

Ministerial Summit on the Environment - Tentative Programme

CSO Forum: Monday, 04 September 2017	
08:30-17:00	CSO Forum on the Environment
Day 1: Tuesday, 05 September 2017	
08:00-09:00	Registration
Agenda item 1: Opening of the senior officials segment of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific – CR2	
09:00-09:50	<p>Welcome address</p> <p>Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand</p> <p>Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p> <p>Keynote address</p> <p>Dr. Endah Murniningtyas, Co-Chair of the Independent Group of Scientists for the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019</p> <p>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda</p>
09:50-10:15	Break and Pavilion of Partnerships
Agenda item 2: Review of implementation – CR2	
10.15-11.45	<p>Panel on ‘The environment dimension of sustainable development’</p> <p><i>Representatives from selected countries will address the six priority areas of the Regional Implementation Plan 2011-2015 adopted at MCED-6, highlighting the achievements made and examining the remaining gaps and needs of the region. Countries who sponsored supportive initiatives (SINGG and Astana Green Bridge) will also be invited to elaborate on their experiences.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sirpa Jarvenpaa, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Samuel Manetoali, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Meteorology, Solomon Islands • H.E. Ms. Lorna Eden, Assistant Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment, Fiji • Mr. Suho Seong, Director, Global Environment Division, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea • Ms. Tenzin Wangmo, Chief, Water Resource Coordination Division, National Environment Commission, Bhutan • Mr. Md Ziaul Haque, Director, Department of Environment, Bangladesh • Ms. Aliya Shalabekova, Head of the Department of Green Economy, Ministry of Energy, Kazakhstan

11:45-12:00	Interventions from the floor
12:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break and side events</i>
	Side event – CR4 12:45-14:00 A Common Path: How does the Paris Agreement promote the goal of a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific Organizers: UNFCCC/IGES
Agenda item 3: Policy perspectives towards a resource-efficient Asia-Pacific region – CR2	
14:00-15:30	<i>Multi-stakeholder panel discussion ‘Perspectives towards a resource-efficient Asia-Pacific region’</i> <i>Panelists representing different sectors and stakeholders will present selected pathways enabling a transition towards resource efficiency at the macro and sectoral levels, highlighting opportunities and impacts that an efficient and sustainable management of natural resources can grant for countries pursuing environmentally sustainable development.</i> Moderator: Mr. Anthony Chiu, member of the International Resource Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yoshinori Suga, First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative of Japan to ESCAP • Mr. Jumpote Himacharoen, Metropolitan Electricity Authority (MEA), Bangkok • Mr. Akash Bhavsar, EBAC (ESCAP Business Advisory Council) member, Skyquest Technology Group, India • Ms. Bernadette Resurreccion, Stockholm Environment Institute • Mayor John Bongat, Naga City, Philippines • Ms. Imogen Ingram, Island Sustainability Alliance CIS Incl, Cook Islands
15:30-15:45	Interventions from the floor
Agenda item 4: Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific – CR2	
15.45-16.45	Introduction by the secretariat Endorsement of the declaration
16.45-17:00	Agenda item 5: Other matters – CR2

Day 2: Wednesday, 6 September 2017	
Agenda item 6: Opening of the senior officials segment of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific – CR2 (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)	
09:00-9:30	Welcome

	<p>Dr. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director of the UN Environment for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Thailand</p> <p>Inaugural address</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Ramon J.P. Paje, Vice President for Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Assembly</p>
09:30-09:45	Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda
09:45-10:00	Tea/coffee break
Agenda item 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 – CR2	
10:00-11:00	<p>Introduction by the secretariat</p> <p>Country and stakeholder statements</p> <p><i>The agenda item will provide an opportunity 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.</i></p>
Agenda item 8: Regional input to outcomes of the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (2017) – CR2	
11:00- 12:30	<p>UNEA Theme: Towards a pollution free planet</p> <p>Introduction by the secretariat</p> <p>Country and stakeholder statements</p> <p><i>The senior officials and stakeholders may wish to review the report and provide regional input, including priorities and action plans, on the theme of achieving a pollution-free planet.</i></p> <p>Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session</p> <p>Introduction by the secretariat</p> <p>Country statements</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>

12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break and side events</i>
	<p>12:30-14:00 – CR4 Side event - Astana Green Bridge Initiative; Towards Intrreregional Partnerships for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Organizers: Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Co-organizers: United Nations Development Programme in Kazakhstan, “Coalition for Green Economy and Development of G-Global” ALE <i>Lunch will be provided 12.30-13.00</i></p>
Agenda item 8 (continued) – CR2	
14:00-15:30	<p>Draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session</p> <p><i>Introduction by the secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Country statements</i> <i>The senior officials are invited to provide regional input to the draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session.</i></p>
Agenda item 9: Discussion regarding institutional arrangements for the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific – CR2	
15:30-16:15	<p><i>Introduction by the secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Country statements</i> <i>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.</i></p>
Agenda item 10: Adoption of the draft outcomes of the second Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific – CR2 (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)	
16:15-16:45	<p><i>Introduction by the secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Endorsement of the draft report</i></p>
Agenda item 11: Adoption of the report of the senior officials of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific – CR2 *The draft report will be circulated after lunch by the secretariat for review by delegates	
16:45-17:15	<p><i>Introduction by the secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Endorsement of the report, including the declaration</i></p>
18:30-19:00	Dinner reception event – Reception Hall

	<p>Is the Asia-Pacific ready for Climate Geoengineering? Organizer: Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Governance Initiative (C2G2)</p>
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Day 3: Thursday, 07 September 2017	
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08:00-09:00	Registration
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Agenda item 12: Opening of the ministerial segment of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit on the Environment – CR2	
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9:00-10:00	<p><i>Welcome address</i></p> <p>H.E. Gen. Surasak Karnjanarat, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Thailand (TBC)</p> <p><i>Inaugural address</i></p> <p>Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Erik Solheim, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UN Environment</p> <p>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda</p>
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10:00-10:20	Break, photo session and Pavilion of Partnerships
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Agenda item 13: Ministerial dialogue: “Towards a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific region” – CR2	
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10.20-12.00	<p><i>Ministerial panel</i></p> <p><i>A panel of ministers 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.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ashok Khosla, President, Development Alternatives and member of the International Resource Panel</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Mr. Masagos Zulkifli, Minister of the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore ▪ H.E. Mr. Yeshley Dorji, Minister of Environment, Bhutan ▪ H.E. Mr. Alexander Teabo, Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development, Kiribati ▪ H.E. Mr. Ohn Winn, Union Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, ▪ H.E. Mr. Gani Sadibekov, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Energy, Kazakhstan <p>▪ Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p>
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Agenda item 14:				
Matters pertaining to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific – CR2				
14:00-16:30	(a) Policy perspectives on the environment and development in Asia and the Pacific Country and stakeholder statements <i>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.</i>			
16:30-17:00	(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			

17:00-18:00	Dinner reception event – Reception Hall Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards 2017 Organizer: UN Environment
18:00-19:30	Dinner reception



Day 4: Friday, 08 September 2017

Agenda item 15: Matters pertaining to the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific – CR2

(member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)

9:00-10:30

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

Video from President of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Brief report of the senior officials segment

Regional inputs to the draft declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session

Country statements

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 2017 United Nations Environment Assembly “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.

10:30-12:00

Ministerial dialogue: Policy perspective on a pollution free planet

This agenda item will provide an opportunity for the ministers, heads of delegations and other stakeholders 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 of the 2017 United Nations Environment Assembly “Towards a pollution-free planet”.

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Ramon J.P. Paje, Vice President for Asia-Pacific, United Nations Environment Assembly

Panel Members:

- H.E. Mr. Masagos Zulkifli, Minister of the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore (Q1)
- H.E. Mr. Lee Minho, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea (Q2)
- H.E. Mr. Taefu Lemi, Associate Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa (Q3)
- Mr. Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, Federal Secretary, Pakistan (Q4)

Interactive session

12:00-14:00

Lunch break and side events

	<p>12:50-14:00 CR4</p> <p>Side event - Towards Resource Efficient Asia-Pacific through Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth</p> <p>Organizers: Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, Korea Environment Corporation (KECO) <i>(Cocktail lunch will be provided from 12:20-12:50)</i></p>	<p>12:00-13:00 CR3</p> <p>Side event - Gender, the Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Organizer: Social Development Division, ESCAP</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>Special event – CR2</p> <p>Strengthening regional ocean governance and partnership towards ‘clean Seas’</p> <p>Organizers: UN Environment and ESCAP</p>	
<p>Agenda item 16: Adoption of the outcomes of the second United Nations Environment Programme Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific – CR2 (member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)</p>		
15.30-16.00	<p>Adoption of the outcomes, including draft report of the senior officials meeting as well as draft Chair’s summary of the Ministerial segment</p>	
<p>Agenda item 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 – CR2 *The draft declaration and report will be circulated after lunch by the secretariat for review by delegates</p>		
16:00-16:30	<p><i>Introduction by the secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Adoption of the declaration and report</i></p>	
<p>Agenda item 18: Closing of the Summit – CR2</p>		
16:30-17:00	<p><i>Closing remarks</i></p>	