

**Pacific High-level Policy Dialogue on
“The Role of Macroeconomic Policy and Energy Security in supporting
Sustainable Development in the Pacific”**

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Presentation

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Outline

- **ESCAP Commission Resolution 67/2**
- **APEF 2013**
 - Expected Outcomes
 - Process and Plan
 - Immediate Next Steps
- **Overview of the sessions served as the Sub Regional Consultation Meeting for the PICs**



ESCAP Commission Resolution 67/2

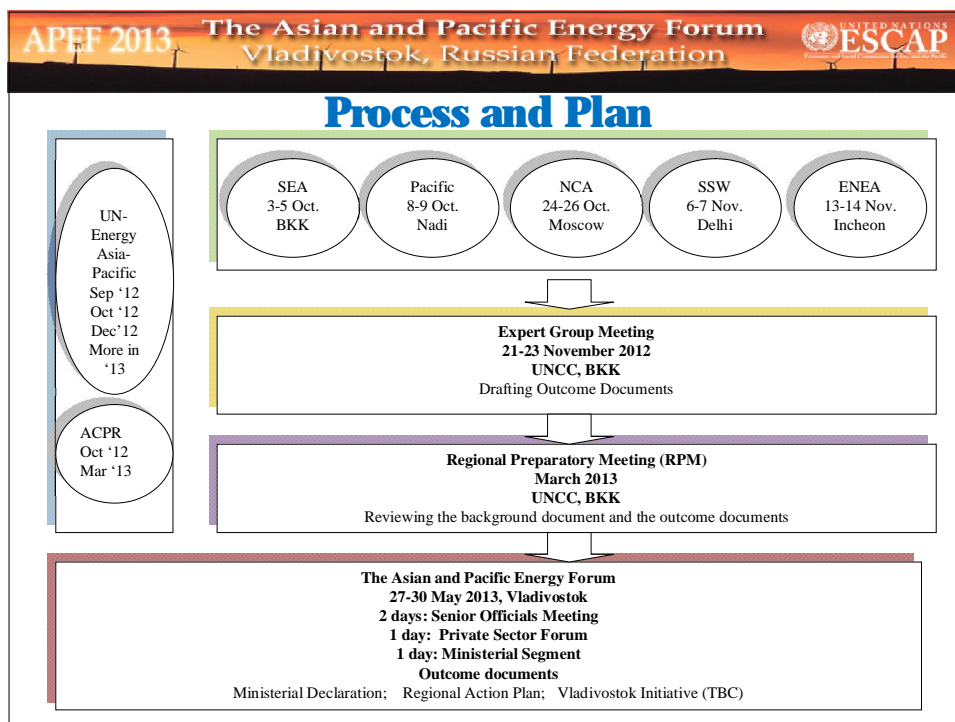
- Title: Promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy in Asia and the Pacific
- Requests the Executive Secretary to convene the APEF 2013
- To discuss the progress achieved in the Asia-Pacific region in addressing the energy security challenges, and to facilitate continuous dialogue among member States with a view to enhancing energy security

APEF 2013 - Expected Outcomes

1. A Ministerial Declaration

2. A Regional Action Plan

- outline the regional vision for cooperation on energy security and the sustainable use of energy
- contain initiatives addressing more specific needs of the diverse region



APEF 2013 – Sponsor & coordination

- Government of Russian Federation will host and sponsor the APEF and its preparatory process
- UN Energy Asia-Pacific consisting of Bangkok based UN agencies as well as ADB

APEF 2013 - Immediate Next Steps

- **Sub Regional Consultations**
 - South-East Asia: Bangkok, 3-5 October 2012 (done)
 - Pacific: Nadi 8-9 October 2012
 - North and Central Asia: Moscow 25-26 October 2012
 - West and South-West Asia: New Delhi 6-7 November 2012
 - North and North-East Asia: Incheon 12-13 November 2012
- **Expert Group Meeting: Bangkok, 21-23 November 2012**
- **Regional Preparatory Meeting (intergovernmental): Bangkok, March 2013**

Pacific Context

- 70% of the population is without access to electricity
- Lack of large scale energy infrastructures
- No indigenous oil resources; Renewable energy resources has been limited by the availability of appropriate technology, poor institutional mechanisms, and the challenges of investment and financing
- High dependency on imported oil and the limited storage for bulk petroleum fuels makes energy supply security is vulnerable
- Market is very limited, difficult to serve, and without significant economies of scale
- Environmental vulnerability (climate change & sea level rise), particularly for small islands and low-lying atolls

Some questions (1)

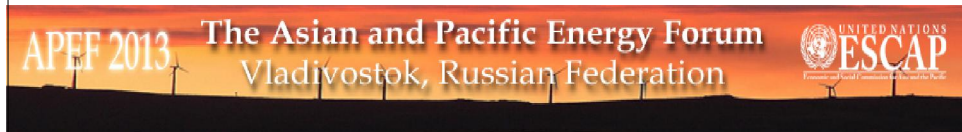
- What is unique situation on energy security and sustainable use of energy about Pacific Island Countries? What are the continuing challenges and emerging challenges taking into consideration the need to further integrate the three pillars of Sustainable Development in the energy sector?
- What do the experience tell us how to move forward?
- Can the experience in promoting regional cooperation be shared with other countries? In particular on energy access, energy efficiency and conservation as well as renewable energy ?

Some questions (2)

- What are the key messages and recommendations could be reflected and to be incorporated in the Ministerial Declaration & regional action plan?
- What are the priority areas for regional cooperation?
- What are the actions that countries in the Pacific could pursue together?

Pacific Sub Regional Consultation

- **This meeting will discuss the Pacific sub regional perspectives**
- **A draft of the study prepared by Mr. Peter Johnston has been circulated before the meeting**
- **Based on the inputs and feedback received, the sub-regional perspective will take shape and be finalized**
- **Evening sessions may be arranged for voluntary participation given the limited discussion time during the sessions**



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