“Asia and the Pacific” in this SDG report refers to the 58 regional members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The 58 regional members and associate members are referred to as “countries” throughout the SDG report even though some territories which are not countries are included. Some countries referred to by a shortened version of their official name in tables and charts, as indicated in brackets in the listing below.

Asia-Pacific subregions: By geographic subregion, the countries and areas of Asia and the Pacific are:

East and North-East Asia (ENEA): China; Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPR Korea); Hong Kong, China; Japan; Macao, China; Mongolia; Republic of Korea.

South-East Asia (SEA): Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR); Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Viet Nam.

South and South-West Asia (SSWA): Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; India; Iran (Islamic Republic of), Maldives; Nepal; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Turkey.

North and Central Asia (NCA): Armenia; Azerbaijan; Georgia; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

Pacific: American Samoa; Australia; Cook Islands; Fiji; French Polynesia; Guam; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of) (Micronesia (F.S.)); Nauru; New Caledonia; New Zealand; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands (Northern Mariana Is.); Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu.

Development status

ESCAP developed countries: Australia, Japan and New Zealand.

ESCAP developing countries: refers to all countries in Asia and the Pacific except Australia, Japan and New Zealand.

Economic groupings: The classification of countries into income groups is from the World Bank (http://blogs.worldbank.org/opendata/new-country-classifications-2016). The World Bank divides countries according to their 2015 gross national income (GNI) per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method, of $1,025 or less in 2015; lower middle-income economies are those with a GNI per capita between $1,026 and $4,035; upper middle-income economies are those with a GNI per capita between $4,036 and $12,475; high-income economies are those with a GNI per capita of $12,476 or more.

Low-income economies: Afghanistan; Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPR Korea); Nepal

Lower middle-income economies: Armenia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; India; Indonesia; Kiribati; Kyrgyzstan; Lao PDR; Micronesia (F.S.); Mongolia; Myanmar; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Viet Nam

Upper middle-income economies: American Samoa; Azerbaijan; China; Fiji; Georgia; Iran (Islamic Rep. of); Kazakhstan; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Palau; Russian Federation; Thailand; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu

High-income economies: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; French Polynesia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Macao, China; Nauru; New Caledonia; New Zealand; Northern Mariana Islands; Republic of Korea; Singapore

Note: The following countries have been moved up in income groups from 2015: (1) Cambodia moved from low-income category to lower middle income (2) Georgia moved from lower middle income group to upper middle income. In contrast, the following countries have been moved down in income groups; (1) Mongolia and Tonga moved from upper middle income category to lower income and (2) Russian Federation moved from high-income group to
upper middle income.

Other Asia-Pacific groupings: Within Asia and the Pacific, the following groupings are also used:

Landlocked developing countries (LLDCs): Afghanistan; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bhutan; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Mongolia; Nepal; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

Least developed countries (LDCs): Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; Kiribati; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Myanmar; Nepal; Solomon Islands; Timor-Leste; Tuvalu; Vanuatu.

Pacific island developing economies (PIDEs): American Samoa; Cook Islands; Fiji; French Polynesia; Guam; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of); Nauru; New Caledonia; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN): Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam.

Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO): Afghanistan; Azerbaijan; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Pakistan; Tajikistan; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC): Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; India; Maldives; Nepal; Pakistan; Sri Lanka.

Central Asia: Armenia; Azerbaijan; Georgia; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

Regions of the world

For comparative purposes, aggregates are also presented for the major regions of the world as follows:

Africa: Algeria; Angola; Benin; Botswana; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Comoros; Congo; Cote d’Ivoire; Democratic Rep. of the Congo; Djibouti; Egypt; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Ethiopia (Former); Gabon; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mayotte; Morocco; Mozambique; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; Réunion; Rwanda; Saint Helena; Sao Tome and Principe; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sudan; Sudan (Former); Swaziland; Tanzania (Mainland); Tanzania (United Republic of); Tanzania (Zanzibar); Togo; Tunisia; Uganda; Western Sahara; Zambia; Zimbabwe

Asia-Pacific region: As described above.

Latin America and Caribbean (LAC): Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Aruba; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Bolivia; Bonaire; Brazil; British Virgin Islands; Caribbean Netherlands; Cayman Islands; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Curacao; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; Falkland Islands (Malvinas); French Guiana; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Guatemala; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Jamaica; Martinique; Mexico; Montserrat; Netherlands Antilles; Nicaragua; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Puerto Rico; Saba; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Martin (French part); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Sr. Eustatius; St Maarten; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; Turks and Caicos Islands; United States Virgin Islands; Uruguay; Venezuela

North America (North Am.): Bermuda; Canada; Greenland; Saint Pierre and Miquelon; United States

Europe: Albania; Andorra; Ascension; Austria; Belarus; Belgium; Belgium-Luxembourg; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Channel Islands; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Czechoslovakia (Former); Denmark; Estonia; Euro Area; Faeroe Islands; Finland; France; Germany; Germany (East, former); Germany (West, former); Gibraltar; Greece; Guernsey; Holy See; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Isle of Man; Italy; Jersey; Kosovo; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Monaco; Montenegro; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Saint Barthelemy; San Marino; Serbia; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands; Sweden; Switzerland; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Ukraine; United Kingdom; Vatican; Yugoslavia (Former).

Other countries or areas: Antarctica; Bahrain; Christmas Islands; Cocos (Keeling) Islands; Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Norfolk Island; Occupied Palestinian Territories; Oman; Pitcairn; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syrian Arab Republic; Taiwan Province of China; Tokelau; United Arab Emirates; US Misc. Pacific Isds; Wallis and Futuna Islands; World unspecified; Yemen; Yemen Arab Republic (Former); Yemen Democratic (Former).