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Seventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

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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).

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations**1. Opening of the Forum****(a) Opening statements**

The detailed 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 vice-chairs.

(c) **Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation

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

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Forum, 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)

United in action: report on system-wide results of the United Nations at the regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/3)

Annotation

The purpose of this agenda item is to support regional dialogue on the acceleration of action to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, as a contribution to a global decade of action in support of the political declaration entitled “Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development: political declaration of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit”.¹ Under this agenda item, the Forum will identify key responses at the national and regional levels, contribute to a shared understanding of the gaps in implementation and highlight opportunities for holistic and transformative action.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/1 contains key findings from the Sustainable Development Goal Partnership report, prepared jointly by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme. In document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/1 and information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/2, the entry points for transformation in the region, as identified in *Global Sustainable Development Report 2019: The Future is Now – Science for Achieving Sustainable Development*,² are presented and explored. These documents conclude with recommendations on key points of

¹ General Assembly resolution 74/4, annex.

² Independent group of scientists appointed by the Secretary-General (United Nations, New York, 2019).

action for fast-tracking progress to deliver on the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/2 contains key findings from 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 documents ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/1 and ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/3 provide background information on the agenda item. Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/3 is based on deliberations held during a series of preparatory meetings for the Seventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.³

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders, and representatives of the international community may wish to share their views and experiences in respect of the theme of the Forum.

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

Documentation

Strengthened linkages among national, regional and global levels of follow-up and review (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/3)

Advancing partnerships for the implementation of the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2020/4)

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

Annotation

The discussions under this agenda item will be focused on the national, regional and global dimensions of the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific, and on identifying measures to build an effective follow-up and review system.

In accordance with Commission resolution 75/2, document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/3 contains recommendations for strengthening the effectiveness of the follow-up and review system through enhanced linkages among the national, regional and global follow-up and review. Document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/4 and information document ESCAP/RFSD/2020/INF/4 provide background information on the agenda item.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders, and representatives of the international community may wish to share their views on opportunities to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the region, including by strengthening the follow-up and review architecture, and express their commitment to support the global decade of action.

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.

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, including the recommendations on follow-up action contained therein, as well as the annexed Chair's summary, which will reflect the key points of the discussions, for transmission 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.
