Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum
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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (sect. I) and the annotations thereto (sect. II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum:
   (a) Opening addresses;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.

2. Policy perspectives on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific.

3. Review of the work of the secretariat on energy since the third session of the Committee on Energy.

4. Other matters.

5. Adoption of the ministerial declaration on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific.


II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum
   (a) Opening addresses

   Opening addresses will be delivered by the Executive Secretary, other senior officials and government representatives.

   (b) Election of officers

   The participants in the Third Forum will elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs.
(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/APEF(3)/1/Rev.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/APEF(3)/1/Add.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

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

The list of participants and the programme for the Third Forum will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2023/APEF3.

2. Policy perspectives on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Closing the gap in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 in the Asia-Pacific region: ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (ESCAP/APEF(3)/2)

Enhancing cross-border power system connectivity to enable increased energy security and net-zero emissions (ESCAP/APEF(3)/3)

Financing clean energy transitions in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APEF(3)/4)

Closing the gap in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 in the Asia-Pacific region: ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (ESCAP/APEF(3)/2)

Annotation

The document contains information on the key issues emanating from the implementation of the ongoing programme of work of the secretariat. The preparation of the document was further informed by the outcomes of the meetings of the Expert Working Group on Universal Access to Modern Energy Services, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Use of Fossil Fuels and the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity.

The participants in the Third Forum may wish to provide their visions and strategies for ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

At a high-level panel on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific, the secretariat will invite ministers and eminent persons to share their visions for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7; their national strategies; the progress achieved since the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, held in 2018; and their aspirations for regional cooperation to support the energy transition.
Enhancing cross-border power system connectivity to enable increased energy security and net-zero emissions (ESCAP/APEF(3)/3)

Annotation

Employing power system connectivity, including energy trade and the cross-border integration of grids, is a key strategy to aid efforts to achieve a more secure, affordable and sustainable energy future. Most power system connectivity initiatives in the region, however, are bilateral in nature and small in scale, and their alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals is limited. Enhancing progress on cross-border power system integration to enable both increased energy security and sustainable development will require an increase in the development of cross-border power system infrastructure and in cross-border trade of electricity generated from renewable energy resources and other low-carbon sources. It is also important to consider the role of power system connectivity in enabling a secure and affordable energy transition in small island developing States.

The document contains information on key issues emanating from the implementation of the secretariat’s ongoing programme of work and the outcomes of the meetings of the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity.

The participants in the Third Forum may wish to discuss the progress achieved in power system connectivity since the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum and in the implementation of the initiatives laid out in the Regional Road Map on Power System Connectivity: Promoting Cross-border Electricity Connectivity for Sustainable Development, which was endorsed by States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-seventh session in 2021.

Financing clean energy transitions in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APEF(3)/4)

Annotation

The mobilization of investments in support of Sustainable Development Goal 7 is crucial if the Asia-Pacific region is to fulfil its climate ambitions. In order to achieve the region’s climate targets, it is vital to reduce the cost and increase the availability of financing for the deployment of clean energy technologies and the necessary infrastructure. The cost of capital can vary considerably by market and sector and depends on the energy policy frameworks in place and the level of financial system development. Member States can support the mobilization of finance for clean energy transitions by reducing investment barriers and enhancing the risk-return profile for projects, complemented by the use of catalytic financial tools. Improving access to finance, in particular for underserved markets and technologies, requires the development of enabling policy environments that are comprehensive, cohesive and predictable, with coordination among various government entities and active engagement with the private sector and financial market participants.

The document includes priorities and opportunities to guide member States in financing, in partnership with other stakeholders, clean energy transitions in line with national commitments.
The participants in the Third Forum may wish to review the findings and recommendations contained in the document and provide guidance on the future work of the secretariat.

3. **Review of the work of the secretariat on energy since the third session of the Committee on Energy**

**Documentation**

Review of the work of the secretariat on energy since the third session of the Committee on Energy (ESCAP/APEF(3)/5)

**Annotation**


The participants in the Third Forum may wish to provide guidance on the focus of the short- and long-term work on energy of the secretariat, taking into account the deliverables of the subprogramme.

4. **Other matters**

The participants in the Third Forum may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

5. **Adoption of the ministerial declaration on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

Ministerial Declaration on Building a Secure, Sustainable and Interconnected Energy Future for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APEF(3)/L.2)

**Annotation**

The participants in the Third Forum may wish to consider and adopt the Ministerial Declaration on Building a Secure, Sustainable and Interconnected Energy Future for Asia and the Pacific for submission to the Commission at its eightieth session.

6. **Adoption of the report on the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum**

**Documentation**

Draft report (ESCAP/APEF(3)/L.1)

**Annotation**

The participants in the Third Forum will consider and adopt the report, which will be submitted to the Commission at its eightieth session.