

UN SDGs and Human Rights

SDGs and Gender Equality

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Background

The international community has exerted diverse efforts to address the global unsustainability by adopting Brundtland Report in 1987, holding the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, and adopting the UN SDGs in 2015. Since the adoption of UN SDGs, in particular, the global society has made transformative efforts to set a concrete direction and implement sustainable development within various policy frameworks. Korea has also carried out its own activities to achieve SDGs by 2030, centered around the Local Sustainability Alliance of Korea and its members in each province.

UN presented SDG5(Gender Equality) both as an independent goal and as a transversal theme that cuts across all action tracks of the sustainable development goals in the pillars of economy, society, and environment. UN also explained that a systematic gender mainstreaming is essential to realizing the SDG agenda.

Considering the background described above, this is the right time to explore whether the local sustainable development goals being implemented in the Korean context reflect gender perspectives, whether the local SDG5 consists of elements that can contribute to gender equality, and whether the SDG implementation indicators are properly defined. In other words, it is important to review the local sustainable development goals from gender perspectives and prepare improvement ideas.

In line with the theme of the World Human Rights Cities Forum ‘Human Rights Cities Responding to Poverty and Inequalities’, we would like to discuss ‘SDGs and Gender Equality’ to delve into the issues described above.



Objectives

1. Discuss gender equality and diagnose gender equality issues at the international community for achievement of SDGs.
2. Make a critical assessment of Korea's L-SDGs (Local Sustainable Development Goals) from gender perspectives.
3. Draw out policy implications for the Korean society to evolve into a gender-equal society.

Main Agenda

1. Analyze common elements and differences between the urban sustainable development goals and detailed target indicators of major cities, among the 36 cities under the local sustainable development goals, from gender perspectives.
2. Discuss how to improve the sustainable development goals-detailed targets-indicators by reflecting gender perspectives in them.

