

## **The Fourteenth Policy Consultation Forum of the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth** *“Enhancing and implementing NDCs with ambition and transparency.”*

Bangkok, Thailand, 2-3 September 2019

### **Background**

The Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth (SINGG), initiated in 2005, has enhanced the capacity of member states for a shift towards sustainable development through green growth policies. Phase III of the SINGG, launched in 2016, has focused on increasing the implementation of green and inclusive growth strategies in support of environment-related SDGs as well as the Paris Agreement.

The Fourteenth Policy Consultation Forum of the SINGG will take place during the Asia-Pacific Climate Week and be organized with the theme **“Enhancing and implementing NDCs with ambition and transparency.”**

Countries in the Asia-Pacific region, which accounts for nearly half of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, need to accelerate efforts to tackle climate change through stronger climate actions and enhanced NDCs. Measures to track and document real emissions also need to be implemented. The Paris Agreement emphasizes the role and importance of NDCs and transparency frameworks, including through national communication, biennial report, biennial update reports, and national inventory reports, to provide a clear understanding of climate change action.

To support efforts of member States in implementing the Paris Agreement, the 14<sup>th</sup> SINGG Forum will review current NDCs in Asia-Pacific and discuss strategies to strengthen mitigation ambitions of NDCs. It will also provide an overview of science-based tools to review and track the GHG emission reduction and to report the achievement of NDCs through various tools such as national inventory report and biennial transparency report. Finally, the Forum will emphasize the importance of setting a long-term pathway that will provide sustainable GHG reductions against cumulative emissions in the region.

### **Objectives**

The Forum aims to enhance the capacity of member States for implementing climate action in a more effectively implementing climate action by accelerating NDC implementation with ambition and transparency.

### **Expected Outcomes**

1. Raised awareness on current NDCs and technical mitigation potential in the region;
2. Enhanced capacity of member States in developing appropriate domestic policies and science-based tools for implementing enhanced NDCs and tracking of their progress;
3. Strengthened regional network among member States for sharing the best practices and policy tools for climate action and green growth.

### **Target Group**

The Forum targets senior-level government officials from environment ministries and/or government agencies responsible for setting, implementing and reviewing NDCs and addressing climate change and green growth in the Asia-Pacific region.

## Programme

<b>DAY 1</b>	
<b>MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2019</b>	
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>9:30-10:20</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>
<b>9:30-9:50</b>	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> - Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, <i>Director of EDD, ESCAP</i> - H.E.Mr. Jechul Yoo, <i>Deputy Minister, KME</i> - Mr. Joonyeong Chang, <i>President of KECO</i>
<b>9:50-10:00</b>	<b>GROUP PHOTO</b>
<b>10:00-10:20</b>	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b> Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, <i>Director of EDD, ESCAP</i>
<b>10:20-10:40</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>10:40-12:00</b>	<b>SESSION 1: 1.5°C report and its implications for the Asia Pacific region</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Megan Argyriou
<b>10:40-11:20</b>	<b>Global Warming of 1.5 °C</b> <i>An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty</i> - Dr. Riyanti Djalante, <i>UNU IAS</i>
<b>11:20-12:00</b>	<b>The role of the Asia Pacific region in supporting the 1.5°C report and its implication</b> - Ms. Megan Argyriou, <i>ClimateWorks Australia</i>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>13:00-15:30</b>	<b>SESSION 2-1: Accelerating NDC Implementation in the Asia Pacific region</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Ursula Fuentes
<b>13:00-13:40</b>	<b>The emission gap in the Asia Pacific and the opportunities to close it by raising the ambition of NDC</b> - Dr Ursula Fuentes, <i>Climate Analytics</i>
<b>13:40-15:20</b>	<b>National cases:</b> <i>Strengthening NDC for 2020 and best practices</i> - National Representative from Bangladesh, Georgia, Iran, Korea, Philippines
<b>15:20-15:30</b>	Q&A and brief wrap up
<b>15:30-15:50</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>15:50-18:00</b>	<b>SESSION 2-2: Accelerating NDC Implementation in the Asia Pacific region (continued)</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Megan Argyriou
<b>15:50-17:50</b>	<b>Roundtable Discussion: What were your challenges to set and implement NDC? What strategies can be applied to strengthen mitigation action?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief framing presentation to guide round table discussions</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion: identifying key challenges and national strategies to strengthen mitigation action</li> <li>• Group presentation</li> </ul>
<b>17:50-18:00</b>	<b>Brief synthesis and wrap up of the group</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	
<b>TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2019</b>	
<b>09:00-12:00</b>	<b>SESSION 3: Tracking progress of NDCs with transparency</b>
	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. William Agyemang Bonsu
<b>09:00-09:40</b>	<b>Transparency framework of the Paris Agreement</b> - Mr. William Agyemang Bonsu, <i>UNFCCC</i>
<b>09:40-10:20</b>	<b>Effective tracking tools and mechanisms for PA's transparency framework</b> - Mr. Bernd Hackmann, <i>UNFCCC</i>
<b>10:20-10:40</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>10:40-11:10</b>	<b>Introduction of the SINGG</b> - Representative of <i>KECO</i> - Mr. Nalin Mannapperuma, <i>Sri Lanka</i>
<b>11:10-11:40</b>	<b>Case study of the establishment of national emission inventory</b> - Ms. Maglaya Mildred Bangi, <i>NEDA</i>
<b>11:40-12:00</b>	<b>ESCAP's support on climate action readiness for Asia-Pacific countries</b> - Ms. Aneta Nikolova, <i>EDD, ESCAP</i>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>13:00-15:10</b>	<b>SESSION 4: National SDG 7 roadmaps to strengthen climate action</b>
	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Anis Zaman, <i>ESCAP</i>
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	<b>Roles of the energy sector in achieving NDCs in Asia and the Pacific</b> <i>Potential for a paradigm shift in technologies, policies and investments</i> - Mr. Sudhir Sharma, <i>UN Environment</i>
<b>13:30-14:00</b>	<b>Energy transition in the context of SDGs and the Paris Agreement and the need for an integrated planning approach</b> - Prof. Shobhakar Dhakal, <i>Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)</i>
<b>14:00-14:40</b>	<b>Finding the optimum contributions of renewable energy and energy efficiency for a least-cost pathway to NDCs</b> - Ms. Milou Beerepoot, <i>UNDP</i>
<b>14:40-15:10</b>	<b>NEXSTEP (National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning) as an integrated tool to accelerate NDC implementation</b> - Mr. Anis Zaman, <i>ESCAP</i>
<b>15:10-15:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>15:30-17:30</b>	<b>SESSION 5: Toward long-term goals</b>
	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Orestes Anastasia
<b>15:30-16:30</b>	<b>Developing Mid-Century Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) under the Paris Agreement</b>

	<i>Key Steps and International Experience (including Q&amp;A)</i> - Mr. Orestes Anastasia, <i>GGGI</i>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>GROUP DISCUSSION:</b> <i>What are your plans for developing an LT-LEDS and what challenges do you anticipate?</i>
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	Brief wrap of the group discussion
<b>17:30-17:40</b>	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>
<b>17:30-17:40</b>	<b>Concluding statement and closing</b> Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, <i>Director of EDD, ESCAP</i>