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## Second Stakeholder Consultation for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference

### Achieving Climate Justice for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

Wednesday, 26 July 2023 (11:00-14:00 UTC+7) Online (Zoom)

### AGENDA (20 July 2023)

Time	Details
10:30-11:00	Participants join virtual meeting
11:00-11:30 30 mins	<b>Welcome and opening session</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Sai Racherla, ARROW, Malaysia (3 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keynote speech: Noelene Nabulivou, Diva for Equality, Fiji (15 minutes)</li> <li>Youth reflections: Ralph Ivan Samson, Y-Peer Philippines (5 minutes)</li> <li>Welcome: Sabine Henning, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, UN ESCAP (5 mins)</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants being allocated to working groups. Introduction to flow, working group topics and speakers. (2 minutes)</i></p>
11:30-12:10 40 mins	<b>Working groups – Round 1<sup>1</sup></b>  <b>Working group 1</b> <b>Topic: Climate Justice, Gender Equality and SRHR</b> <i>A climate justice framework considers social justice and equity dimensions in addressing the climate change crisis. Climate change, gender equality and SRHR are inter-linked and climate change has a serious and disproportionate impact especially on women and girls, particularly the poorest, and gender diverse persons. The climate crisis is contributing to negative health outcomes including sexual and reproductive health, negative impacts menstrual health and hygiene, and can contribute to a higher prevalence of child and forced marriage, especially for marginalized groups including “climate migrants”, displaced persons and refugees, and those living in climate change induced disaster zones, further exacerbating inequalities. This sub-theme will highlight the focus on climate justice issues from the frontlines and the way forward for a climate just Asia and the Pacific region.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator: Amit Timilsina, IPAS Nepal</li> <li>Resource person: Deepa Chandra, ARROW, Malaysia</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The same clusters of objectives will be discussed in round 1 and 2 of the consultation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapporteur: Tamani Rarama, Diva for Equality, Fiji</li> </ul> <p><b>Working group 2</b>  <b>Topic: Debunking myths around population and climate crises to achieve sexual and reproductive justice</b>  <i>This sub-theme will highlight and debunk myths around population and the climate crises. Arguments that controlling fertility is a solution to climate change are contrary to principles of sexual and reproductive justice. Sexual and reproductive justice can only be achieved when all people have the power and resources to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction. This sub-theme will discuss the way forward for an evidence-based advocacy towards a climate just and resilient Asia and the Pacific region with respect for and fulfillment of bodily autonomy for all. It will address other myths such as the claim that climate change is a futuristic problem and not a problem of the present and highlight false solutions to current discourse with climate change agenda.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Tahseen Ahmed, BUET-Japan Institute of Disaster Prevention and Urban Safety, and Sakiul Millat Morshed, SHISHUK, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Resource person: Cai Yiping, Development Alternative with Women for a New Era (DAWN) China</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Catherine Manangan, WGNRR, Philippines</li> </ul> <p><b>Working group 3</b>  <b>Topic: Inclusion and accountability in climate change action</b>  <i>This sub-theme will focus on those who are most impacted by climate change. Crisis-affected communities, including “climate migrants”, displaced persons and refugees, must be included in the design and implementation of humanitarian response to effectively address longer-term impacts. Climate action plans need to include investments in the health, education and empowerment of women and girls, LGBTBIQ, older persons, persons with disabilities, migrants and other marginalized groups that are the most affected by the climate crisis. It is crucial to address the accountability gaps including climate financing accountability, by all concerned stakeholders that are contributing to the climate crises including corporations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Debanjana Choudhury, Pratigya Campaign, India</li> <li>• Resource person: Ryan Figueirdo, Equal Asia Foundation, Thailand</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Bilal Ahmed, SPEAK Trust</li> </ul> <p><b>Working group 4</b>  <b>Topic: The climate crisis: disasters and risk reduction strategies</b>  <i>The Asia-Pacific region is one of the most natural disaster-prone regions in the world. Pandemics, disasters, and conflicts disproportionately impact marginalized communities with inequities manifesting as food and water shortages, loss of economic opportunities, lag and discontinuance of education including comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), barriers to access to health services, including SRHR, mental health and psychosocial services, and increased vulnerability to sexual and gender-based violence. A gender sensitive approach is needed, and young and older persons must be given a voice in planning, -prevention and disaster response along with strengthening individuals’ and communities’ resilience and capacity to adapt to the climate crisis.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Wanun Permpibul, Climate Watch Thailand</li> <li>• Resource person: Tariq Farman, Afghan Family Guidance Association</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Lady Lisondra, IPPF ESEAOR, Malaysia</li> </ul>
<b>12:10-12:50</b> <b>40 mins</b>	<p><b>Working groups – Round 2</b></p> <p>Working groups as above</p>
<b>12:50-13:10</b>	<b>Break</b>

<b>20 mins</b>	
<b>13:10-13:50 40 mins</b>	<b>Highlights, challenges and recommendations from the working groups</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Sai Racherla, ARROW, Malaysia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 1 (5 mins)</li> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 2 (5 mins)</li> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 3 (5 mins)</li> <li>• Rapporteur Working Group 4 (5 mins)</li> <li>• Q &amp; A (20 mins)</li> </ul>
<b>13:0-14:00 10 mins</b>	<b>Closing and next steps</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Sai Racherla, ARROW, Malaysia (3 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing: Madu Dissanayake, Regional Programme Specialist a.i., UNFPA APRO (5 mins)</li> </ul>

All working groups will address the following questions:

1. How are people in Asia and the Pacific, and in particular people in vulnerable situations, affected by climate change? What are the challenges?
2. Who is excluded from climate justice, gender justice and SRHR? How can one overcome exclusion and ensure that people in vulnerable situations and those faced with intersecting forms of discrimination are included and can participate meaningfully in climate justice, gender justice and SRHR
3. Are there any good practices and lessons learned in advancing climate justice in the region/nationally and in local context?
4. What should one recommend to achieve climate justice for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific be?