## United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

**Asia-Pacific Regional Commemoration of International Women’s Day 2024 (IWD 2024)**

‘Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress’

Friday, 8 March 2024, 10:00AM – 11:30AM (UTC+7)

**Tentative Programme**

**Venue:** UN Conference Centre, Conference Room 1, Bangkok, and Zoom

**Event Mode:** Hybrid participation (in-person and virtual participation)

**Online Platform:** Please register to receive the Zoom link

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| 09.30 AM– 10.00 AM | • Registration for in-person participants  
|             | • Logging in and technology set up for virtual participants               |
| 10.00 AM– 10.20 AM | **Opening Remarks**  
|             | • Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General (recorded message)  
|             | • Ms. Lin Yang, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)  
|             | • Ms. Sarah Knibbs, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
|             | • H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia (recorded message)  |
| 10.20 AM– 10.45 AM | **Presentation on Initiative of “Ambassadors for a Day Competition”**  
|             | **Moderator:**  
|             | • Ms. Gita Sabharwal, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand  
|             | **Speakers:**  
|             | • H.E. Ms. Millicent Cruz Paredes, Ambassador of the Philippines to Thailand and Permanent Representative to ESCAP  
|             | • Ms. Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Pheu Thai Party Leader and Chair of the National Soft Power Strategy Committee, Thailand  
|             | • Ms. Cataleya Phaotoomros, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand  
|             | • Mr. Thepparith Devahasdin Na Ayuthia and Ms. Kwanchanok Phaka-akaralertkul, Youth representatives participating in “Ambassadors for a Day” initiative  
|             | • Interactive engagement with Ambassadors  
|             | • Video montage of winners under the initiative                            |
| 10.45 AM– 11.30 AM | **Interactive Dialogue**  
|             | **Moderator:**  
|             | • Ms. Cindy Bishop, Regional UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Asia and the Pacific  
|             | **Panellists:**  
<p>|             | • Ms. Kate Lazarus, Senior Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory Lead for Asia Pacific, International Finance Corporation |</p>
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<td>Reception at the UN Conference Centre for in-person participants</td>
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