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### Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

#### I. Provisional agenda

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#### II. Annotations

##### 1. Opening of the Forum

###### (a) Opening statements

The programme for the Forum will be available online at [www.unescap.org/events/apfsd6/](http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd6/).

###### (b) Election of officers

The list of participants will be available online at [www.unescap.org/events/apfsd6/](http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd6/).

The Forum will elect a chair and vice-chairs.

(c) **Adoption of the agenda**

**Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/L.1/Rev.1)

**Annotation**

The Forum will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

**2. Regional perspectives on progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

**Documentation**

Empowering people for a more inclusive and equal Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/1)

Assessment of progress in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17 at the regional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/1)

Updates on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the subregional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/2)

**Annotation**

The purpose of this agenda item is to support regional dialogue on the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” and to facilitate a review of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality education), Goal 8 (Decent work and economic growth), Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities), Goal 13 (Climate action), Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) and discussing the voluntary national reviews.

Literature on empowerment, inclusion and equality underscores the intricate and reinforcing nature of the relationship between these three concepts and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and explicitly recognizes that empowerment and inclusion of vulnerable groups within social, economic, political and environmental realms provide a pathway to address inequality. Document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/1 contains information on how to unpack the key elements of an empowerment and inclusion approach for policymakers, describes the key elements within an analytical framework and applies an empowerment and inclusion approach to climate action.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/1 provides an update on progress on Sustainable Development Goals 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17. It also provides information on priorities for strengthening policy coherence in implementation efforts.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/2 reflects the major outcomes of a series of preparatory meetings for the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development that were organized to share perspectives on the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” and to discuss how the subregions can cooperate to assess progress on the cluster of Sustainable Development Goals that will be reviewed by the high-level political forum in 2019.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their views and experiences in respect to the theme and goals under in-depth review at the high-level political forum in 2019.

### **3. Linking national, regional and global dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

#### **Documentation**

Follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: global and regional perspectives (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/2)

Institutional mechanisms for Sustainable Development Goals coordination in Asia and the Pacific voluntary national reviews (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/3)

Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, progress report 2019 (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/4)

Stakeholder engagement in the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/5)

Progress on the road to sustainable development in the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/6)

#### **Annotation**

The discussions under this agenda item focus on national, subregional, regional and global dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/2 contains a discussion of different pillars of follow-up and review in the Asia-Pacific region, including voluntary national reviews, the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.<sup>1</sup>

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/3 contains a review of the voluntary national reviews conducted in the Asia-Pacific region and the main institutions and mechanisms established at the national level to coordinate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/4 presents information on progress made with regard to regional cooperation on the road map. The document contains an assessment of available data on the means of implementation. Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/5 contains a review of the role of multi-stakeholder participation, an important implementation strategy identified in the road map, in each of the priority areas for cooperation under the road map.

At the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting held in Samoa from 5 to 8 September 2017, the Pacific road map for sustainable development was adopted to guide and consolidate the region's efforts to implement and monitor the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, the SIDS

<sup>1</sup> E/ESCAP/73/31, annex II.

Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2019/INF/6 contains information on the progress made with regard to the Pacific road map.

In view of the planned review of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly, as called for in Assembly resolution 70/299, member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share ideas, based on the region's experiences, for strengthening national, regional and global dimensions of the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific.

Further guidance and renewed commitment for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the region will be sought with a view to contributing to the success of the high-level political forum in September 2019.

**4. Other matters**

Other matters raised by representatives and/or the secretariat will be considered under this agenda item.

**5. Review and adoption of the report of the Forum**

**Documentation**

Draft report (ESCAP/RFSD/2019/L.2)

**Annotation**

The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development will consider and adopt the report and the annexed Chair's summary, which will reflect the key points of the discussions and the recommendations on follow-up actions, for transmission by the Commission following its seventy-fifth session to the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in July 2019.

**6. Closing of the Forum**

Closing statements will be delivered.

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