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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Seventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Forum

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the Forum will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/apfsd7/.

(b) Election of officers

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/apfsd7/.

The Forum will elect a chair and a vice-chair.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

The Forum will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Regional perspectives on accelerating progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Documentation

Acceleration along transformative pathways to deliver sustainable development (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/1)

Five years on, where do we stand? (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/2)

Updates on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the subregional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/1)

Opportunities and entry points for transformative change in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/2)

Annotation

The purpose of this agenda item is to support regional dialogue on the acceleration of action for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific by identifying key responses at national and regional levels. This agenda item contributes to a shared understanding of the gaps in implementation and highlights opportunities for transformative action by taking a holistic approach. It also contributes to further thinking on the regional response to a global decade of action in support of the political declaration of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit entitled “Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”.¹

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/1 contains key findings from the Sustainable Development Goal Partnership report produced in collaboration between the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme. Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/1 and information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/2 present and explore the entry points for transformation in the region as identified by the *Global Sustainable Development Report 2019: The Future is Now – Science for Achieving Sustainable Development*.² Through data analysis, and drawing from experiences from different sectors and countries, these documents conclude with recommendations on key points of action for fast-tracking progress on delivering on the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific.

¹ General Assembly resolution 74/4, annex.

² Available at https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/24797GSDR_report_2019.pdf.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/2 contains an update on progress on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific. The document also contains key findings of the *Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2020*, which is based on the most recent data on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators for ESCAP and its five subregions.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/1 provides subregional perspectives on the theme of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and is based on deliberations held during a series of preparatory meetings for the Seventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.³

During this agenda item, the secretariat and experts will deliver brief presentations to introduce the background documents. After the presentations, member States and other participants will be invited to participate in a moderated question and answer discussion. Formal statements will not be invited but member States and other participants can submit written statements in respect of this agenda item up to one week after the conclusion of the Forum. These statements will be published online on the Forum website.

3. Linking national, regional and global dimensions of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Documentation

Chair's summary of the open-ended working group on the review of the conference structure of the Commission (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/3)

Advancing partnerships for the implementation of the regional road map in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/4)

Chair's statement: summary of the technical discussions in preparation for the Seventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development as developed by the Bureau of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/5)

Highlights of system-wide contributions of the United Nations at the regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/3)

Synthesis of voluntary national reviews from Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/4)

Annotation

In view of the organization of the Forum as a videoconference-only meeting (owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic), a series of seven virtual technical preparatory discussions targeting member States from Asia and the Pacific were organized prior to the Forum, focusing on reviewing the theme of accelerating action on and delivery of the 2030 Agenda in the region, and exploring the entry points for acceleration as identified in the *Global Sustainable Development Report 2019*. Drawing on the pre-session documents and outcomes of these virtual consultations, the Bureau of the Sixth

³ Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan, 21 and 22 August 2019; Bangkok, 3 and 4 October 2019; Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 15 and 16 October 2019; Apia, 21 and 22 October 2019; and Dhaka, 8 and 9 December 2019.

Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development will develop a Chair's statement summarizing the technical discussions (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/5).

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/3 responds to the request made by the Commission in its resolution 75/2 and provides a Chair's summary of the open-ended working group on the review of the conference structure of the Commission with a specific focus on the discussions pertinent to strengthening the effectiveness of the follow-up and review system through enhanced linkages between the national, regional and global follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda. Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/4 contains a synthesis of the voluntary national reviews conducted in the Asia-Pacific region.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/4 includes an overview of technical cooperation delivered in cooperation between ESCAP and partners in support of the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and Pacific. Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/3 highlights some of the key contributions at the regional level of the United Nations development system in Asia and the Pacific in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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4. Other matters

Other matters raised by representatives and/or the secretariat will be considered under this agenda item.

5. Review and adoption of the report of the Forum

Documentation

Draft report (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/L.2)

Annotation

The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development will consider and adopt the report. The Chair's statement as contained in document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/5 will be annexed to the report. The report and the Chair's statement will be transmitted, by the Commission, following its seventy-sixth session, to the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in July 2020.

6. Closing of the Forum

Closing statements will be delivered.
