

# People and Planet:

## Addressing the Interlinked Challenges of Climate Change, Poverty and Hunger in Asia and the Pacific

### 2024 ASIA-PACIFIC SDG PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Bangkok, 20 February 2024, 17:30–19:30

## Background

The [ESCAP-ADB-UNDP Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership](#) provides a platform for delivering knowledge and data to support the Asia-Pacific region's effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Its annual thematic report informs implementation of the UN's 2030 Agenda and supports regional dialogue during the [Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development \(APFSD\)](#), in preparation for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Against the backdrop of compounding crises such as climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent cost-of-living crisis, the 2024 SDG Partnership Report delves into the multifaceted relationship between climate change, poverty and hunger. Building on the insights from the 2023 SDG Partnership Report '*Delivering on the SDGs through Solutions at the Energy, Food and Finance Nexus*', the 2024 SDG Partnership Report examines how overlapping, interconnected crises and the multiplier effect of the climate crisis, exacerbate inequalities across many dimensions beyond income, increasing the vulnerability of individuals to threats such as food insecurity, malnutrition, hunger and enduring poverty. Cognisant of the need for nexus thinking, the Report highlights synergistic good practices and solutions within the context of climate action, poverty reduction and hunger to encourage their upscaling and replication throughout the region. The Report also identifies actionable policy recommendations to leverage opportunities to advance the SDGs.

## Report Launch Session

The 2024 SDG Partnership Report will be launched at the Eleventh APFSD in Bangkok, Thailand on Tuesday 20 February 2024 after the afternoon plenary session at 17:30 in the ESCAP Hall.

The 60-minute session will consist of a presentation of the report by senior representatives from the partner organisations and a discussion with a diverse panel of experts. There will be an opportunity for Q&A for the in-person and virtual audience.

Following the Report Launch session, there will be a reception at 18:30 (cocktail style) for around 150 people outside the ESCAP Hall.

## Programme

ESCAP ADB UNDP Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership Report Launch		60 min [17:30-18:30]
<b>Opening</b>	<b>Sandy Hanutsaha</b> (moderator) will introduce the session, the Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership, the 3 principals from the 3 partner organizations, the report and panel speakers.	<b>5 min</b>
<b>Video</b>	Report intro video plays	<b>3 min</b>
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</b> <i>Overview of the report</i>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>Panel discussion</b>	Moderator: to facilitate an interactive panel discussion focused on solutions to advance the SDGs in Asia-Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Wochong Um, Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, United Nations Assistant Secretary General and UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific</b></li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Esrom Yosef Immanuel, Assistant Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics, Fiji</b></li> <li>• <b>Albert Salamanca, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute</b></li> </ul>	<b>30 min</b>
<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>	Moderator will invite interventions and questions from the floor	<b>10 min</b>
<b>Headlines</b>	Moderator asks each panellist to give a closing statement	<b>5 min</b>
<b>Closing</b>	Moderator closes the session and invites audience to join the reception	<b>2 min</b>
		<b>[18:30-19:30]</b>