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“Inclusion of Women in Climate-Resilient Skill Education and Livelihoods in Asia-Pacific Region”

Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

February 20, 13:00-14:15 GMT+7

meeting link will be sent to registered participants (see link below)

Co-organizer(s)

Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)

Azad Foundation

ESCAP Sub-regional Office for South and South-West Asia

Registration

Registration Link and details:

Zoom meeting: Feb 20, 2024 01:00 PM Bangkok

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIf-mppzktGdDI_RfzGxOjjkMKmWiFNeFY

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Background

Acquiring appropriate knowledge and skills to adapt to climate change is vital for our climate-resilience. Economies are transforming towards more climate-resilient ‘green jobs’. The ILO estimates up to 14.2 million net green jobs in Asia and the Pacific by 2030, if appropriate investments and policies are realized.

Women are underrepresented in key sectors of the green economy, for example, renewable energy, green infrastructure, sustainable transport, management of water, waste and land. Women also tend to work in lower-end, vulnerable jobs with less pay as compared to men.



ASPBAE, Azad and ESCAP are pleased to co-organize this virtual side-event to explore together how women from marginalized communities in Asia and the Pacific can be empowered with knowledge and skills to fully participate and contribute to a climate-resilient green economy. The issue is at the cross-section of HLPF-focus SDGs 1, 13, and 17, and with SDG 4, 5, 8 and 10.

Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following questions:

1. What are the opportunities and barriers and for marginalized women in accessing skilling and non-traditional livelihood opportunities in the green economy?
2. What are some successful policy and programmatic interventions that have empowered marginalized women to gain skilling and non-traditional livelihood opportunities in the green economy?
3. How can partnerships between governments, industry, civil society organisations, and international and regional organizations be strengthened to increase the access of marginalized women to skilling and non-traditional livelihood opportunities in the green economy?
4. How can regional and subregional cooperation support women's economic empowerment in the green economy in Asia and the Pacific?

The discussion will draw on experiences of NGOs in the region shared in the panel. Participants will be invited to contribute questions and learnings from their own experiences and observations to deepen the collective reflection around the guiding questions. At the end of the session, some takeaway insights and recommendations will emerge for follow-up actions by participants and ESCAP at country or regional levels.

Programme

Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, Head and Director, Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia, ESCAP	Introduction and moderation	10 min 13:05 – 13:15
Speakers		
Ms. Susmita Chaudhury, Capacity Support and Advocacy Advisor, ASPBAE	Regional experience of marginalized women's economic and policy engagements in climate change, environmental protection and empowerment	10 min 13:15 – 13:25
Ms. Dolon Ganguly, Programme Director (Kolkata, West Bengal), Azad Foundation	Opening opportunities for women's participation and empowerment in the green economy (transport) in India	10 min 13:25 – 13:35

ASPBAE member discussants	Country perspectives	15 min 13:35 – 13:50
Q&A and discussion		13:50 – 14:10
Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, Head and Director, Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia, ESCAP	Summary and closing	5 min 14:10 – 14:15

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