

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE THAILAND

By the Governors of the Provinces of Thailand

We, the undersigned Governors of the provinces of the Kingdom of Thailand, commit to building our capacity and awareness on sustainable development within our respective provinces in collaboration with the United Nations and other partners.

In support of Thailand's strong commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and its ambition to become a high-income, inclusive, sustainable, resilient and advanced nation, aligned with its 20-Year National Strategy and the draft 13th National Economic and Social Development Plan (NESDP) as well as the Bio-Circular Green economy model (BCG),

Acknowledging the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2022-2026) that provides the framework for the United Nations' partnership with the Royal Thai Government, private sector, and civil society in Thailand,

Welcoming the United Nations' value proposition through providing cutting edge, evidence-based policy support; advancing the normative agenda of human rights, gender equality, Leave No One Behind principles; and noting that the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Thailand comprises 21 UN agencies,

Reaffirming the role of the Ministry of Interior in overseeing the delivery of public services at the sub-national level, and in driving SDG implementation in Thailand, particularly in the areas of poverty alleviation, food security, housing, land administration, public works, spatial planning, waste management, health, education, access to public services, and supporting local communities,

Recognizing that collaboration with the United Nations would include facilitating the localization of the SDGs and their achievement at sub-national level, and that strategic priorities for collaboration could be in the areas of (i) reducing CO₂ emissions through technology transfer and capacity building; (ii) conservation and protection of biodiversity, promoting sustainable and ecological tourism; (iii) effective waste management for BCG, nature-based solutions for biomass burning, and reduction in air and plastic pollution, (iv) sustainable food systems, including food loss, sustainable agriculture and smart farming; and (v) strengthening community resilience and marine eco-systems through adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

Mindful of the challenges to sustainable development, including the climate emergency, we commit to:

1. Raise awareness and strengthen capacities of provincial and local authorities (including Mayors and Chief Executives of Provincial Administrative Organizations) for implementing activities contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and their localization at the sub-national and local levels,
2. Facilitate collaboration between provincial and local authorities and the UNCT together with other relevant partners, including local civil society and private sector, under the whole-of-society approach,
3. Create an enabling environment within each province, allocating resources, as appropriate, for sustainable economic and social development,
4. Convene periodic consultations internally and with the United Nations, as appropriate, to review plans, implementation efforts, and achievements towards the SDGs.

Signed on 6 June 2022

in the presence of the UN Resident Coordinator and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior

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Permanent Secretary for Interior

Gita Sabharwal.

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United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand

Governors of all provinces:

Amnat Charoen	Ang Thong	Buengkan	Buri Ram
Chachoengsao	Chai Nat	Chaiyaphum	Chanthaburi
Chiang Mai	Chiang Rai	Chon Buri	Chumphon
Kalasin	Kamphaeng Phet	Kanchanaburi	Khon Kaen
Krabi	Lampang	Lamphun	Loei
Lop Buri	Mae Hong Son	Maha Sarakham	Mukdahan
Nakhon Nayok	Nakhon Pathom	Nakhon Phanom	Nakhon Ratchasima
Nakhon Sawan	Nakhon Si Thammarat	Nan	Narathiwat
Nong Bua Lam Phu	Nong Khai	Nonthaburi	Pathum Thani
Pattani	Phangnga	Phatthalung	Phayao
Phetchabun	Phetchaburi	Phichit	Phitsanulok
Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya	Phrae	Phuket	Prachin Buri
Prachuap Khiri Khan	Ranong	Ratchaburi	Rayong
Roi Et	Sa Kaeo	Sakon Nakhon	Samut Prakan
Samut Sakhon	Samut Songkhram	Saraburi	Satun
Sing Buri	Si Sa Ket	Songkhla	Sukhothai
Suphan Buri	Surat Thani	Surin	Tak
Trang	Trat	Ubon Ratchathani	Udon Thani
Uthai Thani	Uttaradit	Yala	Yasothon