

innovation - integration - inclusiveness

Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

ESCAP SDG Week, 27 Nov - 01 Dec 2017, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

Background

Asia and the Pacific has made impressive progress towards achieving a number of sustainable development goals including poverty alleviation, education and economic growth. At the same time, the region needs to accelerate concerted efforts across all sectors to achieve the SDGs by 2030. In the face of transboundary challenges such as climate change and natural disasters, energy security and connectivity, ecosystem degradation on land and in our oceans, and promoting sustainable equitable trade, regional cooperation can support and complement the effectiveness of national mechanisms and be a link between global goals and country-level commitments.

Recognizing the opportunities of regional cooperation to accelerate sustainable development, the countries of Asia and the Pacific agreed on a [regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) at the 4th Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in 2017. The road map identifies priority areas of regional cooperation for the means of implementation and partnerships, as well as six thematic areas that correspond to major challenges still faced in our region:

- leaving no one behind
- climate change
- connectivity
- disaster risk reduction and resilience
- management of natural resources
- energy

To accelerate progress towards achieving SDGs, the road map calls for strengthened regional cooperation on these priority issues, continued and coordinated support provided by the secretariat and other UN institutions and (sub)regional organizations, as well as more effective knowledge sharing across borders. In response, ESCAP is holding a week dedicated to enhancing and deepening the understanding of the key challenges and solutions for effective implementation of the SDGs.

Over the course of five days, SDG Week will bring together stakeholders from government, the private sector, academia and other civil society to provide them with: an enabling environment for knowledge sharing, building partnerships and engaging in technical level discussions on sustainable development; and the opportunity to provide forward-looking feedback on the support required from ESCAP and other partners.

Objectives

SDG Week aims to strengthen capacity and increase momentum for SDG implementation in the region through sharing of experiences and knowledge and showcasing innovative, integrated and inclusive approaches. The goal is to facilitate the discussion of tools, support,

and partnerships available, including from ESCAP, to overcome bottlenecks and enhance understanding of opportunities for implementing the 2030 Agenda in line with the road map.

Target Participants

- Institutions in ESCAP member States responsible for various aspects of implementing the SDG in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Local and national government organizations;
- Intergovernmental partners and agencies;
- Regional and sub-regional organizations that support SDG implementation;
- Businesses, private sector, think tanks, members of the scientific community, non-governmental organizations, youth, academia and other civil society;
- Other stakeholders involved in SDG implementation at local, national, regional and global levels.

Bazaar of Ideas - Thursday 30 November

SDG Week will include a [Bazaar of Ideas](#) that will showcase innovative, inclusive and integrated initiatives for sustainable development. The Bazaar will focus on private sector and community initiatives, including social enterprises, start-ups, and local action, to science and technology innovations.

Target audience: All participants are invited to engage in presentations and discussions.

Format: Half day of parallel presentations in three designated spaces that allows participants to join multiple presentations and discussions.

Pavilion of Partnerships: Booths and exhibitions

Engagement space will be provided for booths and exhibitions throughout SDG Week in the UNCC. Kindly communicate your interest in a booth to escap-esdd-oc@un.org

For more information

Please find updates, descriptions of all events and options to register online at:

<http://www.unescap.org/events/sdgweek2017>

Programme

Thematic events (by invitation only)	Monday 27 Nov	Tuesday 28 Nov	Wednesday 29 Nov	Thursday 30 Dec	Friday 01 Dec
Regional Training on Mainstreaming Climate Change Concerns into National-level Urban-related Policies	Full day				
Regional Partners Forum @Quito+1 Strategies and Priorities to Ensure the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Asia and the Pacific		Full day	Full day		
Workshop: Validating Guidelines for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for SDG Implementation		Full day	Full day		
Understanding the need for disaggregated statistics		Full day	Full day	Full day	
Urban Nexus Experiences: Opportunities for Local Governments to Promote Innovative, Integrated and Inclusive Resource Management to Achieve Global Agendas				Lunch	
Regional Workshop on Sustainable Development Benefits of Decentralized Municipal Solid Waste Management in Asia-Pacific Region				Afternoon	Full day
Training on the Energy Portal				Afternoon	
Regional Consultative Meeting on Good Urban Governance (GUG)				Afternoon	
Regional Consultation on UN-Water - Regional Coordination with a Focus on SDG 6					Morning
Special events (open to all participants)					
Bazaar of Ideas				Morning	
Dinner Reception: UN Habitat and ESCAP at SDG Week		Dinner			
Pavilion of Partnerships: booths and exhibits	throughout SDG Week				
Hands-on Sessions: Introduction to the SDG Help Desk	Afternoon	Afternoon		Afternoon	Afternoon
Luncheon Networking Sessions		Lunch	Lunch		
Events outside of Bangkok (by invitation only)					
Asia-Pacific Forum on Science and Technology Park, Anhui, China	Full day	Full day	Full day		
Multi-stakeholder Forum on Responsible Business Practices for Sustainable Water Management on Resort Islands, Phuket, Thailand					Full day

Programme: Bazaar of Ideas

30 November 09.00 - 12.00, Level 1, Meeting Rooms F, G & I

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09:00

**BASE BUILDS
@PHILIPPINES**

locally grown renewable materials
to transform local communities

10:00

**EGBOK
@CAMBODIA**

training underserved young adults
in hospitality, life-skills and sustainability

11:00

**WIEGO
@INDIA/THAILAND**

smart apps: voice, visibility and validity
for the informal economy

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**LOCAL ALIKE & HIVESTERS
@THAILAND**

local experience with lasting impact:
transforming community-based tourism

**OPEN DREAM
@THAILAND**

creating mobile applications for
sustainable social impacts

**UPCYCLING THE OCEANS
@THAILAND**

removing waste from oceans and islands
in style to create sustainable clothing

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**VIRO TECHNOLOGY
@INTERNATIONAL**

closing the loop of plastic waste:
thermo-conversion into fuel

**BEGREENING
@THAILAND**

tackling waste from food containers
through natural alternatives

**SU-RE.CO
@INDONESIA**

synergizing adaptation and mitigation:
climate smart coffee and bioenergy