COP28 UNEP Pavilion Side Event

NDC commitment and emission gaps towards net-zero climate resilient development in Asia and the Pacific

Date: Friday, 8 December 2023
Time: 17:00-18:00 (GMT+4)
Venue: UNEP Pavilion, Blue Zone, Opportunity Petal, Thematic Arena Four - For Nature, TA4 - 100, EXPO Dubai
Livestream: https://youtu.be/oocAGJzrCF0
Co-organizers: UNESCAP and UNEP, as co-chairs of the Issues Based Coalition on Raising Climate ambition of the UN Regional Collaboration Platform for Asia-Pacific, and UNFCCC/RCC Asia-Pacific

Introduction

In Asia and the Pacific, 39 countries have made carbon-neutrality pledges, 23 of which have developed long-term low emissions development strategies, and many countries have also increased their midterm targets towards 2030. Despite this progress, the overall ambition to reduce emissions falls short to deliver on the desired 1.5°C pathway, and even not sufficient to contain warming within 2°C by 2030.

The recently released 2023 Review of Climate Ambition in Asia and the Pacific: Just transition towards regional net-zero climate resilient development, developed jointly by ESCAP, UNEP, UNFCCC/RCC Asia-Pacific, ILO, UN Women and UNIDO, and the members of the Issues-Based Coalition for Raising Climate Ambition of the Regional Collaboration Platform for Asia and the Pacific members, provides analysis and recommendations for Asia-Pacific member States to set more ambitious NDC commitments to support the race to net-zero, pursue new and innovative approaches to both mitigation and adaptation, and increase investments in the restoration and enhancement of terrestrial, coastal, and marine ecosystems to leverage nature-based solutions.

Those recommendations were developed based on the sixth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Climate Change 2023: Synthesis Report, and the recommended mitigation pathways to limit warming to 1.5°C.

This side event will learn about the findings of the 2023 Review report and will discuss opportunities for raising the ambition in the second NDC update cycle (2024-2025) and in several sectors. Credible initiatives that can effectively contribute to bridging emissions and implementation gaps through just transition would be shared.
## Programme

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| 17:00-17:15  | **Moderator:** Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP  
**Opening Session**  
Short video based on the findings and recommendations of the 2023 Review of Climate Ambition in Asia and the Pacific  
**Setting the scene** by Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) |
| 17:15-17:40  | **Panel Discussion on opportunities for enhancing ambition of NDCs during the second review cycle (2024-2025)**  
Governments and other stakeholders are invited to participate in this panel discussion to share their experience and lessons learned in the development and implementation of decarbonizing transport policies and measures that will improve gender equality at the same time.  
**Speakers:**  
- Ms Analiza Rebulata-The, Undersecretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, The Philippines  
- Ms. Shagdarsuren Tserendulam, Director General of the Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia  
- Ministry of Climate Change, Maldives  
- Ms. Ané Coetzee, Youth Climate Delegate, Australia  
- Ms. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative, UNEP Asia and the Pacific Office |
| 17:40-17:55  | **Questions and Answers Session** |
| 17:55-18:00  | **Closing by Moderator**  
- Key discussion outputs |
Maps and Access

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