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Annotated provisional agenda

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

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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/apfsd8/.

(b) Election of officers

The Forum will elect a chair and vice-chairs.

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/apfsd8/.

(c) **Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/L.1)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Forum, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

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

Documentation

Sustainable and resilient recovery from the coronavirus disease pandemic in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/1)

Progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific, 2021 (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/2)

Updates on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the subregional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/INF/1)

Assessment of progress on Sustainable Development Goals 1–3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 at the regional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/INF/2)

Annotation

The purpose of this agenda item is to support regional dialogue on the acceleration of action for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific in addition to the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at the national and regional levels. This agenda item contributes to a shared understanding of the gaps in implementation and highlights the opportunities for transformative action of taking a holistic approach.

In document ESCAP/RFSD/2021/1, the role of regional cooperation in the COVID-19 response to ensure that no country is left behind is presented and explored. The document contains an analysis of the impact of COVID-19 and country-level experiences in implementing policies and concludes with recommendations on key points of action for strengthening regional cooperation to increase countries' resilience to external shocks and enable them to accelerate progress to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2021/2 contains an update on progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific and the potential impact of COVID-19 on achievement.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2021/INF/1 contains subregional perspectives on the Forum's theme of sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in Asia and the Pacific and is based on deliberations held during a series of preparatory meetings for the Eighth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2021/INF/2 contains an update on progress on Sustainable Development Goals 1–3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17. It also includes information on priorities for strengthening policy coherence in implementation efforts.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community may wish to share their views and experiences in respect of the theme of the Forum.

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

Documentation

Reflections on second generation voluntary national reviews in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/3)

United in action: system-wide results of the United Nations development system at the regional level in Asia and the Pacific in 2020 (ESCAP/RFSD/2021/INF/3)

Annotation

The discussions under this agenda item will be focused on the national, regional and global dimensions of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific with a view to encouraging concrete commitments to accelerate efforts.

Document ESCAP/RFSD/2021/3 serves to highlight the added value of second generation voluntary national reviews in supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In order to facilitate peer learning at the Forum, the document includes examples of good practices in second generation reviews from the Asia-Pacific region.

Information document ESCAP/RFSD/2021/INF/3 contains highlights of some of the key regional results of the United Nations development system in Asia and the Pacific in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community may wish to share their views on opportunities for accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the region and express their commitment to supporting the decade of action for the Sustainable Development Goals.

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/2021/L.2)

Annotation

The Forum will consider and adopt the report. The Chair's summary, which will reflect the key points of the discussions and the recommendations on follow-up actions, will be annexed to the report. The report and the Chair's summary will be transmitted, by the Commission, following its seventy-seventh session, to the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in July 2021.

6. Closing of the Forum

Closing statements will be delivered.
