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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asian and Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting on Rio+20 Outcomes (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

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 - (a) Main outcomes of Rio+20, current state of global processes, and implications for Asia and the Pacific.
 - (b) Perspectives from the region on global processes:
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 - ii. Sustainable Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda
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 - iv. The Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

5. Rio+20 follow up: National priorities, implementation of regional arrangements, areas for regional collaboration and the role of ESCAP
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closing of the Meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Meeting

Representatives of ESCAP, ADB and UNEP will deliver welcoming remarks. A representative of the bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development will deliver a keynote address.

2. Election of officers

A chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (EDD/UNCSD/RIM/1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Meeting, subject to such changes as are deemed necessary.

4. Main outcomes of Rio+20: Regional perspectives on global processes

- (a) Presentations: Main outcomes of Rio+20, current state of global processes, and implications for Asia and the Pacific.
- (b) Perspectives from the region on global processes:
 - i. Institutional framework for sustainable development: global and regional dimensions
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Documentation

Main outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: issues for regional consideration (EDD/UNCSD/RIM/2)

Annotation

The secretariat will introduce the document, highlighting key outcomes of Rio+20 and their implications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific. A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will make a presentation on lessons learned from the CSD, current state of global processes and the way forward.

The ensuing multi-stakeholder discussions will focus on key issues to be deliberated in global processes during 2013, namely: the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development: global and regional dimensions; Sustainable Development Goals; Means of Implementation; and the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The participants, including government representatives, major groups and international organizations, are invited to present their views on critical aspects as relates to the these global processes for achieving sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, in particular as regards the regional level, referring to the guiding questions in the corresponding sections of the background document (5 A-E).

The discussion under each item will consist of approximately 30 minutes of introductory presentations or statements by invited panelists, followed by approximately one hour of interventions on the issue from member States and representatives of Major Groups. With this in mind, and due to time limitations, participants are strongly encouraged to prepare separate and concise interventions for the discussion under each item.

The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to the effective articulation of Asian and Pacific perspectives regarding these processes, in particular as relates to the regional dimension.

5. Rio+20 follow up: National priorities, implementation of regional arrangements, areas for regional collaboration and the role of ESCAP

The participants, including government representatives, major groups, international organizations and regional partners, may wish to present their key priorities in follow-up to Rio+20 to ensure implementation of policies in support of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, the need for regional frameworks or mechanisms for collaboration to support these efforts, and the role ESCAP and the wider UN system in that regard. In preparing their intervention, delegates may wish to refer to the guiding questions of the background document, in particular sections 5 A and F-G.

The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to articulation of Asian and Pacific priorities and needs regarding the implementation of Rio+20 outcomes in the region, identification of areas for regional collaboration, and the role of ESCAP and the UN system.

6. Other matters

The participants may raise any matter not covered under the items mentioned above.

7. Adoption of the report

The Meeting will consider and adopt the report.

8. Closing of the Meeting

The Chair will make a closing statement.

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