Expert Consultation on Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

9-10 November 2015
Meeting Room A, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Tentative Programme

Monday 9 November 2015

09:00 Opening Session*

- Scaling up action on sustainable development – an integrative and transformative regional roadmap for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable development – Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

- Panel discussion on integrating sectoral perspectives in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
  Moderator – Mr. Lawrence Surendra, Chair, The Sustainability Platform, India.
  - Mr. Zafar Adeel, Director, United Nations University-Institute for Water, Environment and Health
  - Dr. Milou Beerepoot, Programme Director (Energy Efficiency), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Thailand
  - Mr. Wicaksono Sarosa, Chairman of the Executive Board, Kemitraan Habitat

*Jointly organized with the UN-Water Regional Expert Consultation on Water Security in Asia-Pacific Region

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 Session 1. Strengthening support through subregional cooperation frameworks – challenges and opportunities

What opportunities and plans already exist for subregional cooperation as a basis for implementing the 2030 Agenda – and what should be the relationship with regional cooperation frameworks, if any? What will it take for subregional cooperation to become more effective in driving transformations for sustainable development – what are the challenges that must be overcome?

Moderator – Ms. Laura Lopez, Director (OiC), a.i., Social Development Division, ESCAP
Discussant – Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager ENVForum, Asia-Europe Environment Forum Programme, Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore

- Cooperation in the Pacific – Mr. Jope Davetaivalu, Planning and Capacity Development Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme and Ms. Vivien Eyre, Research Assistant, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
Cooperation in South Asia - Ms. Rita Dhital, Director, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and Dr. Muhammad Khurshid, Director-General, South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme

Cooperation in Central Asia - Mr. Amirkhan Keshimov, Deputy Chairman of Water Resources Committee, International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea and Ms. Shynar Toilyabaeva, Director of CAREC Country Office, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia, Kazakhstan

Planning for ASEAN Cooperation with the UN System – Mr. Larry Maramis, ASEAN Policy Advisor, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP and Ms. Rodora Babaran, Director of Socio-Cultural Cooperation, Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Cooperation frameworks and sustainable development in East and North-East Asia – lessons learned – Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia (by video-conference)

12:30 Lunch break

13:30 Session 2. Implementing an integrated and transformative agenda at the regional and national levels

What should a regional road map for an integrated agenda for sustainable development take into account? What are the lessons learned from other efforts?

Moderator – Mr. Donovan Storey, Director (OiC), a.i., Environment and Development Division, ESCAP
Discussant – Mr. Uchita de Zoysa, Chairman, Global Sustainability Solutions

Trade, innovation and transformation – Ms. Susan Stone, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

Learning from the experience of the National Sustainable Development Strategies – Mr. Simon Hoiberg-Olsen, Senior Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Learning from the Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production in Asia and the Pacific - Ms. Isabelle Louis, Deputy Regional Director, United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Identifying leverage points – focusing on the systems perspective – Mr. Robert Steele, Director, Sustainability Asia

15:00 Coffee Break

15:15 Session 3. Regional dialogue and partnerships for follow-up and review

What are the roles of regional forums such as the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development? What are potential innovations for these forums? How can the UN system better coordinate its efforts through a regional road map? What arrangements are needed to support national efforts for implementation?

Moderator – Mr. Christopher Ryan, Regional Adviser on Statistics, Statistics Division, ESCAP
Discussant – Ms. Elenita Daño, Director, Asia Director, Action Group on Erosion and Technology Concentration
Regional high-level forums and intergovernmental arrangements for monitoring and review - Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

Statistical systems and regional cooperation for monitoring and review - Ms. Rikke Munk-Hansen, Chief, Economic and Environment Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP

Regional institutions and the institutional framework for sustainable development in Asia – Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager ENVForum, Asia-Europe Environment Forum Programme, Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore (tbc)

16:15  
**Session 4. Engaging stakeholders in developing and implementing a regional roadmap**

*How can stakeholders be engaged to develop and implement a credible, effective, regional roadmap? Which stakeholder alliances will be critical for effective implementation?*

**Moderator** – Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP  
**Discussant** – Mr. Chuluun Togtokh, Director, Institute of Sustainable Development, University of Mongolia

- **Engaging business in the 2030 Agenda** - Mr. Buntoon Wongseelashote, Chairman, Committee on Business Sustainability, Vice Chairman, Committee on AEC Prompt, Vice Chairman, Committee on International Trade in Goods Negotiation, The Thai Chamber of Commerce, The Board of Trade of Thailand

- **Engaging civil society** – Ms. Malu Marin, Regional Coordinator, Coalition of Asia-Pacific Regional Networks on HIV/AIDS, Thailand

- **Engaging academia and the research community** – Mr. Lawrence Surendra, Chair, The Sustainability Platform, India

- **Coherence and coordination of UN-System support at the regional level through the Regional Coordination Mechanism** - Ms. Maria Misovicova, Programme Officer, Strategy and Programme Management Division, ESCAP

17:30  
**Meeting adjourned**

**Tuesday 10 November 2015**

08:30  
**Session 5. Development finance for sustainable development and poverty alleviation with a focus on the environment**

*How can the regional roadmap help to expand access to finance for the right activities and actors? What innovative approaches will allow governments to take the lead on closing the financing gap?*

**Moderator** – Mr. Alberto Isgut, Chief (OiC), a.i., Development Policy Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP  
**Discussant** – Ms. Kate Lappin, Regional Coordinator, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law, and Development

- **Regional dialogue on finance for sustainable development** - Alberto Isgut, Chief (OiC), a.i., Development Policy Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP
Climate finance gaps and opportunities – Ms. Ariel Yuquing Yu, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Lessons learned from financing climate action at the national level – Mr. Tom Beloe, Governance, Climate Finance and Development Effectiveness Advisor, United Nations Development Programme Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (tbc)

The ADB’s response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Ms. Anuradha Rajivan, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank

10:00 Coffee Break

10:15 Session 6. Working group discussions – elements of a strategic framework for a regional road map

Working groups will develop elements of a proposal for a strategic framework for the roadmap that complements and supports the global agenda.

Overview by the Secretariat – Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

12:30 Lunch Break

14:00 Session 7. Initial conclusions on regional action on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Recommendations will be formulated for inclusion and reporting at the 4th ESCAP Committee on Environment and Development (11-13 November 2015)

Moderator – Mr. Lawrence Surendra, Chair, The Sustainability Platform, India.

- Reporting from UN-Water Regional Expert Consultation on Water Security in Asia-Pacific: leveraging action on water security for SDG achievement by elected representative
- Reports from other working groups of the Expert Consultation on Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia-Pacific

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 Session 8. Conclusions

- Commentary by the secretariat on the process forward for defining a regional roadmap for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Ms. Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP
- Open discussion
- Closing remarks