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Annotated 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 and provide an overview of the meeting, which will be followed by statements by representatives of Governments and other stakeholders. There will be a keynote address.

* Reissued for technical reasons on 15 February 2016.

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)

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Addressing inequalities and social inclusion as an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/6)

Annotation

The discussions under this agenda item will aim to initiate regional dialogue on priorities for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

The secretariat will present an overview of the status of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific, which will be followed by a panel discussion. Panellists will present their perspectives on the status of implementation of the Goals with specific reference to the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, “Ensuring that no one is left behind”.

A high-level round table will follow, focusing on regional megatrends and approaches for the operationalization of sustainable development.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their views and experiences and provide recommendations for regional action.

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 support the process of adoption of a road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific, as requested at the second session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, in 2015. The secretariat will present the substance and structure of the draft road map and proposals regarding the form and function of the Forum and will report on the recommendations of the Senior Officials meeting that preceded the Forum on 2 April 2016.

A panel with representatives from subregional organizations and other stakeholders will share their perspectives on the different elements of the road map, its implementation and its integration with other regional initiatives. The form and function of the Forum, in particular with regards to follow-up and review, will also be discussed.

Associated events over the three days of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development will further support the discussions under this agenda item and provide opportunities for exploring modalities for follow-up and review.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives, with a view to the adoption of the road map and agreement on the form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development as key outcomes of the Forum.

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 provides an opportunity for dialogue on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development and their implications for the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, which was launched in September 2015 at the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.

Following a presentation by the secretariat, a panel of high-level government representatives and experts will discuss key innovation principles, approaches for balancing economic, social and environmental imperatives in science, technology and innovation policies as well as priority areas for support at the regional level.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their views and experiences and provide recommendations for regional action.

7. Making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable: regional priorities and opportunities

Documentation

Making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable: regional priorities and opportunities (E/ESCAP/FSD(3)/INF/8)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, participants will review opportunities and identify strategies for harnessing urbanization for sustainable development, while taking into account that the performance of cities in the region will fundamentally shape the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. Mayors and key stakeholders will share their perspectives on priorities and opportunities for building inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and communities as part of the efforts of implementing the 2030 Agenda.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their views and experiences and provide recommendations for regional action.

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, and the agreed road map annexed thereto, for transmission to the high-level political forum on sustainable development at its session in July 2016.

10. Closing of the session

The Chair will deliver a closing statement.