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**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (section I) and the annotation to the provisional agenda (section II).

**I. Provisional agenda**

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  - (c) Adoption of the agenda
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9. Adoption of the outcomes of the fourth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (\*Member States primarily served by UN Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific office)
10. Closing session.

**\* The geographical coverage of the UN Environment Asia-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.**

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## II. Annotation

### A. Senior Officials Meeting (6 October 2021)

#### 1. Opening of the Senior Officials Meeting of the 4th Session of Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (\*Member States primarily served by United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office):

##### (a) Opening address

The senior official segment will be opened by the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea and Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for Asia and the Pacific. The inaugural address will be delivered by the Asia Pacific Vice President of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly Bureau.

##### (b) Election of officers

The senior officials will elect a bureau for the senior officials meeting of the fourth 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(4)/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**

Progress in implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly and the key flagship programme and events delivered as secretariat. (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/1)

#### **Annotation**

Document UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/1 contains an update on the implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its first, second, third and fourth sessions and also reporting on flagship programmes and events.

The agenda item will provide an opportunity for Member States to report on progress 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 sponsored resolutions at preceding United Nations Environment Assembly are India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Samoa, and Sri Lanka.

#### 3. Regional input to the second session of the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly (28 February-2 March 2022) outcome.

##### (a) United Nations Environment Assembly theme: Strengthening Actions for

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 Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
**Documentation**

Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/2)

**Annotation**

The theme of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly: 'Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals'. The senior officials will have in front of them a draft regional report in which the document highlighted opportunities for advancing concrete actions for nature to achieve the sustainable development goals in Asia and the Pacific, in areas, including: i) Nature for Poverty Eradication, Jobs and Economic Prosperity; ii) Nature for Climate; iii) Nature for Human and Ecosystem Health; and iv) Nature for Sustainable Food Systems.

The senior officials and other stakeholders may wish to review the report and provide regional inputs, including priorities, environmental success stories and important initiatives.

Statements from the Asia Pacific Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment, and the Asia Pacific Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, linked to the Forum theme, held prior to the high-level segment will be delivered in this agenda item.

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

**Documentation**

Draft resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/3)

**Annotation**

Member States may consider sharing relevant concept (s) to be submitted to the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme. The senior officials may wish to briefly present the potential concept draft resolutions at the Forum.

- (c) Draft Ministerial Outcome of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session

**Documentation**

Draft declaration of the UN Environment Assembly at its fifth session (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/4)

**Annotation**

A process of consultation on a draft political declaration addressing the theme of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 'Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals', 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 second session of the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2).

**4. Endorsement of the report of the senior officials of the 4th session of Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (\*Member States primarily served by United Nations Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific Office)**

**Documentation**

Draft report of the senior officials meeting of the 4th session of Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/5)

**Annotation**

The senior officials will review a draft report for adoption by the ministers. 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 fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly theme 'Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals'.

**B. Ministerial Segment (7 October 2021)**

**5. Opening of the session.**

(a) Opening addresses

The President of fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5), the Minister of Environment and Climate of Norway (video message), the Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme will deliver welcome statement 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 fourth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific and will comprise a chair and two vice-chairs.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda (UNEP/APEnvForum(4)/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. Leadership Dialogue on Strengthening Nature Actions to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

Information Note (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/INF/1)

**Annotation**

High Level Dialogue will focus on issues and relevant policy measures to address critical challenges related to strengthening the nature actions to achieve the sustainable development goals in Asia and the Pacific. The Forum provides a unique opportunity for the multilateral community to share successes, best practices, and actions on nature that contribute to building back better and achieving the sustainable development goals, in a balanced and integrated manner.

The ministers, and other high-level representatives will have an opportunity to share perspectives on innovative policy solutions and commitments at national, subregional and regional levels. Ministers and other high-level representatives are also invited to announce new or existing concrete actions by their respective Governments or organizations that will promote nature actions.

**7. Multistakeholder’s Dialogue on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP@50 celebration)**

**Documentation**

Information Note (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/INF/2)

**Annotation**

The first session of the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA- 5.1) decided to convene a special session to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Environment Programme. This event will be held on 3 and 4 March 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya in conjunction with the second session of the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2). The UNEP@50 is expected to focus on how to position the United Nations Environment Programme as the lead organization for the environment and further strengthening UNEP organizationally, financially and politically.

Ministers, Heads of the Delegation and other stakeholders and representatives will have an opportunity to share their regional perspectives on the UNEP@50 celebration.

**8. Presentation of senior officials report and draft outcomes of the fourth 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.

**9. Adoption of the outcomes of the fourth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (\*Member States primarily served by UN Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific office)**

**Documentations**

Draft report of the senior officials meeting of the fourth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum(4)/6)

Draft ministerial outcome (chair’s summary) of the fourth session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific (UNEP/APEnvForum (4)/7)

**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 fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly 'Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals'.

**10. Closing session.**

Closing statements will be delivered.

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