



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development
in Asia and the Pacific

27 and 28 November 1995
Bangkok

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. *Opening of the Conference*

Following the inauguration of the Conference, the Executive Secretary of ESCAP will deliver a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and make an opening statement. Statements will also be made by the executive heads of the co-sponsors, the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

2. *Election of officers*

The Conference will elect a chairman, vice-chairmen and a rapporteur to serve as the bureau for the Conference.

3. *Adoption of the agenda*

The Conference will consider and adopt the provisional agenda.

4. *Policies and perspectives on environment and development in Asia and the Pacific*

The Conference will discuss the state of the environment in the region and the challenges posed by the dynamism of the economies, population growth and development priorities, ongoing trade liberalization and deregulation of the economies, and the opportunities for cooperation in the region. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP will deliver his policy statement containing the background and issues confronting the region in achieving environmentally sound and sustainable development along with the challenges and opportunities. The ministers or the leaders of the delegations will then deliver their policy statements on the environment and development of the region and on the specific issues listed in the agenda of the Conference, as well as highlight the policies and

programmes of their countries in support of sustainable development. The organizations of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies will present brief statements on the policies of their organizations. The Conference may also provide guidance on sustainable development efforts into the next millennium.

5. *Consideration of the report of the Meeting of Senior Officials and the draft regional action programme for environmentally sound and sustainable development, 1996-2000*

The Conference will consider and adopt the report of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials. The report is expected to reflect the discussions on the environment and development situation of the region along with the progress of implementation of Agenda 21 and the Regional Strategy on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development. The report will also contain highlights of the deliberations of the senior officials on sustainable development policies and programmes of the region, regional cooperation, including financing of sustainable development, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, climate change issues, and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, adopted by the Global Conference on the subject held in Barbados in 1994.

The Conference will further review the regional action programme for environmentally sound and sustainable development for the period 1996-2000, as recommended for adoption. The Conference is also expected to provide guidance on the implementation of the regional action programme in terms of the policy framework to be adopted at the national level. It may also discuss ways and means of promoting regional cooperation and international support.

6. *Draft ministerial declaration on environmentally sound and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific*

The ministerial declaration is expected to portray the commitment of the region to the issues before the Conference, including the promotion of environmentally sound and sustainable development. The Conference will consider adoption of the draft declaration of the Ministerial Conference as recommended by the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials for signature by the Ministers attending the Conference.

7. *Other matters*

Any other matters to be raised by the representatives and the secretariat will be considered under this item.

8. *Adoption of the report*

The Conference will consider and adopt its report.