Side Event: Presentation of the Asia-Pacific Journal on Sustainable Development

Date: Tuesday 24 May 2022
Time: 16:15 to 17:15 pm, GMT+7 (Bangkok)
Venue: Online (Zoom/Youtube)

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Background

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has a history of publishing journals since the early 1950s. Among them, the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal (APSDJ) was launched in 2018 by merging ESCAP’s Asia Pacific Development Journal and Population Journal to better reflect changed global and regional focus on economic, social and environmental challenges in an integrated manner to achieve inclusive and sustainable development.

The Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal is published twice a year as a policy-oriented journal with objectives to stimulate and enrich research in the formulation of policy in the Asia-Pacific region towards the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With its newly constituted Advisory Board and Editorial Board established in early 2022, some major changes in editorial policies have been introduced with regard to the scope and objectives of the Journal, reflecting the commitment of ESCAP to the Countries in Special Situations, comprising the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, to capacity development and to the promotion of policy dialogues.

This year’s issue, Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal, vol. 29, No. 1, May 2022, includes a comprehensive survey of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region, highlighting the evidence-based impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on all aspects of societies and economies. The issue also includes research articles touching upon recent trends, key challenges and policies, ranging from macroeconomic policies for inclusive sustainable development to addressing future food security and climate change. Specifically, it presents a comprehensive, integrated framework for inclusive growth for the region, proposed fiscal policy approach to tackle inequality, unconventional monetary policy thinking, inclusion-innovation-stability tradeoffs in financial sector, potentials of central bank digital currency, mobile financial services, and impacts of climate variability on food production. Drawing from case studies and country experiences in the region, it also discusses the pragmatic measures that can be elevated from local practices to policy-level initiatives and taken up by Countries in Special Situations.

This side event will feature the key findings and recommendations of the current issue of the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal which will serve as a basis to provoke further discussion, policy dialogue and knowledge exchange among policymakers, academics, researchers and development practitioners on sustainable development issues in the region.
PROGRAMME

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INTRODUCTION by Managing Editor: **Dr. Anis Chowdhury**, Adjunct Professor, Western Sydney University, Australia

ADDRESSES by members of the Advisory Board:

- **Dr. Anne Booth**, Professor of Economics, SOAS University of London, United Kingdom
- **Dr. Roman Mogilevskii**, Associate Director and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Public Policy and Administration, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

PRESENTATION by select authors of the latest volume:

- “A Framework for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Asia and the Pacific” by **Dr. Valerie Cerra**, Assistant Director at the International Monetary Fund
- “Impact of climate change and variability on food security in the Asia-Pacific region” by **Dr. A.K.S. Huda**, Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Science, Western Sydney University, Australia
- “Mainstreaming SDGs in Indonesia: An Experience from Ministry of Development Planning 2016-2019” by **Dr. Bambang Brodjonegoro**, Former Minister of Finance, Minister of National Development Planning, and Minister of Research and Technology, Government of Indonesia

CLOSING REMARKS by Chief Editor **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Under-Secretary-General of United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

WRAP-UP (by the moderator)