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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Environment and Development, which will be held at the ministerial level, (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

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II. Annotations

Senior officials segment

1. Opening of the senior officials segment

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the senior officials segment of the seventh session of the Committee on Environment and Development will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2022/ced7.

(b) Election of officers

The senior officials will elect a chair and vice-chairs.

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2022/ced7.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CED/2022/L.1)

Annotation

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

2. Review of the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development for Asia and the Pacific, 2017

Documentation

Review of the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development for Asia and the Pacific, 2017 (ESCAP/CED/2022/1)

Annotation

Document ESCAP/CED/2022/1 will provide insight into the progress made in the region in terms of implementing the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development for Asia and the Pacific, 2017, drawing on the responses received from member States and other stakeholders to a survey.

3. Protecting our planet through regional cooperation and solidarity in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Protecting our planet through regional cooperation and solidarity in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CED/2022/2)

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Operationalizing the environment-health nexus in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CED/2022/INF/1)

Sustainable mechanization-based solutions for climate-smart agriculture in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CED/2022/INF/2)

Trends in and impacts of urbanization in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CED/2022/INF/3)

Annotation

Under agenda item 3, senior officials will discuss ways to support opportunities for collaboration and solidarity in Asia and the Pacific to protect the planet, aim to achieve a shared understanding of what needs to be done to accelerate progress and seek to identify opportunities for transformative action, including at the local level.

Document ESCAP/CED/2022/2 contains a summary of the forthcoming flagship report *Protecting our Planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific*, which deals with critical environment- and development-related trends and drivers. It also contains recommendations for reinvigorating multilateralism to protect our planet through regional cooperation and solidarity. In it, opportunities are identified for taking coordinated action to address regional environmental challenges, including air pollution, climate change, the degradation of the ocean and marine ecosystem, and urban sustainability, and for adopting rights-based approaches to environmental protection, in line with the current mandates of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on environment and development. The document also contains recommendations on how States in Asia and the Pacific can align their actions with global mandates and multilateral environmental agreements.

Document ESCAP/CED/2022/3 contains the terms of reference of the Technical Expert Group on Environment and Development, which was established by the Committee at its sixth session to bring together experts nominated by member States from relevant ministries and other institutions in support of the subprogramme on environment and development. The Committee may wish to endorse the terms of reference.

Information document ESCAP/CED/2022/INF/1 contains guidance aimed at helping States to strengthen the environment-health nexus in public policy, including by bolstering the neglected environmental aspect of the One Health approach in Asia and the Pacific.

Information document ESCAP/CED/2022/INF/2 contains an overview of some of the mechanization-based solutions for climate-smart agriculture in Asia and the Pacific. The document outlines the key initiatives implemented by ESCAP and proposes recommendations for policymakers and other stakeholders.

Information document ESCAP/CED/2022/INF/3 contains an analysis of trends in and impacts of urbanization in Asia and the Pacific, as well as guidance for how cities can participate in climate action and environmental initiatives and promote resilient and inclusive communities.

4. Other matters

Other matters not covered under the items mentioned above will be considered under agenda item 4.

Ministerial segment

5. Opening of the ministerial segment

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the ministerial segment of the seventh session of the Committee will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2022/ced7.

(b) Election of officers

The ministers and heads of delegation will elect a chair and vice-chairs.

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2022/ced7.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CED/2022/L.1)

Annotation

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

6. Strengthening regional collaboration to protect our planet

Two substantive ministerial round tables will be organized on selected opportunities for regional cooperation to promote and protect our common environment. The ministers and heads of delegations will be invited to contribute to a general debate to help define and set the priorities for action by the Commission. Representatives of the United Nations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations may also make brief statements on the policies and initiatives of their organizations on regional cooperation in environment and development.

7. Other matters

Other matters not covered under the items mentioned above will be considered under agenda item 7.

8. Adoption of the ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific, 2022

Documentation

Draft ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific, 2022 (ESCAP/CED/2022/L.3)

Annotation

The ministers and heads of delegation may wish to consider and adopt the ministerial declaration on environment and development for Asia and the Pacific, 2022, and provide guidance on its implementation.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session

Documentation

Draft report (ESCAP/CED/2022/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its seventh session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-ninth session.
