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**MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL****Ninth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development  
Bangkok and online, 28 to 31 March 2022**

I have the honour to invite you to designate members of your institution to attend the Ninth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, which will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok and online from 28 to 31 March 2022.

Guided by the theme “Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific” and with the overall objective of shaping regional priorities, the Forum will assess the progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and will consider a range of perspectives for accelerating transformations and facilitate exchange of knowledge, good practices and policy solutions.

This Forum will review the regional progress towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (quality education), Goal 5 (gender equality), Goal 14 (life below water), Goal 15 (life on land) and Goal 17 (partnerships for the Goals) and their interlinkages with the other Goals. It will also consider the role of the United Nations system in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; and reflect on the national, regional and global dimensions of the follow-up and review, through the presentation of voluntary national reviews.

As the most inclusive regional platform on sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, the Forum also serves as a preparatory event for the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development. The outcome of the Forum will also inform the deliberations at the seventy-eight session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The provisional agenda of the Forum is enclosed. All relevant information to facilitate the participation of your representative, including the timetable of meetings, pre-session documents, information note for participants and guide to participation, will be made available at <https://unescap.org/events/apfsd9>.

I would be grateful if you could indicate the name(s) and designation(s) of your representative(s) to [escap-apfsd@un.org](mailto:escap-apfsd@un.org) as soon as possible, preferably by 28 February 2022. All delegates are requested to register online by 14 March 2022 at <http://meetings.unescap.org> to facilitate security clearance and entrance to the premises.

The situation with regards to the COVID-19 is being continuously monitored and measures to mitigate public health risks, based on guidance from the World Health Organization, the host country of ESCAP and the Secretariat of the United Nations, will be in effect. Any change to the schedule or modality of the Forum to ensure the safety and well-being of participants will be communicated as necessary.

Any questions related to the Forum should be addressed to Mr. Riccardo Mesiano, Sustainable Development Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, at [escap-apfsd@un.org](mailto:escap-apfsd@un.org).

I look forward to the active participation of your colleagues and a vibrant dialogue during the Forum.



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Enclosure