

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

PRIORITY AREAS

FOCUS ON PRACTICAL MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Data and statistics
- Technology
- Finance
- Policy coherence
- North-South, South-South, international & regional partnerships

THEMATIC AREAS OF COOPERATION

WITH MULTISECTORAL IMPACTS

- Leave no one behind
- DRR & resilience
- Climate change
- Natural resource management
- Connectivity
- Energy

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

