



“Social Inclusion in Climate Change; Future road map in Southeast Asia.”

Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

February 22, 11:45-13:00 GMT+7

Room : G

Organizer(s)

ASEAN DISABILITY FORUM

Co-organizer(s)

ESCAP SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Registration

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Background

Southeast Asia is one of the regions most vulnerable to the effects of climate change in the Asia-Pacific Region, including droughts, floods, typhoons, sea level rise, and heat waves. Southeast Asia was home to an estimated 580 million people in 2008, including 100 million people with disabilities. ASEAN established the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability in 2007, and the ASEAN State of Climate Change Report was released in 2021.

However, there are very few examples of disability and climate change narratives thus far, and aligning with APFSD’s emphasis on SDG 13, this side event will examine the far left behind of persons with Disabilities in their knowledge on Climate Change.

Key Questions and Outcomes:

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. Do you know what are the climate change policies and strategies in each Southeast Asia country?
2. What do gaps in climate change policies and strategies mean that prevent the principles of social inclusion from being implemented into practice?
3. Which rights of persons with disabilities are neglected in light of climate change effects referring to the CRPD?
4. What obstacles and effects do people with disabilities situation in the face of climate change?

Programme

Example:

| Time | Speakers | Topic | Time |
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| 7 min | APFSD and SDD | Opening by UNESCAP | 7 min |
| 10 min | ASEAN Disability Forum Mr. Lim Puay Tiak | Findings and Recommendation of ADF Policy Brief on Inclusion Climate Change | 10 min |
| 10 min | Ministry of Environment and Forestry, the Republic of Indonesia * | The Climate Change effect on vulnerable groups in Indonesia, especially persons with disabilities (13.5 Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities) | 10 min |
| 10 min | AICHR Thailand Prof Dr Amara Pongsapich* | The raised crucial issues on Disabilities in the Concept of the Paris Agreement, ASPAC 4th Decade of Persons with | 10 min |

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| | | Disabilities within ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025 (ASPAC 4th Decade on Disabilities point 11: We note with concern that, in many instances, despite the progress made, persons with disabilities, in particular women, children, youth, indigenous peoples, older persons, persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities and those in other vulnerable situations, continue to face discrimination in all dimensions of life, as well as physical, information and attitudinal barriers, and that persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by widening inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and other crises) | |
| 10 min | COP 28* | The Disability Issues in Climate Change, potential Actors and Victims (13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning) | 10 min |
| 20 min | ASEAN Disability Forum | Q & A | 20 min |
| 10 min | ESCAP SDD | Conclusion and moving forward | 10 min |

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