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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Fourth 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 Chair of the Third Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development will open the Forum. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will deliver the welcome statement and provide an overview of the meeting, which will be followed by other statements by high-level representatives.

(b) Election of officers

The Forum will elect a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

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

2. Regional perspectives on the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(a) Global to regional context of follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and implications for the Asia-Pacific region

Under this sub-item, a presentation will be given on regional progress on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

(b) Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level

Documentation

Thematic report: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing Asia-Pacific" (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/1)

Annotation

A panel discussion will address regional perspectives and trends in relation to the theme of the Forum as presented in the thematic report (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/1).

Parallel round tables will be organized for in-depth discussion of each of the Goals in the cluster to be addressed in the forthcoming high-level political forum on sustainable development, including Goal 1 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere), Goal 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture), Goal 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), Goal 9 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable

industrialization and foster innovation) and Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development).¹

A subsequent panel will share key recommendations from the six parallel round tables.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives on agenda items 2 (a) and 2 (b).

(c) National progress and achievements with respect to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Documentation

Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific: the regional dimension (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/4)

Annotation

Asia-Pacific countries participating in voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2016 and 2017 will be invited to highlight national perspectives on progress and achievements with regard to the 2030 Agenda and will exchange views on how the Forum should be positioned to provide regional input to the deliberations of the high-level political forum.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives.

3. Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region

(a) Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region

Documentation

Policy approaches to scaling social enterprise and impact investment in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/5)

Leveraging trade as a means of implementation in the new global environment (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/6)

Annotation

The deliberations under this agenda item will be supported by three panel discussions on the following subjects: tapping the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; lessons learned from localizing the Sustainable Development Goals; and strengthening delivery of the means of implementation.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives.

¹ Goal 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development) will be reviewed every year, and during the current Forum will be tackled under item 3 (a).

(b) Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/2)

Annotation

The draft regional road map will be reviewed with a view to adopting it as a key outcome of the Forum.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives on the draft road map.

(c) Form and function of the Forum

Documentation

The form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/7)

Annotation

The draft terms of reference of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development as presented in the document will be reviewed with a view to its adoption as a key outcome of the Forum.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives on the draft terms of reference.

4. Other matters

Any other matters raised by delegations and/or the secretariat will be considered under this agenda item.

5. Review and adoption of the draft report of the Forum

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/L.2)

Annotation

The Forum will consider and adopt the draft report and annexed Chair's summary, which will reflect the key points of the discussions and the recommendations on follow-up actions, and which will include the agreed road map and terms of reference of the Forum as annexes, for transmission to the high-level political forum on sustainable development at its session in July 2017.

6. Closing of the Forum

The Chair of the Forum will deliver a closing statement.