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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2016

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**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2016 (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

**I. Provisional agenda**

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**II. Annotations****1. Opening of the session**

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will deliver the welcome statement. The Executive Secretary will present the key topics that will be included in the deliberations of the third session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.

**2. Election of officers**

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

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

**Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/L.1)

**Annotation**

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

**4. Regional priorities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

Defining regional priorities and the status of the integration and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/1)

Mainstreaming sustainable development through modelling and fiscal planning (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/4)

Overcoming the data hurdle to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: opportunities for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/5)

Social inclusion, vulnerabilities and other priorities associated with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/6)

**Annotation**

The secretariat will present an overview of the regional priorities on the integration and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a specific focus on megatrends, regional responses and the operationalization of sustainable development.

The discussions under this agenda item will be led by members of a high-level round table who will share their reflections and perspectives on the different aspects of sustainable development integration and implementation in the region, including its relevance to the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The ministers will be invited to identify opportunities and challenges in each of the subregions resulting from the 2030 Agenda, as well as their views on the role of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in the regional, subregional and national integration and implementation processes of the 2030 Agenda.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community are invited to share their views. The discussion will address priority areas for the Asia-Pacific region, including vulnerabilities, inclusiveness, inequality, resource efficiency and urbanization.

**5. Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and its follow-up and review process**

**Documentation**

Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/2)

The form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/3)

**Annotation**

This agenda item will feature a presentation from the secretariat on the process to develop the road map as well as the substance and structure of the road map and the form and function of the Forum.

The discussions under this agenda item will be led by members of a high-level round table with representatives from member States from East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia, the Pacific, South and South-West Asia, and South-East Asia. They will share their perspectives on the different elements of the road map, how it will be implemented and how it will integrate with other regional initiatives. The form and function of the Forum, in particular with regards to follow-up and review, will also be discussed.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their own perspectives on the draft road map, with a view to its adoption as a key outcome of the meeting.

**6. Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development**

**Documentation**

Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/7)

**Annotation**

This agenda item will feature a presentation by the secretariat on the importance of ensuring that science, technology and innovation policies address the three dimensions of sustainable development and are bound by the principles of openness, inclusivity and collaboration.

Key stakeholders, including civil society, will discuss the relevance of the proposed innovation principles and the importance of balancing economic, social and environmental imperatives in science, technology and innovation policies.

**7. Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11, on sustainable cities and communities: regional priorities and opportunities**

**Documentation**

Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11, on sustainable cities and communities: regional priorities and opportunities (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/8)

**Annotation**

It is projected that by 2018 more than half the population in the region will live in urban areas. The importance of urban development has been recognized in the 2030 Agenda, and the performance of cities in the region will fundamentally shape those Goals and targets. Mayors and key urban stakeholders will discuss the significance of building inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities to achieving the 2030 Agenda and address key challenges and opportunities.

**8. Other matters**

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

**9. Review and adoption of the draft report of the Forum**

**Documentation**

Draft report (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/L.2)

**Annotation**

The Forum will consider and adopt the draft report, which will reflect the key points of the discussion and the recommendations on follow-up actions.

**10. Closing of the session**

The Chair will deliver a closing statement.

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