

Legal Reform in Myanmar and its Relationship with SDGs Goal 16

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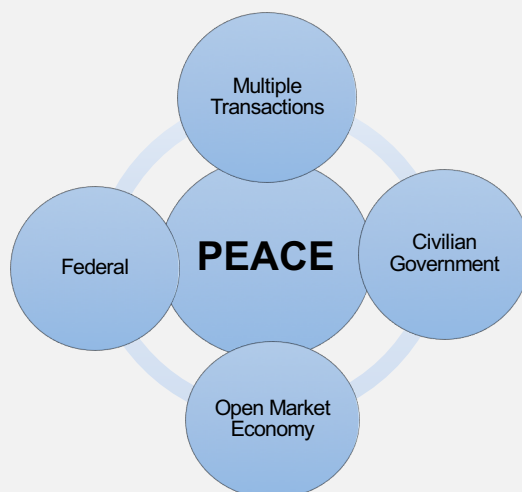
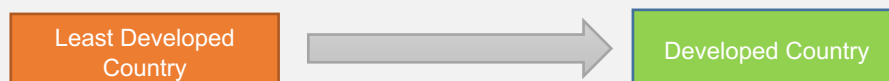
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- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): “A blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all”
- The United Nations General Assembly launched these SDGs in 2015, with an intention to achieve them by the year 2030

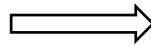
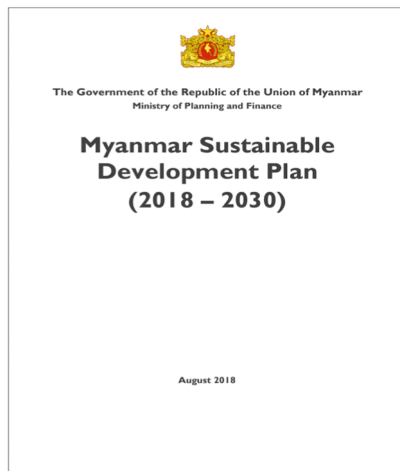


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Myanmar is on track to graduate from



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MSDP's intention_ to strengthen the linkage of nation's development needs and UN Sustainable Development Goals

MSDP Implementation Unit (MSDP-IU): The Ministry of Planning and Finance (MoPF) - the focal entity for overseeing implementation of MSDP

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The Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP)

A Peaceful, Prosperous & Democratic Myanmar

Goal 1: Peace, National Reconciliation, Security & Good Governance

Goal 2: Economic Stability & Strengthened Macroeconomic Management

Pillar1: Peace & Stability

Goal 3: Job Creation & Private Sector Led Growth

Pillar 2: Prosperity & Partnership

Goal 4: Human Resources & Social Development for a 21st Century

Goal 5: Natural Resources & the Environment for Prosperity of the Nation

Pillar 3: People & Planet

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MSDP formulates specific strategies for peace and national reconciliation

Strategy 1.1 Secure and further foster Union-wide peace

Strategy 1.2 Promote equitable and conflict-sensitive socio-economic development throughout all States and Regions

Strategy 1.3 Promote greater access to justice, individual rights and adherence to the rule of law

Strategy 1.4 Enhance good governance, institutional performance and improve the efficiency of administrative decision making at all levels

Strategy 1.5 Increase the ability of all people to engage with government

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Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

➤ **16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere**

Proceeding to the implementation of National Ceasefire Agreement (NCA)

A Proposal in the Parliament to sign ICCPR

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➤ **16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children**

The newly enacted **Child Rights Law, 2019**

- A child is defined as anyone under the age of 18.
- All children born in Myanmar are guaranteed to the fundamental and unconditional right to register at birth.

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➤ **16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all**

- **Judicial Strategic Plan (2018-2022)**

Theme **“Towards improving justice for all”**

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Overview of the Judicial Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Vision

- _ to provide the highest quality of justice for all
- _ to promote public trust and confidence in the courts and effective rule of law

Mission

- _ to promote the rule of law and to foster regional peace and tranquility
- _ to enhance reliability and public trust in the judicial system
- _ to adjudicate cases fairly and efficiently in accordance with the law
- _ to update the integrity of the court

Value

- _ equality and fairness
- _ judicial independence and integrity
- _ Accessibility
- _ Efficiency and timeliness

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• Legal Aid Law 2016

- Legal Aid Board at Union Level, State or Division Level, Self-administered Region or Self-administered Division Level, Township Level

• Code of Judicial Ethics for Myanmar Judges, 2017

- In the judicial history of Myanmar, this is the first time ever that the Code of Judicial Ethics for judges could be issued in accordance with international best practices.

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➤ **16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms**

Anti-corruption Commission under the anti-corruption law

➤ **16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements**

- Promotion of the right to information in media sector,
 - The Media Law 2014 is under review
 - The Printing and Publishing Enterprise Law (PPEL) was enacted
 - Peace Talks

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- “Chapter VIII, Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens” of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, 2008
- Law Protecting the Privacy and Security of Citizens, 2017
- Myanmar is party to four of the principle international human rights treaties, CEDAW, CRC, CRPD and ICESCR

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Institutions

- MSDP Implementation Unit
- National Reconciliation Peace Center (NRPC)
- Anti-corruption Commission
- Legal Aid Board
- Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC)
- NGOs and CSOs

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Challenges

- To be able to hold further Sessions of the Union Peace Conference (the 21st Century Panglong)
- Verification of National Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), which is needed to be signed by all EAOs
- Unity in Diversity amongst people of Myanmar
- Institutional Capacity Challenges in the Justice Sector
- Strengthening the rule of law & citizen's knowledge of legal rights
- The need of more democratic, transparent, accountable institutions
- Infrastructure, Poverty & Education gap between rural and urban regions
- Difficulty in access to systematic, accurate & comprehensive data

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One of the current issues relating to SDGs Goal 16

Further Sessions of the Union Peace
Conference (the 21st Century Panglong)



National Ceasefire Agreement (NCA)



Federal Democratic Myanmar
with sustainable peace and stability

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To sum up,

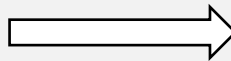
Government of Myanmar



Stakeholders, Private Sector &
Civil Society



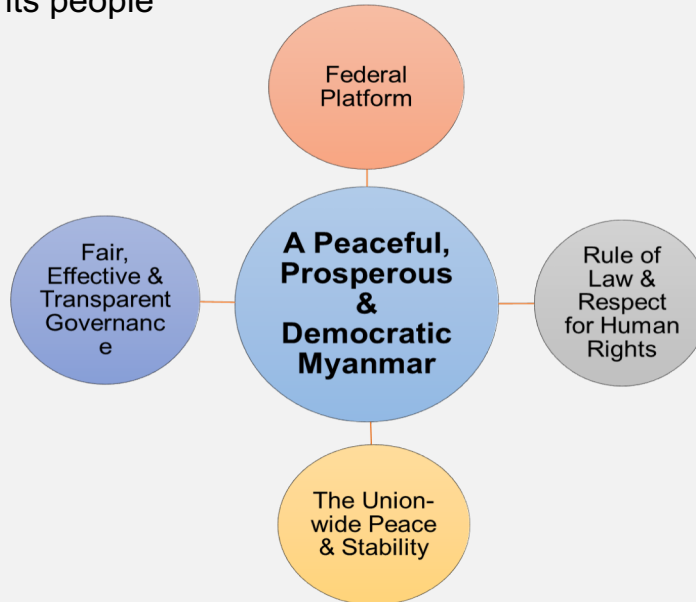
People of Myanmar



**Achieving
the SDGs
Goals for
the better
future of
Myanmar**

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- Being a multi-ethnic society with socio-ethnic-religious difference amongst its people



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