many institutions and the cooperative actions of financiers, law makers, business people, institutional checks and balances, and researchers developing new technologies. These '*systems of innovation*' play a key role in enabling the country to manage the process of technology change, which ultimately will be of use across many areas of the SDGs.
- Understanding institutions is important in order to leave no one behind
- There is a distinction between *inclusiveness of institutions* and *inclusiveness through institutions*. Inclusiveness of institutions means that institutions are designed in manner that is conducive to inclusive representation and voice of all sections of society (or all countries) whereas inclusiveness through institution means that institutions through their action directly support or enable more inclusive outcomes.
- Two institutions, National Council for Sustainable Development and Parliament are different in nature but both strive for representation and inclusion and can be important mechanisms to ensure that no one is left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Science can inform decision-making on three broad questions. First, who are those being or at risk of being left behind? Second, how can strategies and policies reach them in practice? And third, what types of strategies and policies would be appropriate in order to leave no one behind?

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