Annotated provisional agenda

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

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Eleventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development:
   (a) Opening addresses;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.

2. Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific.

3. Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through voluntary national reviews.

4. Review of regional progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and opportunities for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals:
   (a) Progress towards the achievement of Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17 at the regional level;
   (b) Implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the subregional level;
   (c) Reporting on system-wide results of the United Nations at the regional level in Asia and the Pacific in support of the 2030 Agenda.

5. Other matters.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Eleventh Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

   (a) Opening addresses

       Opening addresses will be delivered by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), other senior officials, government representatives and stakeholder representatives.

   (b) Election of officers

       The participants in the Eleventh Forum will elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

   (c) Adoption of the agenda

       Documentation

       Provisional agenda (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/1)

       Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/1/Add.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 Eleventh Forum will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/apfsd11.

2. Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific

       Documentation

       Addressing the interlinked challenges of climate change, poverty and hunger in times of multiple crises in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/2)

       Summary of the Asia and the Pacific Sustainable Development Goals progress report 2024 (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/3)

       Annotation

       The 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, which was held in New York on 19 and 20 September 2023, marked the midpoint in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and was an opportunity to comprehensively review progress and provide political guidance for accelerating the achievement of the Goals during the period until 2030. The Eleventh Forum will provide a platform to identify regional priorities following the Summit.

       Guided by the overall theme of the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development, “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”, the participants in the Eleventh Forum will review the interlinkages between climate change,
poverty and hunger, specifically focusing on the compounding impacts of climate change on poverty and hunger, which are pushing impoverished and vulnerable groups even further behind and setting back progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

In its note on addressing the interlinked challenges of climate change, poverty and hunger in times of multiple crises in Asia and the Pacific, the secretariat examines the interlinked and compounding factors through which climate change exacerbates poverty and hunger, framing the need for and the opportunities underlying green and inclusive transitions. It provides information on good practices and solutions to the poverty-, climate- and hunger-related challenges confronting the region and identifies key actions, policy recommendations and pathways for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The summary of the Asia and the Pacific Sustainable Development Goals progress report 2024 contains an update on progress made towards the achievement of the Goals in Asia and the Pacific. It also contains a review of priorities and persistent data gaps, provides links to six transformative pathways of collective action (energy compacts, biodiversity and nature, education transformation, social protection and jobs, food systems, and digital public infrastructure) and shines a spotlight on countries that have made progress and demonstrated commitment to these pathways.

The participants in the Eleventh Forum are invited to provide guidance on how to accelerate progress towards the achievement of the Goals and deliver sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions. They are also invited to identify key actions for follow-up from the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit and in preparation for the 2024 Summit of the Future.

3. Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through voluntary national reviews

Documentation

Strengthening policy coherence through voluntary national reviews to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/4)

Annotation

Voluntary national reviews can strengthen evidence-based policymaking and policy coherence at the national and subnational levels. As the cornerstone of national follow-up and review processes, voluntary national reviews will serve as the basis for deliberations at the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council to be held in New York from 8 to 17 July 2024. As stipulated in the 2030 Agenda, the reviews are voluntary, State-led and undertaken by both developed and developing countries, and involve multiple stakeholders. Almost all ESCAP member States in Asia and the Pacific have prepared at least one review.

The document contains an examination of the linkages between the voluntary national reviews and other national and subnational development objectives, including those specifically related to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States. It provides information on how voluntary national reviews can support countries in ensuring policy coherence and integration at the horizontal and vertical
levels, and how the use of data analysis tools and improvements to monitoring systems can strengthen the analysis and utilization of data in policymaking and planning.

The participants in the Eleventh Forum are invited to provide guidance on ways to strengthen further the use of voluntary national reviews in development planning and to evaluate progress and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

4. **Review of regional progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and opportunities for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**

(a) **Progress towards the achievement of Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17 at the regional level**

**Documentation**

Progress towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17 at the regional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/INF/1)

**Annotation**

Discussions will focus on the Sustainable Development Goals under review at the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development: Goal 1 (No poverty), Goal 2 (Zero hunger), Goal 13 (Climate action), Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The secretariat will provide an update on regional progress towards the achievement of the Goals under review and highlight opportunities and priority areas for accelerated action.

The participants in the Eleventh Forum are invited to provide guidance on opportunities and priority areas for accelerated action towards the achievement of the Goals under review.

(b) **Implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the subregional level**

**Documentation**

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the subregional level (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/5)

**Annotation**

Discussions will focus on the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific, highlighting different subregional approaches, including subregional priority actions towards eradicating poverty and the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.

The document provides some of the perspectives shared at the subregional forums organized in 2023 on the theme of the Eleventh Forum and on the Sustainable Development Goals under review at the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development.

The participants in the Eleventh Forum are invited to provide guidance on opportunities for accelerated action at the subregional level towards the achievement of the Goals.
(c) Reporting on system-wide results of the United Nations at the regional level in Asia and the Pacific in support of the 2030 Agenda

Discussions will focus on system-wide actions taken and results achieved at the regional level through the Regional Collaborative Platform for Asia and the Pacific in 2023, including actions taken by issue-based coalitions established under the platform.

The participants in the Eleventh Forum are invited to provide guidance on how the United Nations can, at the regional level, further support and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda during the period until 2030.

5. Other matters

The participants in the Eleventh Forum may wish to consider other matters brought to their attention.

6. Adoption of the report on the Eleventh Forum

Documentation

Draft report (ESCAP/RFSD/2024/L.1)

Annotation

The participants in the Eleventh Forum will consider and adopt the report, including the Chair’s summary of discussions and recommendations, which will be transmitted by ESCAP to the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development.

A non-negotiated summary of the round tables on the Sustainable Development Goals under review in 2024 will be prepared by the secretariat, circulated after the conclusion of the Eleventh Forum for factual corrections and issued as an addendum to the report.