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### Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2017 (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 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 statements of invited representatives of Governments and other stakeholders.

#### **(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)

##### **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 context of follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and implications for the Asia-Pacific region**

Under this sub-item, discussions will set the scene for follow-up and review at the global level in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/299 on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. An oral report will be delivered on the 2016 session of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and on the theme and goals for the 2017 session.

#### **(b) Regional perspectives on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: an 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**

Following consideration of the global context of follow-up and review, a discussion will be held on regional perspectives and trends in relation to the theme of the 2017 session of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”. The discussion will focus on fostering a common understanding of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level and the corrective actions that need to be taken by countries, United Nations agencies and other development actors to address the Goals on which progress is lacking.

A report will be presented on the regional outlook with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals and on the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development. This will be followed by a panel discussion.

A subsequent panel will provide inputs to the discussion focusing on national perspectives with respect to the theme and how countries are implementing the cluster of Goals. Associated events on the cluster of goals, which will be organized as parallel sessions, will provide forums for more in-depth discussion on each Goal, including how implementation is supported and reviewed.

The cluster of Goals to be reviewed in depth comprises 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). 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).

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

Asia-Pacific countries participating in voluntary national reviews will be invited to highlight national perspectives on progress and achievements with regard to the 2030 Agenda and will exchange views on how ESCAP should position itself to provide regional inputs to the deliberations of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives with a view to learning from each other's experiences in implementation, identifying possibilities for mutual support to accelerate progress and to address roadblocks, and identifying corrective actions as well as potential for scaling up good practices and effective interventions.

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

**(a) Strengthening implementation arrangements for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

**Documentation**

Report of the Second High-level Follow-up Dialogue on Financing for Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/4)

Science, technology and innovation as a means of integrating the three pillars of sustainable development (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 panels: a panel on the subject of tapping the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

an interactive panel on the means of implementation; and a panel of mayors on lessons learned from localizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

**(b) Supporting national implementation through regional follow-up and review**

**Documentation**

Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia: the regional dimension (E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/7)

**Annotation**

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders will be invited to share their views on the value added of regional follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda with respect to strengthening national implementation. Member States will exchange views on how to structure regional architecture on follow-up and review that supports national implementation efforts.

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

**Documentation**

Draft 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 issues addressed under this agenda item, including on effective implementation of the road map.

**4. Other matters**

The form, function and modalities of the Forum will be discussed.

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 as an annex, 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.