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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
Fourth Session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

Bangkok, 29-31 March 2017

**Tentative programme**

**Day 1: Wednesday, 29 March 2017**

**08:00-09:00**                      **Registration**

**09:00-09:40**                      **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Forum**

**Opening**

*Address by the Chair*

H.E. Mr. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Chair of the Third APFSD,  
Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife, Sri Lanka

*Welcome*

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations  
and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

*Ministerial Keynote*

H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

*Remarks*

H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir, Vice-President of Economic and Social Council  
(ECOSOC)

Mr. Amit Timilsina, youth representative.

Ms. Helen Hakena, civil society representative

**09:40-09:50**                      **Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda**

**09:50-10:05**                      **Break, photo session and Pavilion of Partnerships for Sustainable  
Development**

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**Agenda Item 2: Regional perspectives on the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

*Agenda Item 2 (a): Global to regional context of follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and implications for the Asia-Pacific region*

*Agenda Item 2(b): Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level*

**10:05-10:30**

**Perspectives on achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development**

A presentation will reflect on regional progress made on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

***Address***

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

**10:30-12:00**

**Regional perspectives on the Theme of Fourth Session of the APFSD**

A panel discussion will address regional perspectives and trends in relation to the theme of the APFSD as presented in E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/1

***Moderator:*** Ms. Andie Fong Toy, Deputy Secretary General (Economic Governance & Security), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

***Keynote Panel:***

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank

Mr. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Programme

***Panelists:***

- 1) H.E. Dr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Minister of Planning and Development of Pakistan
- 2) H.E. Ms. Rosemarie G. Edillon, Undersecretary, National Development Office – Planning and Policy, Philippines
- 3) H.E. Mr. Semi Koroilavesau, Minister of Fisheries, Fiji
- 4) H.E. Ms. Zhyldyz Polotova, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Development, Kyrgyzstan
- 5) Mr. Deepak Nikarhil, Asia Dalit Rights Forum

**12:00-12:15**

**Launch of the Asia Pacific SDG Partnership**

**12:15-13:15**

**Lunch (Ministerial lunch)**

**Agenda Item 2: Regional perspectives on the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (ctd)**

*Agenda Item 2(b): Assessment of progress in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level (ctd)*

**13:15-15:30**

**In-depth review of the cluster of goals**

Parallel roundtables on the cluster of goals will be organized for in depth discussion on each Goal to be addressed in the forthcoming High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including Goal 1 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere), Goal 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture), Goal 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), Goal 9 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation) and Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development).

**Parallel roundtables**

**Roundtable 1: Goal 1, Roundtable 2: Goal 2, Roundtable 3: Goal 3, Roundtable 4: Goal 5 Roundtable 5: Goal 9, Roundtable 6: Goal 14**

**15:30-17:00**

**Break and Networking Sessions at Pavilion of Partnerships for Sustainable Development. Roundtables reports will be consolidated for next plenary Session 3 (ctd)**

**17:00-18:30**

**In-depth review of the cluster of goals (continued)**

A panel will share key recommendations from the 6 parallel roundtables.

***Moderator:***

Mr. Kazuhiko Takemoto, Director of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

***Panelists:***

Representatives from the Roundtables

**Day 2: Thursday, 30 March 2017**

**Agenda Item 2: Regional perspectives on the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (ctd)**

*Agenda Item 2(c): National progress and achievements with respect to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

**09:00-10:45**

**National progress and achievements on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Asia-Pacific countries participating in voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2016 and 2017, will be invited to highlight national perspectives on progress and

achievements with regard to the 2030 Agenda and will exchange views on how the APFSD should be positioned to provide regional inputs to the deliberations of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Nabeel Munir, Vice-President of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

**Panelists:**

- 1) Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi, CEO Foreign Affairs & Trade, Samoa
- 2) Mr. Mikheil Patashuri, Counselor, Division of Multilateral and Regional Economic Cooperation, Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Georgia
- 3) Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator for SDGs in the PMs office, Bangladesh
- 4) Mr. Pichit Boonsud, Director of Development Affairs Division, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

**Discussants**

Ms. Denise K.H. Yoon, representative of the Korean Civil Society Network on SDGs(KCSN) and Director of the Korea Institute Center for Sustainable Development (KICSD)

**Agenda Item 3: Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region**

*Agenda Item 3(a) Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Asia - Pacific region*

10:45-12:30

**High-Level Panel Discussion on “Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls: A pathway to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”**

This session will feature a High-Level Panel Discussion on “Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls: A pathway to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”

**Opening remarks:** Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

**Moderator:** Dr. Sharman Stone, Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls

**Panelists:**

- 1) Professor Maithree Wickramasinghe, Founding Director, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- 2) H.E. Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education, Philippines
- 3) Ms. Erna Witoelar, Founder, KEHATI (Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation)
- 4) Ms. Andie Fong Toy, Deputy Secretary General (Economic Governance & Security), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- 5) Dr. Heisoo Shin Member, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Representative, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy

10:45-12:00

**Mayors' Panel: Experiences and lessons on localizing SDGs**

This session will host a Mayors' Panel Discussion on perspectives of local governments in eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity

**Moderator:** Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP

**Panelists:**

- 1) Mr. Tauia Viance Taoaba, Deputy Chairman of KiLGA and Mayor of Betio Town Council, Kiribati Local Government Association
- 2) Ms. Stephany Uy-Tan, Mayor of Catbalogan City, Philippines
- 3) Mr. Li Congjia, Deputy Mayor, Qinzhou Municipality, Quangxi, China
- 4) Dr. B K Tiwari, Development Commissioner of Kathmandu Valley Development Authority (KVDA)

12:00-13:30

**Lunch and side events**

**Agenda Item 3: Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region (ctd)**

*Agenda Item 3(a) Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region (ctd)*

13:30-15:00

**Strengthening the Delivery of the Means of Implementation**

**Moderator:** H.E. Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal

**Panelists:**

- 1) H.E. Mr. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade, Sri Lanka
- 2) Mr. Sefuiva Reupena Muagututia, Chief Statistician, Samoa
- 3) Mr. Asif Ibrahim, Vice Chairman, Newage Group of Industries, EBAC Executive Director
- 4) Mr. Astera Primanto Bhakti, Head of financial education and training agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia ~~(tbc)~~
- 5) Mr. Choiten Wangchuk, Director General, Department of Industry, Bhutan
- 6) Ms. Ranja Sengupta, Senior Researcher, Third World Network

**Agenda Item 3: Strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region (ctd)**

*Agenda Item 3(b) Regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific*

*Agenda Item 3(c) Form and function of the Forum*

- 15:00-17:00**                    **Regional Road Map and the terms of reference of the APFSD for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific**
- The draft regional road map and the terms of reference of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development as presented in E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/7 will be reviewed with a view to its adoption as a key outcome of the Forum.
- Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community will be invited to share their perspectives on the draft.
- Introduction by the secretariat**
- Review and adoption of the road map and of the terms of reference of the APFSD**
- 17:00-17:10**                    **Agenda Item 4: Other matters**

**Day 3: Friday, 31 March 2017**

- 9:00-9:30**                    **Special event: ASEAN and UN cooperation on the complementarities between the ASEAN Vision Community 2025 and 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development**
- 9:30-12:30**                    **Side events/Networking sessions at Pavilion of Partnerships on Sustainable Development**
- 10:30-12:00**                    **Launch of World Water Development Report 2017**
- 12:30-14:30**                    **Lunch break**
- 14:30-15:00**                    **Draft report and Chairs' Summary will be circulated by the secretariat for review by delegations**
- 15:00-16:00**                    **Agenda item 5: Review and adoption of the draft report of the Forum**
- 16:00-16:30**                    **Agenda Item 6: Closing of the Forum**
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