

**East and North-East Asia Policy Dialogue**  
**on the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020***

**Aligning Post-COVID19 Recovery ‘Towards Sustainable Economies’:  
Sustainable Consumption and Production in Focus**

28 May 2020 (Thursday, 3:30-5:00pm, Seoul, Republic of Korea time)

The 2020 *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*<sup>1</sup> proposes a transition towards cleaner production, and less material-intensive lifestyles, supported by enabling policies. ESCAP’s flagship publication further calls for all stakeholders to urgently align their own goals and actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Such call finds strong resonance now more than ever, as the world continues to grapple with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As countries set in motion policy measures geared towards post-pandemic recovery, going forward, there is broad recognition that these policy responses could also present opportunities in advancing work under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To this end, the policy dialogue aims to engage stakeholders in East and North-East Asia on the benefits of “recovering better” in line with sustainable development, particularly in the context of transitioning to sustainable economies (SDG12). The discussions would provide perspectives on how policy measures intended to support post-pandemic recovery could also promote sustainable means of consumption and production. This is of utmost relevance for East and North-East Asia given that the rapid economic growth of the subregion has also been accompanied by a rapid increase in energy needs and reliance on fossil fuels.<sup>2</sup>

**ANNOTATED PROGRAMME**

3:30- 3:35	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav (<i>Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists Introduction</b></p>
3:35-3:50	<p><b>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020: Highlights for East and North-East Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Jyoti Bisbey (<i>Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>ESCAP will present on the key outcomes and recommendations of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020, giving focus on areas most relevant to East and North-East Asia. The presentation will also provide broader context on the development challenges faced by the subregion, including in addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and possible directions of post-pandemic recovery.</i></p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unescap.org/publications/economic-and-social-survey-asia-and-pacific-2020>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.unescap.org/publications/asia-and-pacific-sdg-progress-report-2020>

3:50-4:30	<p><b>Recovering Better: Aligning Post-COVID19 Recovery with Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><i>Taking off from the <u>theme of Survey 2020 on sustainable consumption and production</u>, experts will give a 10-minute presentation highlighting country experiences in East and North-East Asia on the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>i. How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected consumption and production patterns?</i></li> <li><i>ii. How can policy measures support post-pandemic recovery as well as promote sustainable means of consumption and production?</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Suzanna Sumkhuu (<i>Senior Specialist, Development Policy and Planning Department, National Development Agency of Mongolia</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Simon Olsen (<i>Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies</i>)</li> <li>• Ms. Hae Kyung Lee (<i>Legislative Researcher, National Assembly Research Service, Republic of Korea</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Dong Zhanfeng (<i>Deputy Director, Policy Planning Department, Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning</i>)</li> </ul>
4:30-5:00	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-Up</b></p>