Note by the secretariat

1. The Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific will be jointly held by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Government of Indonesia on Wednesday, 26 October 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The major outcomes of the Ministerial Conference are expected to be concrete member State-driven regional initiatives to accelerate the implementation of the second phase of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030) and a ministerial declaration that reflect the decisions of Governments to advance regional cooperation in space applications for sustainable development.

2. The Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on the Regional Space Application Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) at its twenty-fifth session in August 2021 decided to organise the Informal Working Group (IWG) on the preparations for the Ministerial Conference. Sixteen Governments nominated 31 experts to serve as members of the IWG.

3. The IWG met on 5 July and 2 August 2022 to review and provide guidance on a range of substantive and procedural matters pertaining to the preparations for the Ministerial Conference. The members elected Indonesia and Sri Lanka as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Representatives from 15 countries attended the meeting while the second meeting was attended by 11 countries.

4. The IWG decided to convene monthly meetings to finalise various conference documents. Its third meeting on 12 September from 9 to 12 hrs Bangkok time will focus mainly on finalizing the text of draft ministerial declaration for submission to members and associate members of the ESCAP Commission.

Provisional agenda

1. Welcome remarks by Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director of ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division

2. Second reading of the draft ministerial declaration, led by the Chair and the Vice Chair of the IWG.


4. Next steps.

5. Other matters.