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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and a representative of the Government of Thailand, which is hosting the Forum, will make opening addresses.

2. Election of officers

The Forum will elect a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Forum will consider and adopt the annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/FSD/L.1), subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

4. Asia-Pacific perspectives on sustainable development, including sustainable development goals

(a) Overview of sustainable development priorities and challenges, including presentations for the Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Secretary will present an overview of the progress achieved to date in realizing the Millennium Development Goals and regional perspectives on the principal challenges of sustainable development.

Following that presentation, a high-level round table will hold a preparatory session for the 2014 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council. Discussions will focus on the theme of “Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future”. The high-level round table will include representatives of member States from North and Central Asia, East and North-East Asia, the Pacific, South and South-West Asia and South-East Asia, who will share their views on the specific challenges faced by each subregion in achieving sustainable development. Representatives of certain member States will make presentations for the Annual Ministerial Review.

(b) Transformation for sustainable development: integration, shared prosperity within planetary limits and means of implementation

Three multi-stakeholder round tables, featuring government representatives, experts from civil society and the international community, and other stakeholders, will discuss the transformation that is needed to bring about sustainable development.

The first multi-stakeholder round table will address integration and transformation for sustainable development. The key requirements and opportunities for, and barriers to, integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development will be discussed. The round table will also discuss the fundamental and systemic changes that are needed in order to achieve sustainable development, based on investing in people and the planet.

The second multi-stakeholder round table will address shared prosperity within planetary limits. It will discuss how to meet regional aspirations, with particular reference to poverty eradication, inequality, social justice, and

sustainable, dynamic, resilient and inclusive growth, while recognizing planetary limits.

The third multi-stakeholder round table will discuss means of implementation, including finance, technology, trade, capacity-building, global partnerships and governance.

Following each round-table discussion, government and other representatives may wish to address the issues raised. A background document prepared by the secretariat, “Fostering sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific” (E/ESCAP/FSD/1), provides insight into the issues that are to be discussed under this agenda item.

Discussion under this agenda item is intended to help develop a shared understanding of the aspirations and specific challenges in the region, support the contributions of member States and other stakeholders in global discussions on sustainable development goals, and help shape discussions under agenda item 5.

5. The way forward: shaping an effective and dynamic regional process for sustainable development

Discussions under this agenda item will be led by a ministerial round table, which will summarize the main ideas shared during the previous two days, and make recommendations on the institutional and other arrangements that are necessary for an effective and dynamic regional process on sustainable development to support the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The potential for developing a regional road map for implementation will be discussed.

A special high-level round table will further address the role played by the rule of law in attaining sustainable and inclusive development, specifically in the context of the Asia-Pacific region.

Following each round-table discussion, government and other representatives may wish to address the issues raised. The above-mentioned background document provides insight into the issues that are to be discussed under this agenda item.

Discussion under this agenda item is intended to shape the modalities for future regional sustainable development processes.

6. Other matters

Any other matters raised by delegations and/or the secretariat will be considered under this item.

7. Review of the Chair’s summary

The Forum will consider the Chair’s draft summary, which will reflect the key points of the discussions and recommendations for follow-up action.

8. Closing of the Forum

The Chair will make a closing statement.