



# Seventy-ninth session of the Commission Bangkok, 15-19 May 2023

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# Side Event Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal "Green Transition and National Efforts towards Net-Zero Target"

Date: Thursday 18 May 2023

Time: 12:45 – 13:45pm, GMT+7 (Bangkok, Hanoi, Jakarta)

Time: 14:45 - 15:45pm, GMT+9 (Tokyo, Seoul)

Venue: Online

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/93527771970

The Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal is published twice a year as a policy-oriented journal to stimulate and enrich research in the formulation of policy in the Asia-Pacific region towards the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Journal has focused its scope and objectives on delivering the commitment of ESCAP to the Countries in Special Situations, comprising the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, to capacity development and to the promotion of policy dialogues.

The latest issue (Vol. 30, No. 1, May 2023) of the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal, has a specific theme, "Green Transition and National Efforts towards Net-Zero Target", which discusses key aspects of climate change in Asia and the Pacific and suggests recommendations to accelerate climate actions to achieve sustainable development. It assesses the vulnerabilities of the region to climate change and highlighted necessary transformation for the region's transition, while at the national level, it documents evidence-based research articles presenting various country experiences, underlying challenges, national policies, innovative solutions and integrated approaches to support countries in transitioning towards a net-zero emission target and achieving sustainable development.

This side event will feature key issues, findings and recommendations from select analytical papers of the current issue of the Journal which will serve as a basis to provoke further discussion, policy dialogue and knowledge exchange among policymakers, academics, researchers and development practitioners on sustainable development issues in the region.

For detailed discussion, please refer to the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal.

### **Programme**

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#### 12:45 - 13:45

Welcoming remarks by

Chief Editor Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Presentation on key messages from the Journal theme "Green Transition and National Efforts towards Net-Zero Target" by

Mr. Tae Young Jung, Professor and Director of the Center for International Studies, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University

#### Discussion by:

- Mr. Junichi Fujino, Program Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan
- Mr. Yeonchul Yoo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network Korea
- Ms. Achala Abeysinghe, Asia Regional Director and Head of Programs, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

#### Q&As

Moderated by Managing Editor: Mr. Anis Chowdhury, Adjunct Professor, Western Sydney University, Australia