

# ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

 **27-30 March 2023**

 **Bangkok, Thailand**

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# WHAT IS THE **APFSD**?



**10<sup>th</sup> APFSD**  
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01

Inclusive intergovernmental forum for supporting Asia-Pacific countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

02

Regional preparatory meeting for the High-Level Political Forum

03

Regional platform for sharing good practices and lessons learned including on VNRs

# APFSD OBJECTIVES



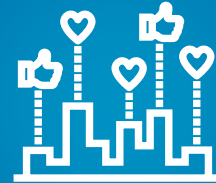
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**REVIEW**



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**SHARE**



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**STRENGTHEN**



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01

## REVIEW

Facilitate **follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda** and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asia-Pacific region

For example: speaker in SDG 17 Round table, input on progress and champions on SDGs



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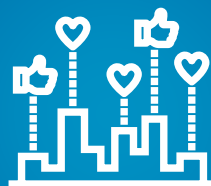
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## SHARE

Share and promote **good practices, experiences and information** for sustainable development in the region

Sharing experiences and SDG acceleration projects and initiatives

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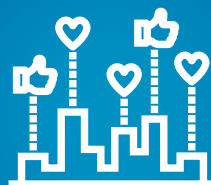
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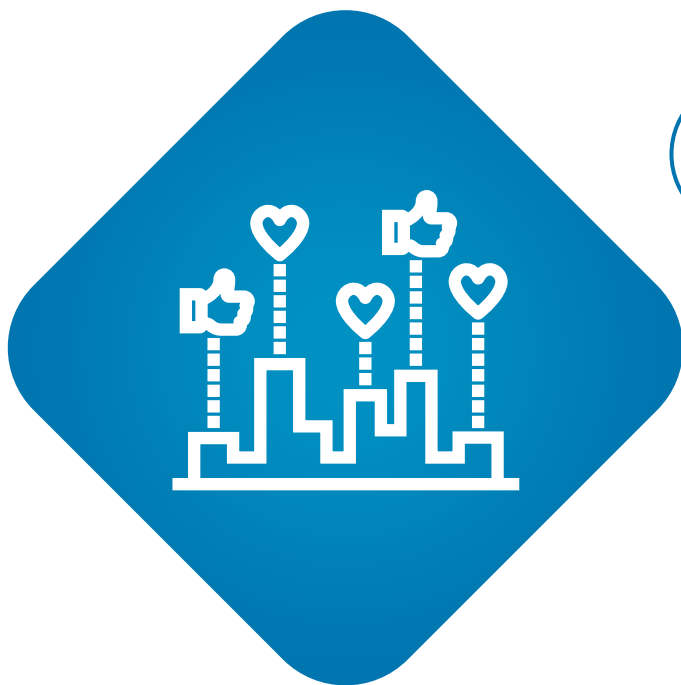
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## **STRENGTHEN**

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Enhance **capacity and partnerships for implementation** of the 2030 Agenda, especially for countries in special situations

Connect and develop partnerships with regional stakeholders through APFSD People's Forum, side events, SDG Acceleration Pavilion and SDG Round tables



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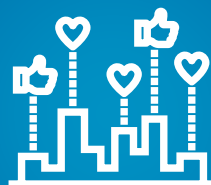
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## ACCELERATE

Identify **emerging challenges, priority actions and key partnerships to accelerate action** to attain the 2030 Agenda

Actively engage in the Roundtable discussions to reflect on and develop policy recommendations and help build SDG response packages and alliances to carry to the global 2023 SDG summit

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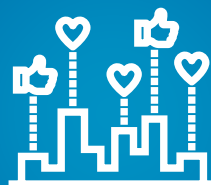
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# APFSD Timeline



## VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

Countries assess national SDG progress and present at the APFSD and HLPF

ENE: 07-08 Sept. 2022 (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)  
NCA: 06-07 Oct. 2022 (Almaty, Kazakhstan)  
SEA: 07-08 Nov. 2022 (Bangkok, Thailand)  
SSWA: 05-07 Dec. 2022 (Islamabad, Pakistan)  
Pacific: 06-07 Dec. 2022 (Suva, Fiji)

## SUB REGIONAL FORUMS



## ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 27-30 March 2023

Stakeholders from the Asia-Pacific region review and stock take SDG progress, identify priorities, alliances and accelerated action

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## HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM July 2023

Informed by the VNRs and Regional Forums and discusses implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the global level

Marks the mid-point of the 2030 Agenda, and convenes stakeholders to provide guidance for accelerated actions

## SDG SUMMIT September 2023



Pre  
Events

APFSD  
Youth  
Forum

APFSD  
People's  
Forum

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## DAY ONE

Opening, Thematic  
Review, and Toward  
the 2023 SDG  
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## DAY TWO

Voluntary National  
Reviews and  
Roundtables on SDG  
6, 9, and 17

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## DAY THREE

Roundtables on SDG  
7 and 11, and Review  
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## DAY FOUR

Associated Events  
Adoption of the  
Report  
Closing

Post  
Events

SPECIAL  
EVENTS

SDG Acceleration Pavilion Exhibition

SIDE EVENTS & ASSOCIATED EVENTS

## DAY ONE

27 MARCH 2023

Opening of  
the Forum,  
Thematic  
Review, and  
Toward the  
2023 SDG  
Summit

### MORNING

09:00-12:00

#### AGENDA ITEM 1

Opening of the Forum

- Opening address
- Election of officers
- Adoption of the Agenda

#### AGENDA ITEM 2

Thematic Review

- Delivering on the SDGs through energy, food, and finance
- Ministerial roundtable and discussion showcasing country initiatives/successes
- Country and stakeholder statements

### Side Events

23:00-14:00

### AFTERNOON

14:00-17:00

#### AGENDA ITEM 3

Toward the SDG Summit

- Part 1: Mid-term review of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific
- Part 2: Accelerating the SDG progress in Asia and the Pacific
- Part 3: Galvanising partnerships and commitments for the 17 Goals
- Country and stakeholders' statements

Launch: SDG Partnership Report  
**RECEPTION**  
17:00-18:30

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# APFSD**10** PROGRAMME

## DAY TWO

28 MARCH 2023

Voluntary National  
Reviews (VNRs)  
and Roundtables  
on SDG 6, SDG 9,  
and SDG 17

### MORNING

09:00-12:00

#### AGENDA ITEM 4

VNRs: follow-up and review  
to accelerate implementation  
of the 2030 Agenda

- Twinning and South-South cooperation
- Using the VNR to strengthen evidence-based policy and targeting those left behind
- Country and stakeholders' statements

### LUNCH SIDE EVENTS

12:00-14:00

### AFTERNOON

14:15-16:15

#### SDG Roundtables

- SDG 6: clean water and sanitation
- SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals



### SIDE EVENTS

16:45-18:00

Ex: Multi-stakeholder  
Partnership in  
Facilitating  
Inclusive  
Economies  
and Protecting  
Rights of  
Migrant  
Workers

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## DAY THREE

29 MARCH 2023

Roundtables on SDG 7 and SDG 11, and Review of Regional Progress and Opportunities Towards the SDGs

### MORNING

09:00-11:00

#### SDG Roundtables

- SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy
- SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities



### LUNCH and SIDE EVENTS

11:00-13:45

### AFTERNOON

14:00-17:00

#### AGENDA ITEM 5

Review of regional progress and opportunities for achieving the SDGs

- Implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the subregional level
- Progress towards the attainment of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11, and 17
- United Nations development system-wide results at the regional level

#### AGENDA ITEM 6

Other matters

### SIDE EVENTS

17:00-18:30  
TBC

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## DAY FOUR

30 MARCH 2023

Associated Events,  
Networking and  
SDG Acceleration  
Pavilion; Adoption  
of the Report,  
Closing

### MORNING

09:00-11:00

- UNESCO/UNICEF Transforming Education Summit Follow-Up
- ESCAP/FAO Food Systems Summit Regional Stocktaking
- SDG Acceleration Pavilion
- Side events
- Virtual side event: Info-Session on Informal and Platform Workers in Asia and the Pacific in relation to SDG 9 and 11

### LUNCH and SIDE EVENTS

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### AFTERNOON

14:00-17:00

AGENDA ITEM 7  
Adoption of the Report  
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# 2023 VNR COUNTRIES

**UZBEKISTAN**  
2020 VNR

**TURKMENISTAN**  
2019 VNR

**TAJIKISTAN**  
2017 VNR

**MONGOLIA**  
2019 VNR

**VIETNAM**  
2018 VNR

**CAMBODIA**  
2019 VNR

**BRUNEI-DARUSSALAM**  
2021 VNR

**TIMOR-LESTE**  
2019 VNR

**MALDIVES**  
2017 VNR

**SINGAPORE**  
2018 VNR

**FIJI**  
2019 VNR

**UZBEKISTAN**  
2020 VNR

**TAJIKISTAN**  
2017 VNR

**MONGOLIA**  
2019 VNR

# 2023 VNR TWINNING COUNTRIES





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# Thank you!



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