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## 10<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development 27-30 March 2023

*United Nations Conference Centre - Bangkok, Thailand*

<b>Voluntary National Review Learning and Networking Event</b>
<b>Venue:</b> TBC
<b>Time:</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023: 17:00-18:00
<b>Participants:</b> It is an invitation-only event
<b>Organizers:</b> UN ESCAP <a href="https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/apfsd10-associated-and-pre-events">https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/apfsd10-associated-and-pre-events</a>

### Background

The Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD) is an annual, inclusive intergovernmental forum to support follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the regional level. The 10<sup>th</sup> APFSD runs from 27-30 March 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The 2030 Agenda encourages member states to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress through voluntary national reviews (VNRs). The APFSD provides an opportunity to share regional perspectives and good practice and support the presentation of voluntary national reviews at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2023.

The VNR session at the Forum aims to strengthen VNR preparation through identifying regional commonalities and lessons learned from reviews undertaken so far. Furthermore, the session will facilitate the exchange of good practice and lessons on how member States are utilizing the VNR process to strengthen evidence-based policy on the SDGs.

### The event

This learning and networking event is an opportunity for countries presenting their Voluntary National Review in 2023 to meet, network, and share good practice in their VNR preparations. The event will also provide an opportunity for participants speaking in the



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VNR session at the APFSD to be briefed on the logistics and preparations for the session and to meet the facilitators and other panelists.

<b>Draft Programme</b>		
<b>Voluntary National Review Learning and Networking Event</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>	UN ESCAP (tbc)	<b>17:00-17:05</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	Overview of networking event and introductions	<b>17.05-17.15</b>
<b>Briefing on VNR session</b>	Caitlin Porter Senior VNR Advisor, UN ESCAP	<b>17.15- 17.35</b>
<b>Exchange of good practice</b>	Plenary discussion on good practice examples from VNR preparations	<b>17.35-17.55</b>
<b>Thank you and closing</b>	UN ESCAP (tbc)	<b>17.55 -18.00</b>

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