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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda of the first Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit that brings together the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific and the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda**A. Senior officials segment (5 and 6 September 2017)**

1. Opening of the senior officials segment of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific:
 - (a) Opening addresses;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of implementation of:
 - (a) Recommendations of the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (2010);
 - (b) Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2011-2015;
 - (c) Astana Green Bridge Initiative;
 - (d) Seoul Initiative on Green Growth.

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3. Policy perspectives towards a resource-efficient Asia-Pacific region.
4. Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific.
5. Other matters.
6. Opening of the senior officials segment of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific):¹
 - (a) Opening addresses;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
7. Review of implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its second session, in 2016, and discussion of regional priorities for the United Nations Environment Programme in Asia and the Pacific.
8. Regional input to outcomes of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (2017):
 - (a) Theme: “Towards a pollution-free planet”;
 - (b) Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session;
 - (c) Draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session.
9. Discussion regarding institutional arrangements for the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific.
10. Adoption of the draft outcomes of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific).¹
11. Adoption of the report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific.

¹ The geographical coverage of the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific includes: Afghanistan; Australia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kiribati; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; New Zealand; Niue; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

B. Ministerial segment (7 and 8 September 2017)

12. Opening of the session:
 - (a) Opening addresses;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
13. Ministerial dialogue: “Towards a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific region”.
14. Matters pertaining to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - (a) Policy perspectives on the environment and development in Asia and the Pacific;
 - (b) Consideration of the report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific;
 - (c) Other matters.
15. Matters pertaining to the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific):¹
 - (a) Review of the first United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific and recommendations of the second Forum;
 - (b) Regional input to the draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session (2017);
 - (c) Policy perspectives on a pollution-free planet.
16. Adoption of the outcomes of the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific).¹
17. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development for Asia and the Pacific and of the report of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific.
18. Closing of the Summit.

II. Annotations

A. Senior officials segment (5 and 6 September 2017)

1. Opening of the senior officials segment of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific

(a) Opening addresses

The detailed programme for the opening of the segment will be made available upon finalization.

(b) Election of officers

The senior officials will elect a bureau for the senior officials segment of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, which will comprise a chair and two vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda

(E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.1-UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/L.1)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Review of implementation of:

(a) Recommendations of the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (2010)

(b) Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2011-2015

(c) Astana Green Bridge Initiative

(d) Seoul Initiative on Green Growth

Documentation

Progress in the implementation of the recommendations and endorsed initiatives of the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/1)

Brief country progress report on the implementation of the Astana Green Bridge Initiative and the Green Bridge Partnership Programme over the period 2010-2017 (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/INF/2)

Annotation

Document E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/1 provides an analysis of the implementation of the recommendations and outcomes of the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific,

including those contained in the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2011-2015, the Astana Green Bridge Initiative and the Seoul Initiative on Green Growth. The senior officials may wish to review the progress made in the implementation of these regional commitments and initiatives and provide guidance on a future course of action. Based on the information provided, they may also wish to make specific recommendations on the future of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific within the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

3. Policy perspectives towards a resource-efficient Asia-Pacific region

Documentation

Sustainable management of natural resources in Asia and the Pacific: trends, challenges and opportunities in resource efficiency and policy perspectives (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/2)

Annotation

The senior officials may wish to review the trends in environment and development in recent years, identify emerging challenges and opportunities, and discuss policy perspectives on achieving internationally agreed development goals in the region, including sustainable and efficient use of natural resources. To facilitate the review, the senior officials will have before them a document containing an analysis and review of the latest data on resource use in the region illustrating the way in which a focus on sustainable management of natural resources and resource efficiency can constitute a strategic opportunity for achieving sustainable development. The senior officials may wish to provide guidance on a future course of action, including the possible inclusion of priority issues in the draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific under agenda item 4.

4. Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/3)

Annotation

A draft ministerial declaration will be submitted for review by the senior officials before submission to the ministerial segment for adoption. The draft ministerial declaration will reaffirm the commitment of ESCAP members and associate members to relevant internationally agreed development agendas and, in this regard, will define regional priorities for promoting the sustainable and efficient management of natural resources as a core element of sustainable development.

5. Other matters

The senior officials may consider other matters raised by the delegations and/or the secretariat.

6. Opening of the senior officials segment of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)¹

(a) Opening addresses

The senior officials segment will be opened by the Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The inaugural address will be delivered by the Vice-President of the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

(b) Election of officers

The senior officials will elect a bureau for the senior officials segment of the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific, which will comprise a chair and two vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.1-UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/L.1)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

7. Review of implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its second session, in 2016, and discussion of regional priorities for the United Nations Environment Programme in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Progress in implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and the key regional priorities and emerging issues as reflected in six global environment outlook regional assessments for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/1)

Annotation

Document UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/1 contains an update on implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its first and second sessions, and an overview of potential priorities and emerging issues for Asia and the Pacific for reflection in the preparations for the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The senior officials may wish to review the progress made in the implementation in Asia and the Pacific of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and provide guidance on priorities to be addressed in the region.

8. Regional input to outcomes of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (2017)

(a) Theme: “Towards a pollution-free planet”

Documentation

Towards a pollution-free planet (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/2)

Towards a pollution-free Asia-Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/INF/1)

Annotation

The theme of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will be “Towards a pollution-free planet”. The senior officials will have in front of them a draft global report in which evidence of the pollution of the planet is provided, the way in which action with respect to pollution helps to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals is described, and a framework for a global agenda to address pollution is discussed. The senior officials may wish to review the report and provide regional input, including priorities and action plans, on the theme of achieving a pollution-free planet.

(b) Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session

Documentation

Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/3)

Annotation

Draft resolutions with respect to the theme “Towards a pollution-free planet” have been submitted by member States to the Secretariat of Governing Bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme. The senior officials may wish to review the draft resolutions and provide regional input.

(c) Draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session

Documentation

Draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/4)

Annotation

A process of consultation on a draft political declaration, addressing the theme of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, “Towards a pollution-free planet”, was initiated by the President of the Assembly. These consultations involve all member States and stakeholders. The main objective is to develop, in a transparent and inclusive manner, a joint vision and achievable actions to address pollution in its many forms on a global scale. The senior officials are invited to provide regional input to the draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session.

9. Discussion regarding institutional arrangements for the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific

Documentation

Draft document on institutional arrangements for the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/5)

Annotation

The senior officials are invited to provide input on the draft document on institutional arrangements for the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific. Input received will contribute to the preparation of a document on possible future institutional arrangements for consideration and possible adoption at the third Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific.

10. Adoption of the draft outcomes of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)¹

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/6)

Annotation

The senior officials will review a draft report for adoption by the ministers. The draft report will reaffirm the priorities for the future in Asia and the Pacific and demonstrate the commitment of member States to achieving a pollution-free planet.

11. Adoption of the report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/CRP.1)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt a report for consideration by the ministers.

B. Ministerial segment (7 and 8 September 2017)

12. Opening of the session

(a) Opening addresses

The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver welcome statements and provide an overview of the meeting, followed by statements by other high-level representatives.

(b) Election of officers

The ministers and heads of delegation will elect a bureau, which will serve both the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific and the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific and will comprise a chair and two vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda**Documentation**

Provisional agenda

(E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.1- UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/L.1)

Annotation

The ministers and heads of delegation will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

13. Ministerial dialogue: “Towards a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific region”**Documentation**

Towards a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific region
(E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/INF/1-UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/INF/2)

Annotation

A panel will initiate discussions on measures towards achieving a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific region. The ministers and heads of delegations will be able to engage in interactive dialogue with the panel.

14. Matters pertaining to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**(a) Policy perspectives on the environment and development in Asia and the Pacific****Documentation**

Sustainable management of natural resources in Asia and the Pacific: trends, challenges and opportunities in resource efficiency and policy perspectives
(E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/2)

Annotation

This agenda item will provide an opportunity for the ministers and heads of delegations to share their perspectives on emerging and persistent challenges to sustainable development from the environmental perspective. The ministers and heads of delegations are invited to deliver their formal country policy statements, outlining their perspectives on national, subregional and regional challenges, their achievements and their strategic and policy approaches.

(b) Consideration of the report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/4)

Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.4)

Annotation

The ministers and heads of delegations will consider the report of the senior officials (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/4), which will endorse the revised text of the draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.4) and present the highlights of the senior officials' deliberations, including any recommendations on the future of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific.

(c) Other matters

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

15. Matters pertaining to the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)¹

(a) Review of the first United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific and recommendations of the second Forum

Under this item, the ministers and heads of delegations may wish to take note of the key elements of the report of the senior officials segment.

(b) Regional input to the draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session (2017)

The President of the United Nations Environment Assembly has initiated a process of consultation on a draft political declaration, addressing the theme of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (2017), "Towards a pollution-free planet". Under this agenda item, the ministers and heads of delegations will have the opportunity to share their perspectives on the draft declaration. In the words of the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, "as the world's ministers of environment, we must be determined [...] to take the bold and necessary steps to address pollution at every level – global, regional, national and local – in order to protect the health and lives of all people on this planet, the developmental aspirations of current and future generations, and the immeasurable wealth of the environment and the natural resources upon which we all depend".

(c) Policy perspectives on a pollution-free planet**Documentation**

Policy perspectives on a pollution-free planet (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/INF/3)

Annotation

An interactive dialogue will be organized in order to initiate ministerial discussions on policy measures to address critical challenges related to the achievement of a pollution-free planet. The ministers and heads of delegations will have the opportunity to engage in an interactive dialogue with the panel to share their perspectives on how to achieve a pollution-free planet by 2030. Discussions will highlight contributions and commitments to achieving the vision reflected in the theme “Towards a pollution-free planet”.

16. Adoption of the outcomes of the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)¹

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials of the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/6)

Draft chair’s summary of the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(2)/7)

Annotation

The ministers and heads of delegation will consider the draft report of the senior officials and the draft chair’s summary for adoption. The Chair’s summary will reflect policy perspectives on how to achieve a pollution-free planet by 2030 and highlight contributions and commitments to achieving the vision reflected in the theme “Towards a pollution-free planet”.

17. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development for Asia and the Pacific and of the report of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/4)

Draft report of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.3)

Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/MCED(7)/L.4)

Annotation

The ministers and heads of delegations will consider for adoption the draft ministerial declaration. The ministerial declaration will reaffirm the commitment of ESCAP members and associate members to promoting the sustainable management of the environment and natural resources as a core element of sustainable development. The ministers and heads of delegations may also consider any supportive initiatives designed to facilitate action on the policy measures to be taken in order to pursue the vision articulated in the declaration. The ministers and heads of delegations will subsequently consider for adoption the draft report of the Conference.

18. Closing of the Summit

Closing statements will be delivered.
