



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**Seventy-second session**

Bangkok, 15-19 May 2016

Agenda item 3 (d)

**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure
of the Commission, including the work of the regional
institutions: environment and development****Draft resolution****Sponsored by: Fiji****Co-sponsored by: Tuvalu****Fostering regional cooperation and partnerships to
respond to the climate change challenge in the
Asia-Pacific region**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, and in particular the references to the role of the regional commissions in supporting Member States and the development agenda,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, in which it adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including Sustainable Development Goal 13 on the need to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which has the aim of strengthening the framework for financing sustainable development,

Recognizing that the adverse impacts of climate change compound existing challenges, especially in small island developing States,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/15 of 14 November 2014 on the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, in which Member States recognized the need to implement expeditiously, through genuine and durable partnerships, the global effort in support of the sustainable development of small island developing States through concrete, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented programmes,

Reaffirming resolution 71/4 of 29 May 2015 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action Pathway and resolution 68/1 of 23 May 2012

on reaffirming the special case and the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States with a focus on the Pacific, in which, inter alia, it requested the Executive Secretary to continue to support capacity development and capacity supplementation for Pacific small island developing States to pursue sustainable development and to increase their resilience, including in response to the challenges of climate change,

Recalling its resolution 71/12 of 29 May 2015 on strengthening regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Asia and the Pacific, resolution 71/11 of 29 May 2015 on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, resolution 70/10 of 8 August 2014 on the implementation of the Bangkok Declaration of the Asia-Pacific region on the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015, resolution 69/12 of 1 May 2013 on enhancing regional cooperation for building resilience to disasters in Asia and the Pacific, resolution 69/11 of 1 May 2013 on the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Applications of Space Technology and Geographic Information Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012-2017, resolution 69/9 of 1 May 2013 on the implementation of the Green Bridge Partnership Programme towards voluntary follow-up to the Rio+20 outcome “The future we want” and resolution 64/3 of 30 April 2008 on promoting renewables for energy security and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific,

Noting with appreciation the offer from the Government of Fiji at the First High-level Follow-up Dialogue on Financing for Development in Asia and the Pacific, held in Incheon, Republic of Korea on 30 and 31 March 2016, to provide seed capital for a possible regional centre in the Pacific to address climate change issues, especially for small island developing States, as noted in the Chair’s Summary of the Dialogue,¹

Recognizing existing Pacific regional institutions that provide a ready platform to support small island developing States and least developed countries towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including those relating to climate change and disaster risk reduction,

1. *Invites* members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to facilitate the exchange of best practices and information sharing in the context of taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, by utilizing existing international and regional institutions, forums and platforms;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to encourage and collaborate with relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, regional and subregional organizations as well as non-governmental organizations in line with the existing mandates and resources of the Commission, to promote capacity-building of member States, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, regarding climate change and climate resilience in the areas in which the Commission has existing capacity and expertise, including climate-related disaster risk reduction, through policy dialogues and the sharing of experiences and information, where appropriate;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-third session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

¹ E/ESCAP/72/9, annex.