REGIONAL ROAD MAP FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
A Regional Road Map for Asia and the Pacific

BACKGROUND AND PROCESS

▪ Based on extensive dialogue between member states and inputs from civil society organizations and the broader UN community, Asia and the Pacific developed a regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda.

▪ The road map stemmed from decisions mandated at the Second and Third Asia-Pacific Forums on Sustainable Development (APFSD) in 2015 and 2016.

▪ The road map was adopted in March 2017 - in the Fourth session of the APFSD.

▪ It is the only inter-governmentally agreed, member-state driven, regional roadmap for implementing the 2030 Agenda.
Objectives and Guidelines

OBJECTIVE

In line with the 2030 Agenda, the objective of the road map is to **promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development** through regional cooperation.

- It will support LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, countries in conflict situations and post-conflict countries and other **countries with special needs**.
- It aims to place **gender equality** and women’s empowerment as a central issue of the regional policy agenda.
- It recognizes that sustainable development is underpinned by peaceful and inclusive societies, addressing inequality, and by **good governance**.
Priorities and thematic focus

**EXPECTATION**
- strengthen regional cooperation on priority issues
- enable continued and more efficient and coordinated support
- facilitate more effective knowledge sharing

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Thematic areas of cooperation

**LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**
- It promotes policy advocacy to address inequalities, reduce poverty and enhance social protection; and advance gender equality and women’s empowerment.

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE**
- It promotes efforts to strengthen DRR monitoring, to integrate DRR into development activities, maximize existing cooperation mechanisms and promote a “Build Back Better” approach.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**
- It will shape ESCAP’s response to climate change and the efforts to strengthen our region’s disaster risk reduction and resilience capacity.
Thematic areas of cooperation

**NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

- It promotes the management of natural resources to increase food security while reducing negative environmental impacts and enhancing the welfare of the community.

**CONNECTIVITY**

- It encourages seamless connectivity in the fields of transport, energy and ICT and aims to improve the quality of growth to generate decent jobs and broader social protection coverage.

**ENERGY**

- It promotes policy dialogues and networking among member States to develop a regional cooperation framework to enhance energy security, with a view to promoting greater use of sustainable energy resources.
Disaster risk reduction and resilience

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

▪ Strengthening disaster risk modelling, assessment, mapping, monitoring and multi-hazard early warning systems.

▪ Integrating disaster risk reduction into related development activities.

▪ Maximizing existing regional cooperation mechanisms.

▪ Improving analysis and capacity building including on climate-related disaster risk reduction.

▪ Promote a “Build Back Better” approach.

▪ Coherence with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the 2030 Agenda.
Opportunities for regional coordination

**COHERENCE AND COORDINATION**

- The roadmap ensures more **efficient and coordinated support** for member States from UN and development partners.

- It promotes more **effective knowledge sharing** among countries.

- Progress towards roadmap **implementation will be reviewed annually at the APFSD**.

- With the adequate support from countries across Asia and the Pacific, **it could pave way to significant developmental gains**.
Thank you