

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

# Form, function and modalities for the APFSD

- Requested at APFSD 2015
- *“Based on the outcome of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, the form, function and modalities of the Forum after 2016 will be decided at its third session in 2016 through an intergovernmental consultative process”*

# Proposals on APFSD functions

- Aligned with the function of the HLPF
- As a regional (intergovernmental) platform, supporting national governments' efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## 4 main functions.

- (a) Experience best practices and information-sharing, particular focus on the means of implementation
- (b) Support to implementation by countries with special needs
- (c) Identifying emerging issues
- (d) Contribute in the follow-up and review process on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs at the regional level

# Proposals on APFSD role in follow up & review

- Details and further agreement must wait until adoption GA resolution on follow up and review

## Follow up and review

- (a) APFSD as an platform to **contribute** to follow-up and review
- (b) UN system bodies at the regional level to coordinate, regional and subregional organizations and stakeholders to be involved.
- (c) Dialogue on progress from the perspectives of different stakeholders.

# Proposals for the form of APFSD

- APFSD convened annually as an inclusive, intergovernmental forum preparatory to the HLPF
- APFSD may converge with the Commission session when the HLPF meets under the auspices of the GA at the summit level, which is every four years.
- APFSD may be convened as a stand-alone event in March/April in the year when the HLPF meets under the auspices of ECOSOC.
- The theme of the APFSD should be consistent with that of the HLPF.
- The current format is well supported by the intergovernmental stakeholders.
- The outcome of the APFSD will be a report with Chair's Summary.

# Proposals for APFSD modalities

- Formal report presented by the Chair or Rapporteur of the Forum to the Commission, receiving inputs from ESCAP Committees.
- There may be intersessional activities
- The procedural aspects of the Forum will be guided by the rules of procedure of the Commission and the modalities of the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC.
- Stakeholder engagement in the APFSD will respect the rules of procedure of ESCAP.

**Regional road map for implementing  
the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable  
Development in  
Asia and the Pacific  
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# Regional road map - overview

- Agreement at APFSD 2015 on intergovernmental consultative process
- A framework for regional cooperation to implement the 2030 Agenda – strengthen means of implementation across all goals
- Stresses integration of 3 dimensions
- Annual assessment and update proposed as part of the follow up and review process.
- No new reporting obligations



# Regional road map – proposed timeline and modalities



## Modalities of implementation

- Implementation – to leverage the conference structure of ESCAP as well as existing initiatives of ESCAP and development partners.
- Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) to mobilize support from other agencies, funds and programmes of the UN.
- Needs assessment & gap analysis – basis for action and implementation mechanisms
- Will require strengthened & new partnerships