7th North-East Asia  
Multistakeholder Forum on Sustainable Development Goals 2023  
20-22 November 2023, Beijing, China

PROGRAMME

Background

The 7th North-East Asia Multistakeholder Forum on SDGs is organized under the theme “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific”. The forum sessions will discuss the goals in focus for 2023: no poverty (SDG1), zero hunger (SDG2), climate action (SDG13), and peace, justice and strong institution (SDG16). Also, there are dedicated sessions highlighting countries’ national progress in their SDG implementation and voluntary national reviews as well as on revitalizing partnerships for sustainable development (SDG17).

Forum page: https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/7th-north-east-asia-multistakeholder-forum-sustainable-development-goals-2023

Session Format

Sessions on the goals in focus (SDGs 1, 2, 13, and 16) will have the following structure:

a. presentation on the subregional snapshot of the goal in focus;  
b. presentation of a country experience;  
c. moderated interactive discussions among presenters and panelists on the issues highlighted in the presentations, drawing insights from panelists’ own country experiences and/or sector expertise; and  
d. interactive Q&A with audience to conclude each session.

Parallel break-out sessions will further substantiate the dedicated sessions on the goals in focus by highlighting nexus linking the goals in focus. This approach aims to facilitate identifying priority actions in the subregion addressing interlinked challenges. Break-out session rapporteurs will report the discussion highlights back at plenary prior to the closing session.
## 20 November (Monday): Day 1

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| 09:30 – 12:00 | Issues of Food Accessibility for the Poor in the NEA sub-region under the Era of Climate Risk  
*Organizers: Korea SDGs Network, Mongolian CSOs for the SDGs, Coalition for Sustainable Development of Russia, Center for International Knowledge on Development* |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch                                                                 |
| 13:00 – 18:00 | Civil Society Forum for the 2023 NEA Multi-Stakeholder Forum on SDGs  
*Organizer: Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (APRCEM) ENEA Sub-regional Group* |

## 21 November (Tuesday): Day 2

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Opening**  
- Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana (Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP) [video message]  
- Dr. Jiang Xiheng (Director-General, International Cooperation Department, Development Research Center of the State Council)  
- Keynote Speech: Dr. Zhao Zhongxiu (University President, University of International Business and Economics)  
- Launch: *China’s Progress Report on Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 2023* (Dr. Wang Jinzhao, Executive Vice-President, Center for International Knowledge on Development)  
- Group Photo |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | **Session 1 – Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in North-East Asia and Voluntary National Review (VNR)**  
*Moderator: Ms. LI Yutong (Head, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization)* |
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| 11:15 – 12:45 [90 mins] | **Session 2 – No poverty (Goal 1): End poverty in all its forms everywhere**  
**Moderator: Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP**  
**Presentations:**  
- Subregional snapshot: Mr. Oleksiy Ivaschenko (Senior Social Protection & Jobs Specialist, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Asian Development Bank) [online]  |

- SDG progress: Subregional snapshot – Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav  
  (Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office)  

- SDG progress: National and VNRs  
  Counselor, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China  
  Mr. Baasankhuu Purev (Deputy Director-General of the Department of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia)  
  Ms. Jeehwang Kim (Counselor, Embassy of Republic of Korea to China)  

- SDG progress: Multistakeholders’ perspectives  
  - CSOs: Ms. Urantsooj Gombosuren (Chairperson/ General Coordinator, Centre for Human Rights and Development/Mongolian CSOs network on the SDGs)  
  - Youth: Mr. Dong-ryul Kang (SDSN Korea) [online]
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**Moderator: Ms. Jiang Han (Head of Domestic Program, UN World Food Programme)**

- Presentations:
  - Subregional snapshot: Mr. Zhang Zhongjun (Officer-in-Charge, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)
  - Russian Federation’s experience: Mr. Egor Alimov (Assistant to Permanent Representative of Russia to ESCAP, Russian Embassy in Thailand)

- Moderated interactive discussions: Panelists
  - Dr. Han Yang (Research Fellow, Research Department of Rural Economy, Development Research Center of the State Council)
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<td>- Subregional snapshot: Mr. Sudhir Sharma (UN Environment Programme) [online]</td>
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<td>- Dr. Li Jifeng (Director and Research Fellow, Research Institute of Resources and Environment Policies, Development Research Center)</td>
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<td>- Mr. YAO Chunsheng (GEF Portfolio Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)</td>
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- Ms. Soomin Hwang (Researcher, Energy Transition Forum)

* Short intervention: Mr. Cholho Ri (Counsellor, Embassy of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Beijing)

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| 17:15 – 18:45 [90 mins] | Session 5 – Peace, justice and strong institution (Goal 16): Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels  
  * Moderator: Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav (Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office)  
  * Presentations:  
    - Subregional snapshot: Ms. Aparna Basnyat (Senior Research and Policy Adviser, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre) & Ms. Mariana Neves (Governance Statistics Specialist, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre) [online]  
    - Mongolia’s experience: Ms. G. Enkhtuya (First Secretary of the Department of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia)  
  * Moderated interactive discussions: Panelists  
    - Mr. Francis Daehoon Lee (Director, Trans-Education for Peace Institute (TEPI) of PEACEMOMO)  
    - Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund (Governance and Public Administration Expert, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)/DPIDG/DESA)  
  * Short intervention: Mr. Cholho Ri (Counsellor, Embassy of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Beijing)  
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<td>- SDG Summit – Key messages and actions for the subregion: Ms. Juliet Nicole Braslow (Sustainable Development Officer, Section on Sustainable Development and Countries in Special Situations, ESCAP)</td>
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<td>- Role of multistakeholders (CSOs, youth, private sector, etc.) in accelerating SDG implementation</td>
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<td>- Private sector: Ms. Xu Xiaoling (Economics &amp; Technology Research Institute, China National Petroleum Corporation)</td>
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<td>- Partnerships, practices, innovative solutions on SDG delivery</td>
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<td>- Integrating disability, gender, ageing, LNOB in SDG implementation and monitoring: Ms. Cai Cai (Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP)</td>
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<td>The break-out sessions will focus on interconnected themes across the goals in focus to identify priority actions of the subregion. Possible topics are:</td>
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a. **Climate change-poverty-food security nexus**

  Rapporteurs:

  Mr. Aghasi Harutyunyan (Deputy Director - Liaison Officer, FAO Liaison Office for the Russian Federation)

  Ms. Taimu Fujita (Global Health Project Coordinator, Africa Japan Forum) [online]

b. **Strong institutions, governance, and partnerships for SDG implementation (Venue: C101)**

  Rapporteurs:

  Ms. Juliet Nicole Braslow (Sustainable Development Officer, Section on Sustainable Development and Countries in Special Situations, ESCAP)
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<td>Closing – Key messages, priority actions and reflections</td>
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<td>- Reflections and statements from stakeholders (e.g., CSOs, youth, private sector, etc.)</td>
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