



ESCAP Sustainable Business Network

ESBN Monthly Update: July 2023

Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business

The ESNB Executive Council adopted the Green Deal for Business at its 7th Meeting in May 2022. The Green Deal for Business was officially launched at the Asia Pacific Business Forum held in Bangkok Thailand on 26 August 2022.

Pledge your support to the Green Deal for Business at: <https://www.unescap.org/projects/gd>

Activities by ESNB members

Infosys: Infosys has recently published the ESG report for Fiscal Year 2023 with the following highlights:

- Infosys is Carbon Neutral for 4th year in a row, across all emissions (scope 1, 2 & 3)
- Our climate action strategy is based on 3 pillars – Energy Efficiency (to reduce emissions), Renewable Energy (to avoid emissions) and Carbon Offset projects (to offset emissions).
- Infosys campus was selected as case study for G-20 delegates (energy transition working group)
- Published a document on tree species of Infosys Mangaluru campus (transformation of barren land into a super dense rainforest)

Links to the reports:

<https://www.infosys.com/sustainability/documents/infosys-esg-report-2022-23.pdf>

<https://www.infosys.com/sustainability/documents/infosys-esg-databook-2022-23.pdf>

Upcoming events of ESNB interest

12-13 July 2023: [Ninth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships \(PPP\) Network of Asia and the Pacific](#)

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is collaborating with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to co-organize the "Ninth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Network of Asia and the Pacific". The primary objective of this meeting is to foster investment in sustainable infrastructure development across the Asia and Pacific region by leveraging effective infrastructure financing and PPP mechanisms. ESCAP remains committed to facilitating its member states in promoting sustainable infrastructure development within our region, thereby accelerating progress towards the SDGs and attaining the 2030 Agenda. Against this backdrop, this meeting will serve as a valuable platform for governments to showcase their infrastructure projects that are financially viable and align seamlessly with the SDGs.



Upcoming ESCAP activities and events

13 July 2023: [Regional Conference for Logistics Service Providers](#)

The annual Conference provides an enabling platform for freight forwarders, multimodal transport operators and logistics service providers in Asia and the Pacific to share knowledge and experience, discuss emerging issues and promote the development of their services. The Conference will be held on 13 July 2023 in Danang, Viet Nam. The event will review the latest developments in freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics services in the region, and aim to identify and promote good practices and innovative solutions to shared challenges.

24-27 July 2023: [ESCAP Disaster Resilience Week](#)

The fourth ESCAP Disaster Resilience Week will be held from 24-27 July 2023 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The deliberations of the week will be guided by the Executive Action Plan of Early Warning for All 2023-2027 and the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan (paragraph 34 that urges Parties to adopt a transformational approach to enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience, and reducing vulnerability to climate change).

25-27 July 2023: [Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction, Eighth Session](#)

The eighth session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from 25 to 27 July 2023. As a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction is the intergovernmental legislative forum on disaster risk reduction. The Committee session will take place during the ESCAP Disaster Resilience Week, which will be held from 24 to 27 July 2023.

25 July 2023: [UNFSS+2 Side Event | Food Systems at Risk: What to Look Out for and How to Assess Levels and Trends](#)

Organized by ESCAP and WFP, this event will discuss food system risks to look out for and some countries' approaches to addressing these risks. It will introduce a practical tool that provides insights into food system risk drivers and trends which can support policymakers and development partners to identify key

areas for policy interventions. This is a virtual side event of the first UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment taking place on 25-27 July 2023.

9-10 August 2023: [Regional Meeting on “Enhancing energy efficiency of the freight transport sector in Asia and the Pacific”](#)

ESCAP secretariat is currently undertaking a study project on “Enhancing energy efficiency of the freight transport sector in Asia and the Pacific”. The study aims to enhance the capacity of policymakers and other stakeholders in ESCAP region to formulate and implement effective policies and plans to promote energy-efficient future for freight transport sector, notably road transport in achieving SDGs 7, 9 and 11. This Regional Meeting is organized to present and discuss the final study findings of the project.

16-17 August 2023: [Feminist Finance Forum](#)

ESCAP is convening a Feminist Finance Forum, which will bring together between 150-200 key stakeholders including policymakers, women entrepreneurs, investors, financial service providers, ecosystem enablers, civil society and women grassroots organizations, and academia to advance feminist financing in Asia and the Pacific.

23 August 2023: [Inclusive Business in Agriculture and Food Systems Regional Investment Forum](#)

United Nations ESCAP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs of Indonesia and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will co-organize the Regional Investment Forum on Inclusive Business in Agriculture and Food Systems on August 23rd, 2023, in Bali, Indonesia. The event will be organized back-to-back with the 6th ASEAN Inclusive Business Summit, which is being held in collaboration with the Government of Indonesia, the ASEAN Secretariat, United Nations ESCAP, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

29 August 2023: [3rd International Forum on Low Carbon Cities: City-led climate actions in North-East Asia](#)

The 3rd International Forum on Low-Carbon Cities will be jointly organized by ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office and Incheon Metropolitan City on 29 August 2023 during the Korea Global Adaptation Week, in collaboration with Green Climate Fund, Incheon Carbon Neutrality Center, ICLEI, innovative Green Development Program, CityNet, Climate Change Center and Local Government Association for Climate and Energy Transition. The Forum is expected to facilitate information sharing and strengthen partnership and peer-learning among cities and city networks in North-East Asia and beyond, by bringing together local governments, international and regional organizations, national and regional city networks and various stakeholders.

For a short overview of ESCAP related news, please see <https://www.unescap.org/news> or subscribe: <https://unescap.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c0fdb6e03fa08a5e575b433c0&id=e318af22fc>

All ESCAP upcoming events: <https://www.unescap.org/events>

Recently published by ESCAP

[Blog: Advancing gender equality for sustainable infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific \(26 June 2023\)](#)

[Blog: Moving towards a greener world with ESNB and the Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business \(23 June 2023\)](#)

[Advancing sustainable cooling in Cambodia to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions \(26 June 2023\)](#)

[Impact of COVID-19 and climate change on debt of Pacific island countries \(19 June 2023\)](#)

[Fiscal governance and debt sustainability in Pacific island countries \(19 June 2023\)](#)

[Regulatory sandbox framework for central bank digital currency in the Maldives \(08 June 2023\)](#)

[Readiness assessment for cross-border paperless trade : Tuvalu \(07 June 2023\)](#)

[Biennial report 2021-2022: the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management \(06 June 2023\)](#)

Working paper series

Macroeconomics: Click [here](#)

Trade: Click [here](#)

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Best regards,

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