

Asia Pacific CSO Forum on Sustainable Development: Consolidating Peoples' Agenda for Development Justice 17-18 May 2015

Nuovo City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Objectives:

1. Inform and build capacity of civil society participants on sustainable development at the global and regional levels, and on the opportunities and modalities for engaging these processes;
2. Provide a space for dialogue on the content and substance of the APFSD and UNEP Forum of Environment Ministers and Environmental Authorities, formulate civil society positions building on Asia-Pacific civil society messages on post-Rio+20 and post-2015 development agenda and strategize interventions at the APFSD and the UNEP Forum;
3. Reflect on the work of Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism 2014-2015, and elect the new committee of AP-RCEM
4. Agree on joint actions and follow up to civil society positions adopted.

Draft Agenda
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Day 1, 17 May 2015

Time	Session/Topic
08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.20	<p>OPENING <i>Facilitated by: TBC</i></p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masakazu Ichimura, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, UNESCAP • Kaveh Zahedi, Regional Director, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and Regional Representative • Representative from the Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
9.20-10.15	<p>Introduction of CSO Forum Participants</p> <p>Introduction of the Programme of CSO Forum</p>
10.15 – 10.45	Tea / Coffee Break
10.45 – 11.00	<p>Video: Development Justice</p> <p>The video will be shown to set the context on the world today and what are we trying to achieve.</p>
11.00 – 12.00	<p>UN Regional Processes in Asia and Pacific on Sustainable Development and Scope of CSO Engagement</p> <p>The purpose of this session is to give an overview of the UN Regional intergovernmental processes in Asia Pacific on sustainable development and how these processes link to the global and national level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Post-2015 development agenda & opportunities for engagement at the regional level: Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) and

	<p>other relevant process</p> <p><i>Speaker: Representative from ESCAP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of United Nations Environmental Assembly's (UNEA) decisions and resolutions, the 1st Forum of Ministers and Environmental Authorities and Opportunities for CSO Engagement <p>Alexander Juras, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholder Branch and Satwant Kaur, Regional Information Officer, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSO Perspective: CSO Engagements in UN Regional Intergovernmental processes <p><i>Speaker: tbc</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 14.30	<p>Setting the Regional Priority Issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key issues for civil society in Asia Pacific: Review of current SDGs, state of play, gains and losses in Post-2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Play in the Negotiations: What's there left to Negotiate? <i>Speaker: tbc</i> • Gains and Losses in Post 2015 Negotiations <i>Speaker: tbc</i> • Buzz Group – each constituency to fill in the gains and losses <p>In this session, speakers will also be asked to address challenges and opportunities to integrate the three pillars of sustainable development– to feed into the APFSD Session 1.</p>
14.30 – 15.45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. CSO Perspectives on Economic and Social Impacts of Environment in Asia Pacific (Output to feed into UNEA and UNEP Forum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Sustainability and the Post 2015 Agenda <i>Speaker: tbc</i> • Environmental concerns in the Region: An outlook <i>Speaker: tbc</i> • Environment and Health <i>Speaker: tbc</i> • Environment and the Access to resources, incomes and Services <i>Speaker: tbc</i>
15.45 – 16.15	Coffee Break
16.15 – 18.30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Implementation, Monitoring and Accountability in the Post-2015 Development Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Means of Implementation, Review and Monitoring for SDGs: A global perspective <i>Speaker: tbc</i> • What to Monitor: Getting down to specifics - Targets and Indicators (Presentation of the survey/e-consultation) • Group Work

Day 2, 18 May 2015

Time	Session/Topic
08.30 – 09.30	<p>Architecture of Regional Mechanisms: CSO perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role, function and format of future APFSD • UNEA – regional implementation of UNEA resolutions and decisions, regional inputs to the next UNEA and UNEP's medium term strategy for 2018-2021. • Scope for Civil Society in global and regional monitoring and implementation mechanisms

<p>09.30 – 11.30 (including coffee break)</p>	<p>Presentation: Overview of previous Asia Pacific CSO Statements on sustainable development – instruction for group works.</p> <p>Group Work :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenges and Opportunities in Integrating the 3 pillars of SD (Output to feed into APFSD) – including the review of goals, targets and indicators 2. Review, monitoring at Regional level – including role, format and function of the next APFSD and UNEA 3. Environmental challenges in Asia and Pacific
<p>11.30 – 12.30</p>	<p>Presentation of Group work</p>
<p>12.30 – 13.30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13.30 – 16.00</p>	<p>RCEM Discussion This session will be on RCEM’s achievements, gaps, reflection and ways forward and the proposed new structure of RCEM.</p> <p>Election of new UNEP regional representative alternate</p>
<p>16.00 – 16.30</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>16.30 – 18.00</p>	<p>Statement for UNEP</p>
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Selection/Election of Constituency and Sub-regional Focal Point Thematic Working Group Discussion Statement for APFSD</p>