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Draft Annotated Provisional Agenda

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*** The geographical coverage of the United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office includes 41 Member States: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kiribati, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Korea (the Republic of), Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam.**

II. Annotation

A. Senior Officials Meeting (28 August 2025)

1. Opening of the Senior Officials Meeting of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office):

(a) Opening address

The Senior Officials segment will be opened by the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji and the Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for Asia and the Pacific. The inaugural address will be delivered by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Fiji.

(b) Election of officers

The Senior Officials will elect a Bureau for the Senior Officials meeting of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific which will comprise of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (UNEP/APEnvForum(6)/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 resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Asia and the Pacific.

Documentation

Background Document (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/1)

Annotation

Document contains an update on implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and reporting on flagship programmes and events delivered by the Secretariat.

The agenda item will provide an opportunity for Member States to report on progress and innovative practices on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and provide guidance on priorities to be addressed in the region. Lead countries that sponsored resolutions at preceding sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly are India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Samoa and Sri Lanka.

3. Contribution of the regional Forums of Ministers of the Environment and Environment Authorities to the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work

(a) UNEP's Draft Medium-Term Strategy 2026-2029 and Programme of Work 2026-2027

Documentation

Draft Medium-Term Strategy 2026-2029 and Programme of Work 2026-2027 (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/2)

Annotation

UNEA Decision 6/7 requested UNEP to prepare the new Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and a Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget for its first two biennium, through inclusive and regular consultation with Member States and relevant stakeholders. The new strategy, set to be approved at the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) in December 2025, will guide UNEP's strategic direction and play a pivotal role in shaping the global environmental agenda.

The senior officials and other stakeholders may wish to provide regional inputs to the draft strategy, including priorities, important initiatives and partnerships, and multilateral cooperation required to deliver the UNEP's MTS and PoW. A report on the Asia-Pacific consultation held virtually on 27 May 2025 is contained in Information Note (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/INF/1).

(b) Role of the Environment Fund for delivering the United Nations Environment Programme's Programme of Work

Documentation

UNEP's Environment Fund (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/3)

Annotation

The Environment Fund was established in 1972 by the UN General Assembly as the core financial fund of UNEP. The fund is used to provide scientific evidence on the state of the global environment; to identify emerging environmental issues and innovative solutions; to raise awareness and advocacy; and to build capacity. It invests in results-focused programme management and robust oversight. It also finances UNEP's convening power in bringing together governments, the private sector and civil society to advance the global environmental agenda, for example through the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The Senior Officials and other stakeholders may wish to share good examples of programme delivery at the national level.

4. Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (8-12 December 2025)

(a) Draft Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session

Documentation

Draft Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/4)

Annotation

A process of consultation on a draft declaration, addressing the theme of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 'Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet' was initiated by the President of the Assembly. The main objective is to develop, in a transparent and inclusive manner, a joint vision and achievable actions to address the theme.

The Senior Officials and other stakeholders are invited to provide regional inputs to the draft declaration that will be adopted at the seventh session of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7).

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

Documentation

Guidelines for submission of draft resolutions for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/5)

Annotation

Member States may consider submitting relevant draft concept(s)/resolution(s) at the sixth

session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific for review and further submission to the Committee of Permanent Representatives process. As indicated in the guidance, the deadline for submission of draft resolutions and draft decisions is Monday, 29 September 2025. This deadline is 10 weeks in advance of seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, pursuant to UNEA decision 6/7 and as indicated in the CPR based review.

5. **Multilateral Environmental Cooperation to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation, and pollution**

Documentation

Information Note (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/INF/2)

Annotation

Multilateral environmental cooperation is crucial for addressing interconnected global challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, and pollution. These issues are often intertwined and require coordinated international action through agreements and partnerships to achieve sustainable solutions. Despite efforts by the international community, environmental degradation is still a concern. Hence, we need to unite forces at all levels to address the impacts and drivers of environmental degradation more effectively. In this regard, strengthening implementation of, and compliance with, the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, as well as institutionalizing intergovernmental cooperation for accelerating the national actions are important steps forward.

Forum Chair will invite a panel representing Secretariats of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) to deliberate on effective rules-based multilateral systems that support countries in delivering on their national and global commitments, to ensure fair and effective multilateralism, strengthening the environmental rule of law, including by promoting convergence and synergies within the United Nations system and between multilateral environmental agreements.

6. **Endorsement of the report of the Senior Officials of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office)**

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials meeting of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(6)/6)

Annotation

The senior officials will review a draft report for endorsement and recommend it for adoption by the Ministers at the Ministerial Segment. The draft report will reaffirm the priorities for the future in Asia and the Pacific and demonstrate the commitment of Member States to achieving the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly theme 'Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet'.

B. **Ministerial Segment (29 August 2025)**

7. **Opening of the session**

(a) **Opening addresses**

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji, the President of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), and the Deputy 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 for the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific which will comprise of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (UNEP/APEnvForum(6)/L.1)

Annotation

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

8. Ministerial dialogue on advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet in Asia and the Pacific (Ministerial Statements)

Documentation

Background Document (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/7)

Annotation

The UNEA-7 theme on ‘Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet’ sends a strong message to accelerate sustainable solutions and effective responses for a safer and more resilient planet. This theme recognizes that striving for a world that is just, equitable and inclusive hinges on advancing sustainable development, promoting sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection to benefit all, as recognized in the “Future We Want.”

Thus, a resilient planet is one where healthy ecosystem are prioritized; where resource intensity is reduced and efficiency is enhanced; where consumption and production demands are reoriented towards sustainability; and where new technologies and practices can sustainably anticipate and prevent environmental risks. To be successful and truly catalyse the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, all of these conditions must be underpinned by effective and inclusive environmental governance and respect for the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

The Ministers, Heads of the delegation, and other high-level representatives will have an opportunity to share perspectives on advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet in Asia and the Pacific. Ministers and other high-level representatives are also invited to share successes, best practices, and suggest concrete actions towards advancing sustainable solutions at national, subregional, and regional levels.

9. Multistakeholder dialogue: Partnership to promote sustainable solutions in Asia and the Pacific (challenges and opportunities)

Documentation

Information Note (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/INF/3)

Annotation

The multistakeholder dialogue aims to bring together diverse actors to collaborate on shared goals like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other international environmental commitments. Key challenges include ensuring effective coordination among these varied groups, bridging capacity, knowledge and resource gaps, and addressing the diverse needs and priorities at local, national and regional levels. Multistakeholder partnerships can facilitate pooling resources, expertise and innovation to accelerate progress towards the SDGs, particularly in areas like natural resource management, clean energy, sustainable cities, and climate action. Multistakeholder partnerships can also enhance the resilience of communities and ecosystems to various shocks and stresses, including climate change, natural disasters, and economic crises. Facilitating the exchange of knowledge and best practices among stakeholders can enhance understanding of sustainable development challenges and promote the adoption of effective solutions.

Forum Chair will invite a panel representing the voice of multiple stakeholders to share their Asia Pacific regional perspectives on partnership to advancing sustainable solutions, including finance, technology, and capacity building, at national, subregional, and regional levels, towards achieving the environmental dimension of the SDGs. Member States and other stakeholders and representatives will have opportunities to share their statements.

10. Role of Subregional Organizations in accelerating sustainable solutions in the region

Documentation

Background document (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/8)

Annotation

Subregional organizations in Asia and the Pacific play a vital role in coordinating regional actions, supporting capacity building, and monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions and the environmental dimension of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. They act as important partners in translating global commitments into local actions, addressing transboundary issues, and facilitating regional consensus-building. These organizations provide a platform to share knowledge, capacity building on relevant tools, and review progress on achieving the multilateral environmental agreements and SDGs.

Forum Chair will invite the Heads of the Secretariat of Subregional Organizations to share their commitments on accelerating sustainable solutions towards promoting regional cooperation.

11. Submission of Senior Officials report and draft outcomes of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific

Under the item, the Ministers and Heads of delegation may wish to take note of the key elements of the report of the Senior Officials meeting.

12. Adoption of the outcomes of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (*Member States primarily served by the United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific office)

Documentations

Draft report of the Senior Officials meeting of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/6)

Draft ministerial outcome (chair's summary) of the sixth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum (6)/9)

Annotation

The Ministers and Heads of delegation will consider the draft report of the Senior Officials and the draft Ministerial Outcome for adoption. The outcome will reflect policy perspective and commitments in Asia Pacific to address the theme of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 'Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet'.

13. Closing session.

Closing statements will be delivered.