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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
Committee on Statistics

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**Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics**

**The inaugural meeting of the Asia-Pacific Forum on  
Sustainable Development: chair's summary**

**Note by the secretariat**

*Summary*

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia (ESCAP) organized and co-hosted with the Government of Thailand the inaugural session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, which was held in Pattaya, Thailand, from 19 to 21 May 2015. The Forum had more than 260 participants, including representatives of Governments, major groups and other stakeholder organizations and entities within the United Nations system. During the session, the Forum charted the blueprint for a long-term intergovernmental regional consultation process to achieve sustainable development supported by coordination with the United Nations system, constructive and inclusive engagement of stakeholders, credible assessments of progress and an effective science-policy interface.

Taking stock of global discussions, the Forum focused on the following:

- (a) Developing strong regional inputs to inform global dialogue and decision-making, as well as national responses;
- (b) Identifying effective and inclusive means of implementation for a transformational development agenda;
- (c) Defining the regional processes for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development for 2015 and beyond.

The report is available from [www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=E/ESCAP/FSD/2](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/ESCAP/FSD/2).

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