

# ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN), 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

25 November 2020  
13.00-16.00 hours Bangkok time (CET+7)  
Virtual meeting

## Tentative Programme

25 November 2020		Virtual meeting (MS Teams)
Morning (Bangkok time, CET+7)	<i>Taskforce meetings:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Banking and Finance, 10.30 - 12.00</li> <li>- Green Economy, 09.00-11.00</li> <li>- Digital Economy, 11.00-12.30</li> </ul>	
13:00 - 13:10	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of ESCAP George Lam, Chair, ESNB Executive Council	
13:10-13:30	<b>Trends and challenges in the Asia-Pacific region</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division Presentation of trends and tentative findings of the “ <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific</i> ”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sweta Saxena, Chief, Chief, Macroeconomic Policy and Analysis Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division</li> </ul> Presentation “ <i>Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Trends</i> ”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, and Heather Taylor-Strauss, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division</li> </ul> Q&A	
13:30-13:50	<b>Briefing of ESNB progress and activities</b> Briefing of the discussions and decisions at the ESNB Executive Council at its third and fourth meetings, held on 15 May 2020 and 29 October 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- George Lam, Chair, ESNB Executive Council</li> </ul> Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2020: The Future of Value Chains, held virtually on 30 October 2020 and initial plans for APBF 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marc Proksch, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division</li> </ul> Steering committee on Tsunami monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eric Roeder, Consultant, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division</li> </ul>	

13:50-15:20	<p><b>What next for the ESNB?</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Marc Proksch, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division</p> <p>Presentation of ESCAP work and proposed areas of ESCAP-ESBN engagement related to climate action, plastics, sustainable finance and digitalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division</li> <li>- Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division</li> <li>- Marit Nilses, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division</li> </ul> <p>Presentation by taskforce coordinators on work of the taskforces and discussions with ESCAP divisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- George Lam, Banking and finance</li> <li>- Phang Yew Kiat, Digital economy</li> <li>- Asif Ibrahim, Disaster and climate risk reduction</li> <li>- Albert Oung, Green economy</li> <li>- Akash Bhavsar, Innovation</li> <li>- Pedro Eloy, Youth and Women Entrepreneurship</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of ESNB banking and finance taskforce publication: “<i>Catalyst for Change: Sustainable finance developments across Asia Pacific</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pat Woo, Head of Sustainable Finance, Hong Kong, KPMG in China</li> </ul> <p>Roundtable discussion on the proposed areas of ESNB engagement, next steps, and way forward.</p>
15:20-15:40	<p><b>Re-imagining the future</b></p> <p>Presentation of the ESCAP work to develop futures scenarios for the region, and invitation for ESNB inputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division</li> </ul>
15:40-16:00	<p><b>Conclusions and next steps</b></p> <p>George Lam, Chair, ESNB Executive Council Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division</p>
Evening	<p><i>Taskforce meetings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Youth and Women Entrepreneurship taskforce, 5pm (Bangkok time, CET+7)</i></li> </ul>