



Embassy of Sri Lanka to the
Kingdom of Thailand and
Permanent Mission to ESCAP



Side event at 80th Session of the
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP):

Cooperation with Impact
Launch of the Technical Cooperation Highlights 2022-2023 publication

Concept Note

Date/time: Wednesday, 24 April 2024, 12:45 – 14:00 hrs.

Location: Conference Room 4, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, and online via Microsoft Teams

Organizers: Embassy of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Thailand and Permanent Mission to ESCAP and ESCAP

For registration (in-person and virtual participation), please visit:

<https://forms.gle/BfXwxcjeRvKxv1AU7>

(To receive on-site access to ESCAP premises, in-person participants are additionally required to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1007591/>)

I. Background

The Asia-Pacific region faces a rising tide of development challenges in the post-pandemic period. Economic slowdown, unprecedented inflation and uncertainty brought about by geopolitical challenges have set back past development gains. These have also been worsened by a food and fuel price crisis, further compounded by the widespread, rapid and intensifying impacts of climate change. This fast-evolving development landscape is drastically changing narratives and calling for policy adaptation required to deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

With its dedicated Goal 17, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development emphasizes the crucial role of partnerships in achieving ambitious global targets, integral for mobilizing and sharing knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources, and bringing together national governments, the international community, civil society, the private sector, and other actors. ESCAP, as an inter-governmental platform that serves to bolster regional aspirations of socio-economic development, recognizes that effective responses to the growing and complex development landscape cannot be achieved alone.

The Technical Cooperation Highlights 2022-2023 publication, the third in the series ([link](#)), presents major achievements of ESCAP's capacity development programme over the past two years, accomplished in collaboration with partners.

In recognition of the role partnerships play in the delivery of ESCAP's technical cooperation work, this edition is dedicated to success stories showcasing the power of partnerships. It illustrates how partnerships helped scale up good practices to leave no one behind, to make economic growth inclusive, to advance climate action and to reduce disaster risks.

II. Objectives

The side event will launch ESCAP's Technical Cooperation Highlights 2022-2023 publication and showcase results and achievements of ESCAP's substantive work and its facilitation of regional cooperation. By providing the opportunity for an in-depth discussion, the side event will:

- Showcase major technical cooperation and capacity development achievements for implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Portray successful partnerships with governments, foundations and private sector.
- Present ESCAP's unique position in facilitating regional cooperation and collaboration, including South-South cooperation, towards agreed development goals and priorities.

III. Organization and target audience

The panel will comprise representatives of donors and providers and recipients of technical assistance as well as implementing partners.

Target audience will be representatives of member States, technical/development cooperation agencies, UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations, as well as the private sector.

For more information, please visit: <https://unescap.org/events/2024/side-event-80th-session-commission-launch-event-tc-highlights-2022-2023>

IV. Programme

Time	Item
10 min.	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory remarks by Ms. Zeynep Orhun Girard, Chief, Capacity Development and Partnerships Section, ESCAP • Opening remarks by H.E. Ms. Colonne Appuhamillage Chaminda Inoka Colonne, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to ESCAP
45 min.	<p>Panel discussion Moderated discussion with donors, beneficiaries and implementing partners of selected success stories featured in the <i>Technical Cooperation Highlights 2022-2023</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mitchell Hsieh, Chief, Communications and Knowledge Management Section, ESCAP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ko Barrett, Deputy Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization • Mr. Kanop Ketchart, Mayor of Nakhon Si Thammarat • Ms. Teuta Rexhepi, Secretary General, Rehabilitation International • Mr. Gulshan Vashista, Global Green Growth Institute <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the lessons learned and best practices from the featured cooperation initiatives. • Highlight benefits of the partnership. • Share innovative aspects of presented solutions and how these could be replicated in other countries.
20 min.	<p>Launch of Technical Cooperation Highlights 2022-2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP • Launch of Technical Cooperation Highlights by Mr. Adnan H. Aliani, Director, Strategy and Programme Management Division, ESCAP
<p>After the launch, a reception will be hosted by the Embassy of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Thailand and Permanent Mission to ESCAP.</p>	