Launch of the “Guidelines for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for SDG Implementation in Asia-Pacific”

**Venue:** Theatre, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

**Time:** Day 2, 29 March 2018, 17:15 – 18:15

**Background:**

ESCAP and UNU-IAS have jointly developed the “Guidelines for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for SDG Implementation in Asia-Pacific”. The guidelines are designed to facilitate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific by supporting member States in the region to effectively develop and implement partnerships for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The guidelines aim to: i) help improve existing partnership processes and prepare better ones in the future; ii) provide practical and step-by-step guidance to address opportunities and challenges for partnerships; iii) promote inclusiveness; and iv) support capacity building for developing, implementing and sustaining successful multi-stakeholder partnerships.

This event will launch the “Guidelines for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for SDG Implementation in Asia-Pacific”. It will highlight the messages from the publication and it will invite experts and practitioners to share their experiences in partnering and how this tool can help them in supporting implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The format will include welcome remarks from both institutions, two discussants presenting the guidelines and the process of producing the guidelines.

**Programme**

**Moderator:** Prof. Norichika Kanie, Senior Research Fellow, UNU-IAS

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| 10 mins | Welcome remarks

- Moderator, Prof. Norichika Kanie will introduce Mr. Fotiou and Dr. Takemoto
- Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director Environment and Development Division, ESCAP (5 mins)
- Dr. Kazuhiko Takemoto, Director, UNU-IAS (5 mins)

| 7 mins | Discussant will present a few highlights on the Guidelines and the process of producing the guidelines

- Ms. Stella Pfisterer, The Partnerships Resource Centre of the Erasmus University (7 mins)
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<th>Practitioner will tell her partnering story and how she will benefit from the guidelines.</th>
<th>Ms. Jonahkriza Aglupus, Program Officer, Office of the President of the Philippines to present the experience of Angat Buhay partnership against poverty (7 mins)</th>
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<td>Wrap up</td>
<td>Moderator will wrap up the launch and invite everyone to join the “APFSD Partnering Cocktail”.</td>
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**APFSD Partnering Cocktail**

This will be an opportunity for stakeholders’ and participants to share their stories and journeys on partnering to implement the 2030 Agenda. Experts will be identified and will be given a distinctive badge depending on their area of expertise. Participants attending the cocktail will then be invited to interact with the experts and to “start a conversation” on their areas of interest with the aim to foster new collaborations. Until 18:15