The Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth

"A Greener Future Together: 20 Years of SINGG and Beyond"

24th April 2025 (12:45 - 13:45 GMT+7)

Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

Organizer

ESCAP
Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea
Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Thailand

Background

The Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth (SINGG) was launched by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea during the fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED-5) in 2005 and was later endorsed by the 61st Commission Session of ESCAP in May 2005. SINGG aims to address major policy issues for Green Growth as outlined in the Ministerial Declaration of MCED-5 and the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific for 2006-2010.

SINGG has played a pivotal role in advancing sustainable economic growth across the Asia-Pacific region. Over its four phases, SINGG has fostered policy consultations, capacity-building, and collaboration on Green Growth issues, helping countries in the region transition toward low-carbon, sustainable economies. This ongoing long-term partnership between ESCAP, its member states, and the government of the Republic of Korea has been supporting Green Growth and Climate Action in the region. As the initiative approaches the end of Phase IV, it provides an opportunity to reflect on its achievements, share insights from member countries, and discuss the way forward for SINGG Phase V.

This event will offer a platform for government officials from member states that have partnered with the SINGG projects to share best practices, lessons learned, and insights on how Green Growth can be further advanced in the region. Additionally, discussions will focus on shaping the priorities and objectives for SINGG in its next phase, as we look to the future of Green Growth in Asia and the Pacific.

Objectives

The side event aims to provide an overview of the progress made by SINGG, reflecting on key achievements and challenges across its four phases, and exploring the priorities for the upcoming Phase V. It will facilitate a dialogue among government officials and stakeholders from member states, focusing on the green growth achievements and lesson learned. As the initiative marks its 20th anniversary, the event will underscore the importance of multilateral cooperation and encourage continued collaboration. Additionally, it will strengthen regional partnerships by promoting knowledge-sharing, enhancing collective efforts, and identifying action to accelerate sustainable development across the Asia-Pacific region.

Expected Outcomes

- Reflection on past achievements and lessons learned from SINGG phases I-IV, providing a foundation for improving future Green Growth initiatives in the region.
- Insights and recommendations from government officials on expanding Green Growth efforts, focusing on national and regional results, and identifying best practices to ensure continued collaboration.
- A roadmap for Phase V, outlining specific actions and strategies to accelerate climate action and support climate resilience development.
- Strengthened partnerships among governments and international organizations.

Tentative Programme

Time	24th April 2025
– 12:45	**Light Lunch**
12:45 – 12:50 (5 min)	**Introduction**
	SINGG Video Loop **Message to SINGG**
12:50 – 13:00 (10 min)	**Welcome and Opening**
	Opening Remarks • **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP • **Mr. Sang-jun Lim**, CEO, Korea Environment Corporation (on-line) • **Mr. Jeong Han Hahm**, Permanent Representative to ESCAP, Embassy of the Republic of Korea **Ceremony and Group Photo**
13:00 – 13:10 (10min)	**Session 1: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of SINGG**
	Evolution of SINGG • **Sand Art Performance** • **Ms. Yueun Hwang,** SINGG secretariat, K-eco
13:10 – 13:45 (35 min)	**Session 2: Lessons Learned and Shaping the Future** (Moderator: **Ms. Aneta Nikolova**, EDD, ESCAP)
	Member States Reflections - Sharing Best Practices • **Mr. Aibek Karabaev**, Kyrgyz Republic (on-line) • **Ms. Phat Sokunthea**, Cambodia (on-line) **Pilot Project Overview - Impact and Outcomes** • **Ms. Kyeong Yeon Kim**, Eco & Partners (on-line) **Open Discussion - Priorities for SINGG Phase V and Call to Action** • **Ms. Ariuntuya Dorjsuren**, Mongolia • **Mr. Deo Gabinete**, NDC Partnership • **Mr. Raquibul Amin**, IUCN Asia Regional Office • **Ms. Rathana Peou Norbert-Munns**, UNFS Coordination Hub
13:45 –	**Closing Remark**
	• **Mr. Sangmin Nam,** Director of EDD, ESCAP