

8th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

23-26 March 2021

PROGRAMME

MARCH 23	
AGENDA ITEM 1 Opening statements, Election of officers, Adoption of the agenda	
10:30-11:00	OPENING OF THE FORUM
	FORMAT: <i>Interventions (KUDO and in person)</i>
	<p>Address by the Vice Chair of the 7th APFSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Ms. Rosemarie Edillon, Undersecretary for Policy and Planning National Economic and Development Authority, The Philippines <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP <p>Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations <p>Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS. Wanun Permpibul, Climate Watch Thailand, CSO representative
	Election of the Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda
AGENDA ITEM 2 Regional perspectives on accelerating progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
11:00-12:30	Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in Asia and the Pacific
	FORMAT: <i>Pre-recorded panel & Country and stakeholders' statements (KUDO)</i>
11:00-11:30	<p>Youth dialogue on the APFSD/HLPF theme: "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in Asia and the Pacific" moderated by Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</p> <p>Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development of the Asian Development Bank
11:30-12:30	Country and stakeholders' statements
13:00-14:00	Launch of the SDG Partnership report
12:30-14:30	Break and side events
14:30-16:30	Review of regional progress on SDGs
	FORMAT: <i>Presentation & Country and stakeholders' statements (KUDO)</i>

14:30-14:45	<p>Presentation from the Secretariat on Progress on implementation of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP</p>
14:45-16:30	Country and stakeholders' Statements
MARCH 24	
AGENDA ITEM 2 Regional perspectives on accelerating progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
10:00-16:00	<p>Review of regional progress on SDGs</p> <p><i>FORMAT: Parallel roundtables (Zoom)</i></p>
10:00-12:00	<p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 1</p> <p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 8</p> <p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 16</p>
12:00-14:00	<p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2</p> <p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 10</p> <p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 12</p>
14:00-16:00	<p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 3</p> <p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 13</p> <p>Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 17</p>
MARCH 25	
AGENDA ITEM 3 Linking national, regional, and global dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
09:00-10:00	<p>The UN acting as one on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><i>FORMAT: UN system-wide regional reporting; launch of the Knowledge Management Hub & Country and stakeholders statements (KUDO and in person)</i></p>
09:00-09:20	<p>Presentation by the United Nations development system Asia-Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific <p>Official launch the UN Knowledge Management Hub for Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video
09:20-10:00	Country and stakeholders' statements
10:00-11:00	<p>Review of regional progress on SDGs</p> <p><i>FORMAT: Reporting from SDG roundtables & country and stakeholders statements (KUDO)</i></p>
10:00-10:30	<p>Reporting from the Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapporteur SDG 1, Mr. Monirul Islam Mohammed, Joint Secretary (SDGs), Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh Rapporteur SDG 2, Ms. Melissa Mokhtar, Environment and Natural Resources Economic Division, Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteur SDG 3, Mr. Wei Jiea Leong, Second Secretary, Embassy of Malaysia in Thailand • Rapporteur SDG 8, Ms. Karina Perida-Trayvilla, Director, Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns, Department of Labor and Employment, the Philippines • Rapporteur SDG 10, Ms. Saritha Ranatunga, Second Secretary, Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Thailand • Rapporteur SDG 12, Mr. Noer Adi Wardojo, Director of Environmental and Forestry Standardization, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia • Rapporteur SDG 13, Mr. Irfan Tariq, Director General, Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan • Rapporteur SDG 16, Ms. Huda Ali Shareef, Permanent Representative to ESCAP, Embassy of the Maldives to Thailand, Maldives • Rapporteur SDG 17, Ms. Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa
10:30-11:00	Country and stakeholders' statements
11:00-14:00	Break and side events
14:00-16:00	Strengthening follow-up and review to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda
	FORMAT: Interactive panel & Country and stakeholders statements (KUDO)
14:00-15:00	<p>Panel featuring 2021 reporting countries on "National progress and achievements with respect to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"</p> <p>First set of intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Vivi Yulaswati Expert of the Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia Indonesia <p>Discussant: Najat Maalla, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children</p> <p>Second set of interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Che Kodir Baharum, Director, Environment and Natural Resources Economic Division, Economic Planning Unit of Malaysia <p>Discussant: Mr. Rup Sunar, Executive Head of Dignity Initiatives</p> <p>Third set of interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Morita Atsushi, Deputy Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan <p>Discussant: Catherine Haswell, UN Resident Coordinator, Maldives</p> <p>Fourth set of interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phurba Phurba, Sr. Planning Officer, Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan <p>Discussant: Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)</p>

	<p>Fifth set of interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Wanalee Lohpechra, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand <p>Discussant: Toily Kurbanov, UNV Executive Coordinator</p> <p>Sixth set of interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Kino Kabua, Chief Secretary, Marshall Islands <p>Discussant: Shiddarth Chatterje, UN Resident Coordinator, China</p>
15:00-15:55	Country and stakeholders' statements
AGENDA ITEM 4 Other Matters	
15:55-16:00	Others
MARCH 26	
10:30-12:30	<p>High Level Event “Looking forward together to build back better”</p> <p>FORMAT: High level Panel (MS Teams)</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Fidelis Magalhaes, Minister of the Presidency of Council of Ministers, Timor-Leste</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Casten N Nemra, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. H.E. Mereseini Rakuita Vuniwaqa, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Government of the Republic of Fiji H.E. Ms. Rosemarie Edillon, Undersecretary, Planning and Policy, National Economic Development Authority, Philippines Ambassador Ken O’Flaherty, COP26 Ambassador for Asia-Pacific and South Asia (by video) Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Prof. Naoko Ishii, CEO and current Director, Center for Global Commons, University of Tokyo Mr. Yasuo Takahashi, Executive Director of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
12:30-14:30	Break and side events
AGENDA ITEM 5 Review and adoption of the draft report of the Forum	
14:30-15:00	<p>Review and adoption of the report</p> <p>FORMAT: (KUDO)</p>
AGENDA ITEM 6 Closing of the Forum	
15:00-15:30	CLOSING