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Annotated provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

Opening, welcoming and keynote speeches will be made by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and a representative of the Government of Thailand. The Co-Chairs of the 2014 session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, or their representatives, will also address the meeting.

2. Election of officers

The Forum will elect a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/FSD(2)/L.1/Rev.1).

Annotation

The Forum will consider and adopt the annotated provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

4. Defining Asia-Pacific sustainable development challenges and opportunities — Strengthening integration, implementation and review for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development: from integration to implementation (E/ESCAP/FSD(2)/1)

Annotation

The discussions under this agenda item will be led by a high-level round table on practical ways to integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The theme study for the seventy-first session of the Commission will inform this discussion. The intention of the study is to support the implementation of the sustainable development goals at the national level, and to help define regional responses.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community are invited to share their own successes and lessons learned regarding the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The document prepared by the secretariat provides insight on the issues to be discussed under this agenda item.

5. Perspectives on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 and the sustainable development goals

This agenda item will feature presentations by resource persons on the key areas of debate in the global negotiations on the United Nations

development agenda beyond 2015 and the sustainable development goals. Member states, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community are invited to share their own perspectives on the development agenda beyond 2015.

6. Regional monitoring and review mechanisms for implementation of the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015

Discussions under this agenda item are to focus on a regional monitoring and review platform.

Following a presentation by the secretariat and a multi-stakeholder panel discussion, member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community are invited to share their perspectives on the specific functions of a regional platform on monitoring and review, such as the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, taking into account national, global and thematic monitoring.

7. The form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development beyond 2015

Documentation

The form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development beyond 2015 (E/ESCAP/FSD(2)/2)

Annotation

The discussions under this agenda item will be led by a presentation by the ESCAP secretariat on the results of an intergovernmental consultation process as requested by member States in Commission resolution 70/11. The document for this agenda item offers several proposals regarding the role, form and function of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community are invited to share their views on the proposals with the objective of agreeing on broad support for some key parameters, in line with the mandates presented in General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

8. Regional preparations for the Annual Ministerial Review: “Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: What will it take?”

The objective of the discussions under this agenda item is to provide the perspectives of the Asia-Pacific region on the theme of the 2015 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council, “Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: What will it take?”. The 2015 Annual Ministerial Review will take place in the overall substantive context of the final push to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, the continued follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the discussions and process for elaborating the development agenda beyond 2015.

Discussions under this agenda item will be structured in the format of a high-level panel. The panel will address the changes in national development plans and strategies, institutional arrangements, regional

cooperation and finance for development that would facilitate the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals. The panel will also highlight effective policy responses and recommendations that can assist countries in defining a path for sustaining development gains into the future, offering a transitional linkage to the sustainable development goals.

Member States, major groups and other stakeholders and representatives of the international community are invited to contribute to the discussion and share their views on the topic. The Chair's summary of discussions will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council as the regional contribution to the 2015 Annual Ministerial Review.

9. Other matters

Any other matters raised by delegations and/or the secretariat will be considered under this agenda item.

10. Review of the Chair's summary and adoption of the report

The Forum will consider the draft Chair's summary, which will reflect the key points of discussion and recommendations on follow-up actions. It will also consider the draft report for adoption.

11. Closing of the Forum

The Chair will deliver a closing statement.
