



10th ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific”

UNIDO Intervention at the APFSD

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Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my honor to witness all of you here at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2023. This forum is an important platform for us to discuss the challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region, and to identify concrete actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Among the 17 SDGs, SDG 7 and SDG 9 are particularly relevant to our commitment and UNIDO's mandates. SDG 7 focuses on access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. This is an essential foundation for industrial development. At UNIDO, we are committed to supporting countries in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve this goal through our work on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy access.

In China, for example, we are supporting the establishment and development of the International Hydrogen Energy Centre, a project that is financed by China and that aims to promote the development of hydrogen energy technologies and applications.



Another good example for south-south and triangular cooperation is the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE), which we established in partnership with the Pacific Community in Tonga in 2017. The center provides technical services to Member States and is a hub for bringing the latest technology innovations to the region. Together with UNIDO the center has established an electric mobility framework for the Pacific, which is currently under implementation.

During the upcoming meeting of Energy Ministers in Vanuatu in May 2023, UNIDO in partnership with SPC and SIDS DOCK will launch a regional program to promote ocean energy technologies w. UNIDO will facilitate SIDS-SIDS cooperation on ocean energy and blue economy issues with other regional sustainable energy centers covering SIDS through a global platform.

UNIDO is a gate keeper of industry side of SDG 9. UNIDO promotes rapid economic and industrial growth, build trade capacities in industries and ensure that all countries can benefit from international trade and technological progress through the application of modern industrial policies, compliance with global standards. Moreover, UNIDO aims to advance sustainable growth, build institutional capacities for greening industries through cleaner production technologies and resources efficiency methodologies.

We are working with governments, businesses, and other stakeholders to support the development of sustainable and inclusive industries that create decent jobs, promote economic growth, and protect the environment.

In India, we are promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in selected micro, small, and medium enterprises clusters. This project aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy security while supporting the competitiveness and sustainability of the MSME sector.

In the Philippines, we are working on a renewable energy technology for seaweed value-added project in Tawi-Tawi, which aims to promote sustainable seaweed farming practices and improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.



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