

UNEP Statement**APFSD 2016**

UNEP looks forward to strengthening our work with UNESCAP, the broader UN system and member states in supporting SDG follow up and review in the region. UNEP's regional work will be guided by the APFSD and the priority areas for action identified by the First Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific held on 19-20 May 2015 in Bangkok. These areas include capacity development on SDG data and support to integrating environment dimension in sustainable financing for development.

With regard to data for SDG reporting and policy making, UNEP is working with member states to identify data gaps through national SDG data assessments and to provide follow up support through the UNEP LIVE Indicator Reporting Information System and the UNEP Asia Pacific resource efficiency indicator database.

With regard to sustainable financing for development, UNEP is drawing on the UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System, the UNEP Finance Initiative and the UNEP/UNCTAD Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative to support member states to transition to a green economy by better directing private sector financing towards sustainable development.

We would like to end by noting that the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) of UNEP will take place at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, from 23 to 27 May 2016 under the overarching theme of Delivering on the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a specific focus on "Healthy Environment, Healthy People". Among other functions, UNEA provides a powerful platform for Environment Ministers to set the global environmental agenda and we very much encourage the active participation of relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations and private sector from the Asia Pacific.