

Pakistan

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Sub-regional activities for development.

Sub-regional activities of development are a vital component of ESCAP's work. Sub Regional focus can help ensure a sharper recognition of the development challenges, a clearer sense of the priorities of member states and balanced progress in the realization of shared objectives for inclusive and sustainable development.

ESCAP has put in place the requisite institutional arrangement to systematically pursue sub-regional activities for development in south and south west Asia.

From our vantage point of view, we would like to stress the importance of managing and advancing this sub-regional process in a comprehensive, balanced and all-encompassing manner. A wider scope and level of participation across the entire sub-region is indispensable for required outcomes as well as equitable gains. We have every confidence that the secretariat will ensure that the sub-regional process remains firmly based on these principles.