



ESCAP Sustainable Business Network

ESBN Monthly Update

January 2022

Dear ESNB members,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all ESNB members a happy New Year. Despite the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic and the resurgence in covid-19 cases, the hope is that efforts aimed at building back better and greener from the Covid-19 pandemic make 2022 a year of recovery for everyone, and contribute to a sustainable, inclusive and resilient Asia Pacific. We look forward to continuing to engage with the ESNB community in this journey.

ESBN news and updates

ESBN members who earlier joined in a personal capacity are kindly reminded to convert to corporate membership as soon as possible, by submitting the commitment form shared earlier, and to become signatories of the UN Global Compact. Please contact the ESNB secretariat for more information: esbn@un.org

Activities by ESNB members

Pacific Basin Economic Council: PBEC is organizing a webinar entitled “Achieving Equitable Supply Chain Transparency” on 20 January 2022, 11:00 AM to 12:15PM Hong Kong SAR. A PBEC hosted webinar led by moderator Anson Bailey, who is bringing together experts and commentators in their respective fields from the likes of KPMG China, Bush China Foundation, Serai by HSBC, University of Arkansas & Monash University Malaysia to discuss achieving regional Supply Chain Transparency in the Asia Pacific. To register, click [here](#).

PBEC Webinar - Achieving Equitable Supply Chain Transparency

'What are the challenges and priorities in 2022 to keep supplying and delivering, including emission reduction pressures?'

When: Thursday 20th Jan 2022 Time: 1100-1215L HK Time

Anson Bailey Director of PBEC, Head of Consumer & Retail, ASPAC / Head of Technology, Hong Kong KPMG in China

Dr. John Kent, Senior Fellow Bush China Foundation, Director of Supply Chain Initiatives and Clinical Professor Department of Supply Chain Management, Sam M. Walton College of Business at University of Arkansas

Lindsey Hermes Head of Entreprises Solutions Serai by HSBC

Professor Dr. Neale O'Connor Head of Department Accounting at Monash University Malaysia, Founder of Ricebox & Co-Founder of China Sourcing Academy

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Upcoming events of ESNB interest

18 January 2022: Public consultation period for the Forest, Land and Agriculture (FLAG) Science Based Target Setting Guidance

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) will be hosting a webinar to launch the public consultation period on January 18, 2022, at 10:00AM - 11:00AM ET / 4:00PM - 5:00PM CEST. This consultation aims to undertake a transparent, multi-stakeholder process to ensure the criteria and guidance are robust, clear, and practical. The guidance will give companies with significant land-based emissions clarity and confidence that their decarbonization plans are aligned with climate science. For registration, click [here](#). For more information, see: <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/sectors/forest-land-and-agriculture#about-the-sb-ti-flag-project>

26 January 2022: Regional Dialogue on Linking Past and Future Regional Cooperation and Partnerships

ESCAP has invited high-level decision-makers, experts, government officials, private sector, and financing institutions from LLDCs of the Asia-Pacific region to join the Regional Dialogue on Linking the Past with the Future of the Regional Cooperation and Partnerships in Asia and the Pacific on 26 January 2022. The meeting will share the outcomes of the 4 years¹ cycle of cross-sectoral cooperation and will promote analytical knowledge products, including online tools and capacity-building workshops on seamless connectivity and resilience of integrated infrastructure corridors, e-resilience, and digital transformation. To register, click [here](#). For more information, see: <https://www.unescap.org/events/2022/regional-dialogue-linking-past-and-future-regional-cooperation-and-partnerships>

¹ Project is titled "Addressing the Transboundary Dimensions of the 2030 Agenda through Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration (RECI) in Asia and the Pacific" from 2018 to 2021.

28-31 March 2022: Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2022

The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) is an annual intergovernmental forum and a regional platform for supporting countries, in particular those with special needs, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development while serving as a regional preparatory meeting to the high-level political forum. The theme of the 9th APFSD is “Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific”. The 9th APFSD will play a unique role as a catalyzer of solutions and peer learning on how to accelerate transformations for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda while recovering from COVID-19. For more information, see: <https://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd9>

Recently concluded

9 December 2021: Sixth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific: SDG Infrastructure Investment Fair

ESCAP successfully co-organized the Sixth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and PPP Network of Asia and the Pacific with the Public and Private Infrastructure Investment Management Center (PIMAC) under the Korea Development Institute (KDI) with the support of the China Public-Private Partnerships Center (CPPPC) under the Ministry of Finance. This meeting served as an SDG Infrastructure Investment Fair by providing an opportunity for participating member States to present their infrastructure project proposals to potential investors for financing support. As a result of the Network’s strong engagement, there were 26 countries from Asia and the Pacific and beyond that attended the Sixth Meeting, gathering 121 participants online, including heads of PPP units, infrastructure financing specialists and capital market experts from Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Europe, and North America. For more information, see: <https://www.unescap.org/events/2021/sixth-meeting-infrastructure-financing-and-public-private-partnerships-ppp-network-asia>



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Group Photo

9 December 2021



Upcoming ESCAP activities and events

23-27 May 2022: 78th session of the Commission

The seventy-eighth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will be held in a hybrid modality from 23 to 27 May 2022 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok and online. ESCAP will be commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment in 2022, and the seventy-eighth session will mark the culmination of the commemorations. Guided by the theme “A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific”, the annual session will be an opportunity to discuss and shape the future of regional cooperation centred around a new form of multilateralism and regional cooperation. For more information, see: <https://www.unescap.org/events/commission78>

For a short overview of ESCAP related news, please see <https://www.unescap.org/news> or subscribe: <https://unescap.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c0fdb6e03fa08a5e575b433c0&id=e318af22fc>

All ESCAP upcoming events: <https://www.unescap.org/events>

Recently published by ESCAP

[Managing Marine Plastic Debris in Asia and the Pacific \(13 January 2022\)](#)

[Regional Digital Trade Integration Index Guidelines \(RDTII\) \(6 January 2022\)](#)

[Advancing Pacific Priorities \(31 December 2021\)](#)

[Technical Paper - Space Applications for Management of Air Pollution in Asia and the Pacific \(28 December 2021\)](#)

[An Introduction to Issuing Thematic Bonds \(22 December 2021\)](#)

[Inequality of Opportunity on Asia and the Pacific: Financial Inclusion \(21 December 2021\)](#)

[The Belt and Road Initiative for Seamless Connectivity and Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region \(17 December 2021\)](#)

[Foreign Direct Investment Trends and Outlook in Asia and the Pacific 2021/2022 \(15 December 2021\)](#)

[Review of Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific 2021 \(14 December 2021\)](#)

[Policy Approaches to Direct Frontier Technologies towards Inclusive and Sustainable Development, Studies in Trade, Investment and Innovation No. 95 \(13 December 2021\)](#)

[Disability at a Glance 2021: The Shaping of Disability-Inclusive Employment in Asia and the Pacific \(1 December 2021\)](#)

Working paper series

Macroeconomics: Click [here](#)

Trade: Click [here](#)

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Best regards,
ESBN Secretariat