

Country Statement SRI LANKA (session 05)

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1. Sri Lanka is happy to be elected as the chair of the APFSD2016.
2. In Sri Lanka a new cabinet portfolio of sustainable development has been placed under the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife (MoSDW). This is the first time in the history of our country a dedicated Sustainable Development Ministry is established.
3. Sri Lanka welcomes the initiative by ESCAP to formulate and implement a regional sustainable development roadmap and would extend our support for the adoption at APFSD 2016 along with a proposal for due process that generates collective ownership and coherence.
4. Sri Lanka has initiated its own national sustainable development roadmap towards evolving a National Sustainable Development Strategy, Policy, Regulatory and Institutional Framework to strengthen the capacity and means of implementation. We have adopted a process to evolve the roadmap in belief that the transformation towards sustainable development must be inclusive of all state and non-state actors/stakeholders.
5. Towards building a regional roadmap of collective ownership, Sri Lanka would like to propose that an expert working committee/ task group, essentially consisting of the member state representative, is established along with a due process that includes a clear methodology of evolving the key priorities and pathways, stakeholder consultations, time-lines for negotiations, and agreements.
6. This working committee/task group must work between now and the APFSD in 2017 towards building a regional sustainable development roadmap coherent with national sustainable development challenges, needs and aspirations, and that generates collective ownership and inspires partnerships for implementation.