**SDG Acceleration Pavilion Exhibition** at the 11th Asia-Pacific 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 in Asia and the Pacific”*

**Venue:** 1st and 2nd Floor, United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand  
**Date:** Tuesday February 20 – Friday 23 February 2024

**APFSD11 Event Background**

The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) is an annual, inclusive intergovernmental forum on sustainable development and serves as a regional platform to inform, empower, and support countries (especially small island developing states as well as least developing and landlocked developing countries) in the Asia-Pacific region in their progressive efforts towards realising the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets set out by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Forum provides a regional perspective on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by identifying regional trends, and sharing good practices and lessons learned. By convening United Nations system bodies, member States international organisations, civil society, and other stakeholders, the APFSD supports follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the regional level. The reflections provided during the Forum will inform the 2023 High-level political forum in New York, which reviews sustainable development progress at the global level.

The theme of the 11th APFSD is aligned with the theme of the 2024 HLPF: “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” and will support an in-depth review of cluster of Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 1 (No Poverty); SDG 2 (Zero Hunger); SDG 13 (Climate Action); SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions); and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The 11th APFSD will be organized from 20-23 February 2024 at the UNCC building in Bangkok, Thailand.
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Objective
The objective of the SDG Acceleration Pavilion is to provide an informal space for member States, civil society, UN agencies and other stakeholders to share good practices for integrated and inclusive approaches for accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SDG Acceleration Pavilion will take place from 20-23 February 2024 during the 11th annual Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) and provides an opportunity to network, share and create or strengthen partnerships with other stakeholders from the region participating in the APFSD who are also committed to the progress of sustainable development.

How does it work?
Participants in the SDG Acceleration Pavilion are invited to share their knowledge products, audio-visual materials, and other means of information-sharing (in addition to posters and digital leaflets and publications) at designated booths in the exhibition venue in the ESCAP UNCC building, as well as during side events and networking sessions taking place during the 11th APFSD. We strongly encourage creative, interactive, and engaging exhibit proposals that showcase unique tools, innovations, and solutions for accelerating SDG implementation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Who can exhibit?
ESCAP welcomes the participation of all ESCAP Member States, UN agencies, international organisations and representatives from major groups, and other stakeholders1 from the region whose work is related to one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals. To promote inclusivity and diversity, ESCAP will review and select exhibit proposals based on a balance of country, gender, constituency, and area of work. As such, we highly encourage persons or organisations whose work relates to, or is led by, those from underrepresented ESCAP member States, youth, persons with disabilities, women, LGBTQ+, indigenous peoples, farmers, and other groups to apply. Please note that Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) aiming to exhibit must also be participating in the People’s Forum, an associated APFSD event.

Get Involved
To join the SDG Acceleration Pavilion, kindly indicate your interest in exhibiting by filling out this application form by 07 November 2023.

Questions?
Please contact Symone McCollin-Norris at symone.mccollin-norris@un.org

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1 Includes organizations for children and youth, women, indigenous peoples, farmers and fisherfolk, business and industry, scientific and technological community, workers and trade unions, persons with disabilities, ageing and the elderly, volunteers, local authorities, education and academic, urban poor, and other organizations.
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is sponsorship available to exhibitors?**
   While ESCAP cannot provide sponsorship for visa, travel, or other expenses to exhibiting partners, ESCAP can provide a standard exhibition booth at the request of the exhibitors free of charge. This standard exhibition booth includes two 1x2m panels, two chairs, and one desk.

2. **My organisation is unable to travel to Bangkok, Thailand. Are there other ways we can engage?**
   If you or your organisation is unable to come to the UNCC and participate in the SDG Acceleration Pavilion in person, ESCAP has organised a Virtual Exhibition space. For more details, please visit the [Call for the Virtual Exhibition](#).

3. **Does ESCAP provide printing services?**
   There are no printing facilities at the UNCC premises. Additionally, in efforts to promote a ‘greener’ APFSD, exhibitors are encouraged to bring paperless exhibition materials to display in the booth space provided.

4. **Do you have tips for successful proposals?**
   Several criteria will be assessed during the review and selection process of proposals for the SDG Acceleration Pavilion. Proposals should be from the Asia-Pacific region and aim to address at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals. Proposals from outside the Asia-Pacific region or those that are not clearly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals may not be selected. Priority will be given to proposals that address one or more of the SDGs under review.

   Proposals from organisations or individuals from underrepresented ESCAP member States, youth, persons with disabilities, women, LGBTQ+, Indigenous peoples, and farmers or fisherfolk will also be prioritised.

   Please note that the APFSD is strictly non-commercial. We ask that proposals for the SDG Acceleration Pavilion refrain from selling a product or service.

5. **When will I be notified of the selection?**
   The selection committee will review applications for the SDG Acceleration Pavilion on a rolling basis and expect to make a final selection in December. Due to a high volume of interest, only successful applicants will be notified.

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