

Country Statement

By Thai delegate

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Excellency,
Mr. Chairman/Madame Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since early 2020, the whole world still suffers from the covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has been a challenge for leveraging digital technology application and integration of geospatial information for local and national institutions in the region. Not only for the pandemic but Thailand also realizes the indispensable and prominent role of space technology and its relevant applications in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the social and economic development of the region.

We commit ourselves to fully support ESCAP to implement the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030). This year is the end of the Phase 1. of implementation of the Plan of Action. And, we have witnessed many successful stories throughout the region. For Thailand, space technology and its applications not only provide benefits on common areas as we knew such as disaster risk reduction or natural resources management. We see the rises of extraordinary practices of these integrated technologies in the fields of social development, connectivity, and energy, as well. The poverty map, low-incomes communities data base, road traffic/injury surveillance system, public health management map, and potential solar energy map, these remarkable examples are significantly counting and increasing.

Additionally, we would like to reiterate that regional and international cooperation is the essential key for the sustainable development of our region. In

this respect, we would like to express our appreciation to ESCAP, the government of China and Korea for their sincere supports on the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Fund and Building the Pan-Asia Partnership for Geospatial Air Pollution information Projects, respectively.

Mr. Chairman/Madame Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

This is the right time to accelerate and push forward the implementation of our Plan of Action and cooperation, as a region, to the next level. Thailand would like to promote the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific on the theme Space+ for our Earth and future, which going to take place on 26th October, this year, in Jakarta, Indonesia, as well as, the significant outcomes and initiatives of the conference. We encourage ESCAP member states to take actions, to go beyond the traditional applications of space technologies and geospatial information for sustainable development, and to leverage the innovative digital applications, engaging the youth and enhanced collaboration. Together, we are capable to bring about the greatest benefits of technology, and reach our ultimate goals to the safe, prosperous, and sustainable Asia-Pacific region.

Thank you for your attention.
