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**Technical Working Group 3 (Health, Education, Environment and
Social Protection)
draft terms of reference**

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Office of Chief Executive
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SDGs Coordination Unit

Scope of Work:

The Working Group on “Education, Health, Environment and Social Protection” established by the decision of the Executive Committee on SDGs in order to implement SDGs relevant targets and indicators related to *Health, Education, Environment, and Social issues*. The Working Group shall follow up the priorities identified in the Executive Committee meetings. It shall in particular focus on prioritization, nationalization, alignment and development of relevant targets and indicators. The scope of work of the WG3 shall specifically include; Health, Education, Environment and social issues. Considering the main responsibilities of Working Groups of the Executive Committee, Working Group-3 will contribute throughout planning, design and implementation phase of SDGs related programs on Health, Education and Environment and Social Protection by the relevant stakeholders. In particular, the Group will deal with the program that is related to the Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 16 of the SDGs.

Specific field of activities:

- The Working Group 3 will develop a roadmap for the overall activities of the WG3 that shall guide the proper implementation of SDGs;
- The Working Group shall consolidate the documentation made available to it by the Ministry of Economy and the SDGs Coordination Unit.

- The working group-3, through the direction of its co-chairs will arrange regular meetings and invite members of the group to discuss their current status of affairs and their future agendas and arrangement regarding SDGs.
- The Working Groups will be led by representatives from different stakeholders. The co-chairs of the WG3 will communicate and report the results of their work during each Executive Committee meetings.
- The Working Group shall consider making policy recommendations to the Executive Committee on SDGs
- The working group-3 will propose a key recommended action for the responsible parties who are involved with those A-SDGS programs that are related to Health, Education and Environment and Social Protection.
- The working group-3 will help responsible parties in prioritization, development nationalization, and alignment of relevant targets and indicators related to the Goals; 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 16 of SDGs
- The working group will play part in budgeting and cost estimation of the party's project on SDGs.
- The working Group-3 will contribute in design and conduction of training, advocacy and public awareness programs by the responsible parties Health, Education and Environment and Social Protection parts of SDGs.
- The WG will work to mobilize relevant existing networks for coordination and fund raising purposes

Composition:

Co-chairs: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Health & Ministry of Women Affairs

Members: Office of the President, Office of the Chief Executive, Ministry of Economy, UNDP, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Borders and Tribal Affairs, Ministry for Refugees and Repatriation, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Ministry of Information and Culture, Central Statistics Office, Independent Directorate of Local Governance Afghanistan

Academy of Science, National Environmental Protection Agency, UNICEF, UN WHO, UN Women, representatives of the civil society, representatives of the private sector, representatives of the donors' community.

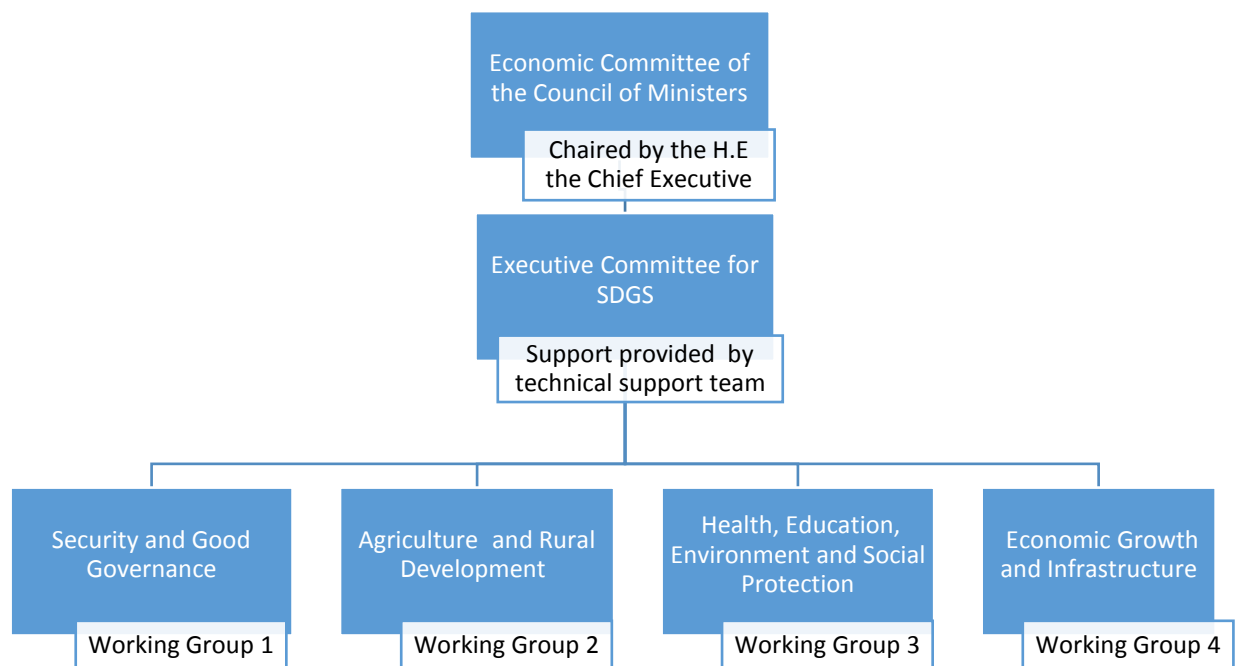
Background

Following the adoption of the 2030 Development Agenda (SDGs) by the world leaders in September 2015, the Council of Ministers chaired by H.E Dr. Abdullah Abdullah based on the decision No. 16 dated October 12, assigned Ministry of Economy to lead SDGs coordination, implementation and reporting.

Due to the cross-cutting nature of the SDGs and indicators, an inter-ministerial effort is required to provide a high-level platform that will bring together key stakeholders (government, private sector, civil society and international partners) to increase timely coordination and implementation of decisions related to attaining the SDGs. After consultations with the leading national and international stakeholders, the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals was established and officially launched on July 8th, 2017.

The Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals has four Sectoral Working Groups. These Working Groups are responsible for collaborative efforts on nationalization, alignment and overall implementation of SDGs. The primary objective of the Working Groups is to enhance sectoral coordination and to encourage synergies for achieving SDGs.

Below is the structure for the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals:



The core focus:

- Whole of Government support to the Ministry of Economy and policy advice on proposed SDGs implementation mechanisms;
- Cross-sectorial coordination to accelerate SDGs implementation;
- Oversight of the achievement and progress of nationalized SDGs targets and indicators.

Purpose:

Taking into account H.E the Chief Executive's decision to affirm SDGs as transformative agenda that will deliver significant and all-inclusive development gains; the Working Groups will provide a common platform for relevant stakeholders to achieve SDGs in a collective, collaborative, and coordinated manner.

Main functions:

The technical working group shall propose practical and concrete key actions that will enable for the achievement of the related A-SDGs indicator. For that purpose, the technical WG is expected to document its findings and fill in the table included in annex 1.

This annex details the SDGs, indicators and targets that are relevant to this technical working group. The members of the technical working group are responsible for discussing all the data, including indicators and targets, listed in Annex 1, and may take the opportunity to review the relevance of the indicators and the availability and accuracy of the data that will be required to assess progress against these indicators and targets.

The members of the technical WG shall further discuss partnerships and financial needs that will be needed to implement the proposed key actions.

This technical WG will also provide recommendations on prioritization of the nationalized targets and indicators and identify all sectoral policies and plans related to the respective goal, indicator and target for alignment purposes.

The technical WG shall prepare quarterly basis report of its activities and progress. It may also track the implementation of the Committee's outcomes and decisions.

This WG will provide recommendations to the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals for further discussions and approval.

The WGs will be supported by SDGs Coordination Unit, based in Office of the Chief Executive.

Expected Outcomes:

- Preparation and circulation of recommended action plan
- Nationalization and Alignment of SDGs
- Increased public awareness through partnerships

Membership: The list of members shall be in writing and kept with the secretariat of the Executive of Committee on Sustainable Development Goals. The members include those entities which have relevance to SDGs. From time to time, the Working through the direction of the co-chairs may invite other stakeholders in Working Group meetings.

Reporting: The Working Groups shall be responsible for reporting to the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals. To assist with the efficiency of the Working Group, it may create taskforces which shall report back to the Executive Committee on Sustainable Development Goals.

Frequency of the meeting: The WG shall decide the frequency of its meeting based on its working load. It will produce minutes of each meeting, including participants, topics and decisions- for the record.

