CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SIDE EVENTS

AT THE 5th SESSION OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Background

The Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) is now a fully recognized part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) follow up and review process and institutionalized as part of the ESCAP commission structure. As an annual inclusive and intergovernmental forum, the APFSD supports the region in preparations for the global High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) by enhancing capacity, capturing and sharing regional perspectives and supporting the review of progress toward implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In line with resolution 73/1, the 5th Session of the Forum will support follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level through (i) assessing progress and providing opportunities for peer-learning related to the theme and goals that will be reviewed at the High-level Political Forum in 2018; (ii) supporting the presentation of Voluntary National Reviews; and (iii) undertaking a review of progress of the road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

As requested through resolution 73/1, the theme of the 5th session of the APFSD is aligned with the theme of the 2018 HLPF:“Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies” and will support an in-depth review of cluster of goals 6 - Clean water and sanitation; 7 - Affordable and clean energy; 11 - Sustainable cities and communities; 12 - Responsible consumption and production; 15 - Life on land; Furthermore, goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development is to be considered each year.

The 5th session of the APFSD will be organized from March 28-30, 2018 at the UNCC in Bangkok and will be preceded by a Stakeholder Forum and additional events from March 25-27, 2018.

Call for proposals:

This call for proposals for side events is inviting interested member States, UN partners and international organizations to submit concept notes using the attached form by 16th February 2018. According to the past practices, proposals submitted by two and more partners on innovative and original perspectives on the theme of the 5th session of the APFSD - “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in Asia and the Pacific” or on one and more of the SDGs under review would be given preference.

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1 In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/299 “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”
[Title of the Side Event]

Venue: UNCC [Meeting Room to be assigned by the APFSD Secretariat]

Date: 28-30 March 2018

Time: The side events will last a maximum of 1 ½ hours and be organized during the following time slots:

- 28 March between 12:00 to 13:30;
- 29 March between 12:00 to 13:30;
- 30 March between 09:00 to 10:30; 10:30 to 12:00; 12:00 to 13:30.

Timeslots will be assigned by the APFSD secretariat considering the preference expressed by the side events’ organizers. (Please indicate your top 3 time-slots priorities)

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Organizers: [In view of the high demand for side events and limited number of slots available, side events organized by an Asia-Pacific member State or by three and more partners would be given a priority]

[Please describe the scope of the side event and its relevance to the overall theme of the APFSD and/or the 2018 HLPF cluster of SDGs.]

Scope

[Please provide a short write-up describing the scope of the side event with explicit focus on fostering partnerships and engagement of civil society and wider stakeholder groups]

Key Questions

The key questions to be discussed in this side event are [provide 3-4 key messages that will be embedded in the side event discussions]:

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Modality of the Side Event

- Moderated discussion
- Presentation with Q&A session
- TED-talk
- Networking cocktail

Provision of refreshments/reception: YES NO