



ESCAP Sustainable Business Network

ESBN Monthly Update

April 2021

Upcoming ESBN related events

20 April 2021: ESBN Roundtable: Strategies on Reducing and Utilizing CO2 for Cost Effective Business

UN ESCAP through its Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO), UNEPs Climate Technology Centre and Network, and the Global Concrete and Cement Association will host a virtual Roundtable on Utilizing CO2 for Cost Effective Business on 20 April 2021, 14:00-17:45 Bangkok time (GMT+7). The objective of the ESBN Roundtable is to bring together and engage the textiles sector and apparel & fashion industry and the cement industry to discuss CO2 reduction via Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU). The Roundtable will also introduce a project proposal. For more information, see: <https://esbn.unescap.org/events/esbn-roundtable-strategies-reducing-and-utilizing-co2-cost-effective-business>

22 April 2021: Executive Council of the ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN), 5th meeting

The 5th meeting of the ESBN Executive Council will consider the ESBN strategy and decide on ESBN taskforces for the coming two-year period. A new Council will also be appointed for a two-year period. (meeting limited to Executive Council members). <https://esbn.unescap.org/events/executive-council-escap-sustainable-business-network-esbn-5th-meeting>

19 May 2021: Climate Neutral Now – Regional Launch Webinar

The Climate Neutral Now Initiative is one of several initiatives launched by the UNFCCC secretariat to increase climate action by engaging non-Party stakeholders (sub-national governments, companies, organizations, individuals). Created in 2015, the revamped initiative will be launched as this regional webinar. <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/climate-neutral-now>

Recently concluded

8th Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

The 8th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) was held from 23 to 26 March under the theme “*Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in Asia and the Pacific*”. David Morris, Vice Chair of the ESBN Executive Council, gave a statement at the APFSD on 23 March, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZpgeL0wm88> (time 5:17:39 – 5:20:20)

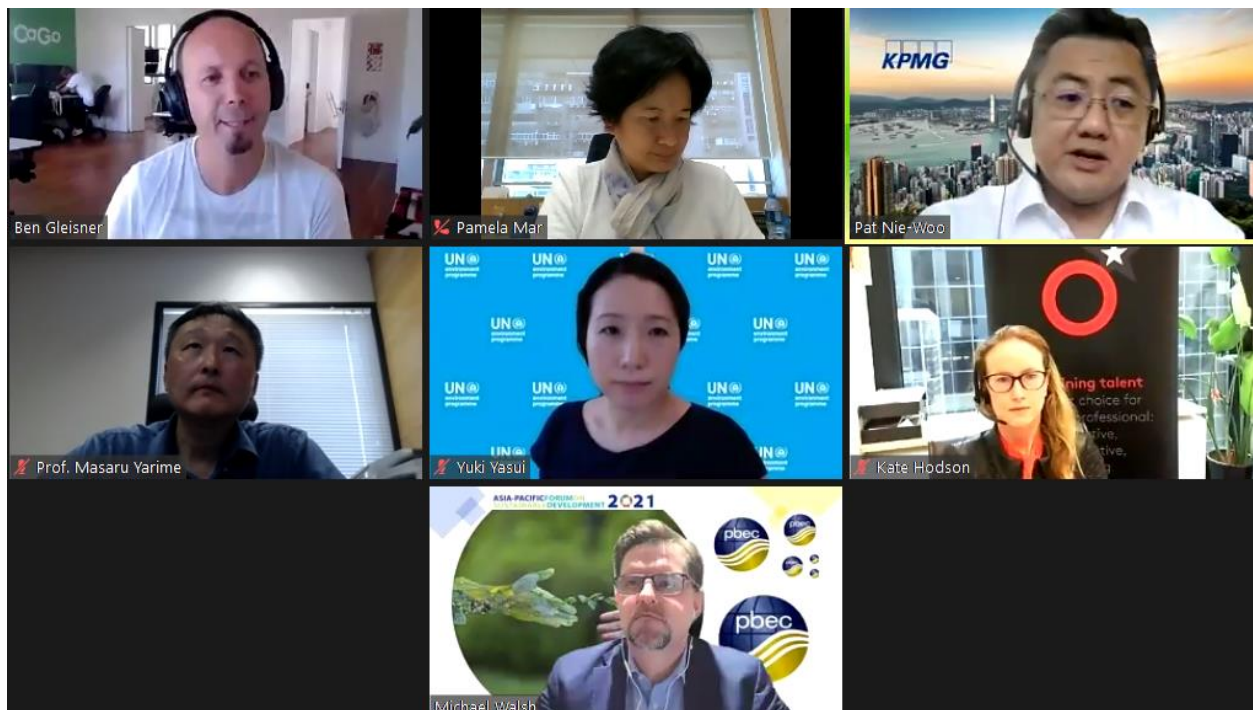
Company action on climate - driving decarbonization through target setting

APFSD Side Event organized by ESCAP, ESNB, the Global Compact Networks in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines and CDP/SBTi on 22 March 2021. Presentations and recording available at:

<https://www.unescap.org/events/2021/company-action-climate-driving-decarbonization-through-target-setting>

Financing Sustainable Development — The Challenge

APFSD Side Event organized by ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN), Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), and KPMG on 24 March 2021. Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/o0mqQUQYK9c> and <https://soundcloud.com/pbec-org/a-catalyst-for-change-sustainable-finance>



An Asia Pacific Green Deal?

APFSD Side Event Organized by ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) Green Economy Task Force, and World Green Organisation on 24 March 2021. <https://esbn.unescap.org/events/asia-pacific-green-deal>



ESBN EGM: Parameters for Mapping under the Maritime Sector Strategies for Augmenting Tsunami Monitoring Programme

Expert Group meeting held on 29 March 2021 with the ESBN Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction taskforce. <https://esbn.unescap.org/events/esbn-egm-parameters-mapping-under-maritime-sector-strategies-augmenting-tsunami-monitoring>

ASEAN Briefing on ESBN Maritime Sector Strategies to Augment Tsunami Monitoring, 31 March 2021

<https://esbn.unescap.org/events/asean-briefing-esbn-maritime-sector-strategies-augment-tsunami-monitoring>

Upcoming ESCAP events

27-29 April 2021: 77th session of the Commission

The seventy-seventh session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok and via videoconferencing from 27 to 29 April 2021 under the theme, “Building back better from crises through regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific.” For more information, see: <https://www.unescap.org/commission/77>

9-10 June 2021: Regional Meeting on the “Asia-Pacific Sustainable Urban Transport Systems for the 2030 Agenda”

The high-level meeting will provide a platform for the exchange of regional and global best practices which address sustainable urban transport systems in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 3, 11 and 13). ESCAP member States will be invited to the meeting and selected cities will also be invited to provide specific statements/presentations. Stakeholders including international organizations are expected to deliver statements/ presentations in related topics. For more information, see: <https://www.unescap.org/events/2021/regional-meeting-asia-pacific-sustainable-urban-transport-systems-2030-agenda>

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

[Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving No Country Behind \(23 March 2021\)](#)

[Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2021 \(16 March 2021\)](#)

[How to Finance Inclusive Social Protection \(16 March 2021\)](#)

[Landscape Study of Inclusive Business in Cambodia \(12 March 2021\)](#)

[COVID-19 in North and Central Asia: Impacts, Responses & Strategies to Build Back Better \(25 February 2021\)](#)

Working paper series

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Best regards,

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