Agenda item 1: Opening of the Forum

ESCAP Hall, United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok

27 March 2023 9:00-10:00 (Bangkok time)

Background

The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) is an annual and inclusive intergovernmental forum and a regional platform for supporting countries, in particular those with special needs, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development while serving as a regional preparatory meeting to the high-level political forum.

The Forum provides a regional perspective on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by identifying regional trends and consolidating and sharing best practices and lessons learned. The Forum takes into consideration the contributions of United Nations system bodies (at the regional level), other regional and sub-regional organizations, and relevant stakeholders. The APFSD also supports follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda at the regional level.

The theme of the 10th APFSD is “Accelerating the recovery from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific”. The 9th APFSD will play a unique role as a catalyst of solutions and peer learning on how to accelerate transformations for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda while recovering from COVID-19. Within this context, the forum will provide the space for an in-depth review of the following cluster of goals which will be reviewed by the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) in 2023: SDGs 6 (clean water and sanitation), 7 (affordable and clean energy), 9 (industry, innovation, and infrastructure), 11 (sustainable cities and communities), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

The Forum will feature opening remarks from high-level participants.

The agenda item will proceed with the election of the officers and adoption of the Agenda of the Forum.

Tentative Programme

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## 10th APFSD Opening video

**Opening remarks**

**Opening remarks by:** Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

**Special remarks**

- H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (video message)
- H.E. Mr. Edouard Fritch, President of French Polynesia (video message)
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message)
- Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Mx. Kai Ra Cabaron, KADAMAY (National alliance of the urban poor in the Philippines), Representative from the Asia Pacific People’s Forum
- Ms. Prim Rajasurang Wongkrasaemongkol, Youth advocate, Representative from the APFSD Youth Forum

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