

Panel Discussion

“Sustainability at ESCAP: Delivering climate solutions with business partners”

Tuesday 16 May 2023, 12:45-13:45 hrs

Asia-Pacific Foyer, United Nations Conference Centre

Concept Note and Programme

Organizer

ESCAP Division of Administration

Registration

To attend the in-person side event, all participants must register on Indico by using the link here: <https://indico.un.org/event/1003482/> . Please select “side event participants” under Representation Type when you register. Those who do not register on Indico will not be able to access the United Nations Conference Centre.

Background

The Climate Solutions Fair at the 79th session of the Commission will feature ESCAP’s business partners (“solution providers”) showcasing successful examples of their climate-friendly solutions, local approaches and best practices implemented in response to ESCAP’s environmental sustainability requirements. This side event is an extension of our joint exhibit, bringing our business partners together in a panel discussion aimed at sharing their knowledge and experience, opportunities, challenges and the way forward to explore how similar synergies can be created between public and private actors in the region, and in particular within the United Nations context. It will revolve around concrete examples, success stories, innovation and technologies applied to reduce the environmental impacts of ESCAP’s facilities and operations, covering topics such as waste management, energy efficiency and clean transport.

Key Questions and Outcomes

- How can we implement innovative business solutions to address the climate crisis in line with the established United Nations, and/ or public sector, regulations and rules?
- How does partnering with the United Nations contribute to UN suppliers’ own corporate social responsibility initiatives related to climate action?
- How do UN suppliers (current and future) contribute to and enable the United Nations mandated deliverables related to climate solutions?

Overall, the side event provides an opportunity for stakeholders to share their experiences, discuss challenges and opportunities, and increase awareness with the aim to inspire participants to accelerate private sector action on climate adaptation in Asia and the Pacific.

Tentative Programme

Welcome and Opening Remarks	12:45 – 12:50
Ms. Flavia Reale <i>Environmental Management Officer, Facilities Management Unit, ESCAP</i>	5 min
Moderated Panel Discussion Moderator: Ms. Soomi Ro, Director of Administration, ESCAP	12:50 – 13:20
M.L. Dispanadda Diskul <i>Chief Executive Officer, Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage</i>	30 min
Dr. Krisada Kritayakirana <i>CEO, MuvMi</i>	
Mr. Neil Van Heerden <i>IoT Consultant, PCS Security and Facility Services Ltd.</i>	
Mr. Shigemasa Mizuno <i>Project Director, SMCC (Thailand) Co., Ltd.</i>	
Mr. Curt Garrigan <i>Chief of Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP</i>	
Intervention from the Floor	13:20 – 13:40
All participants	20 min
Wrap Up	13:40 – 13:45
Ms. Soomi Ro <i>Director of Administration, ESCAP</i>	5 min