Eleventh Meeting of the ESCAP Business Advisory Council and Second Meeting of the ESCAP Sustainable Business Network

Tentative Programme
United Nations Conference Centre
Bangkok |Thailand
31 October and 1 November 2016

Monday, 31 October 2016

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)

08:30 – 10:00	*Registration* *at the Lobby of the United Nations Conference Centre*
09:30- 10:00	*Welcome coffee* *in front of Conference Room 4 (CR-4)*
	ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) Task Force Meetings
09:00- 12:30	Task Force on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Headed by: **Mr. Asif Ibrahim** *Meeting Room E*
10:00 – 17:00	Task Force on Digital Economy & Task Force on Green Business Co-headed by: **Prof. Barbara Meynert & Mr. Carson Wen** *Meeting Room G*
10:00 – 17:00	Task Force on Banking and Finance Headed by: **Mr. George Yuen** *Meeting Room H*
10:00 – 17:00	Task Force on Trade and Transport Facilitation Headed by: **Mr. Tariq Rangoonwala** *Meeting Room D*
10:00 – 17:00	Task Force on Innovation and Competitiveness Headed by: **Mr. Akash Bhavsar** *Meeting Room C*
10:00 – 17:00	New Task Force on Agriculture and Food (a preparation meeting) Headed by: **Mr. Thirach Rungruangkanokkul** *Conference Room 4*
12:00- 13:30	*Joint Lunch* *at the UNCC Public Foyer (ground floor)*
14:00 – 17:00	Task Force on MSMEs & Social Enterprises Headed by: **Dr. Sailendra Narain** *Meeting Room E*
15:00- 15:30	Joint networking break *in front of Conference Room 4*

Tuesday, 1 November 2016

Venue: Conference Room 4, UNCC

08:30-09:00	*Registration*
09:00 – 09:15	**Eleventh meeting of the ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC) & second meeting of the ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)** Opening Statement: **Mr. Hongjoo Hahm** Deputy Executive Secretary for Programmes, ESCAP EBAC Opening Statement: **Mr. Chote Sophonpanich** EBAC Vice Chairperson
09:15-09:45	*Photo taking and networking break*
09:45-10:45	Introduction and welcome remarks: **Ms. Susan F. Stone** Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP **Preparations for the Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2017** **Dhaka, Bangladesh, 7-9 February 2017** Presentation made by **Mr. Ataur Rahman** Secretary General, the International Chamber of Commerce Bangladesh Discussions on agenda, speakers and logistical arrangement
10:45-12:30	**Review on the status of the ESBN Task Forces and their vision for future activities** Introduction by **Mr. Marc Proksch** Chief, Business and Development Section Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP Presentations by each ESBN Task Force on: • Briefing on current projects and status • Concrete work plan and vision for their 2016-2017 activities and outputs • New initiatives and plans • Presentation on new ESBN studies/books • Proposals on new task forces
12:30-14:00	*Lunch* *at the UNCC Public Foyer (ground floor)*
14:00-14:30	**Presentation on the new Goldman Sachs research and recommendations on closing the credit gender gap and update members on the Goldman Sachs/IFC's lending facility for women** Presentation made by **Ms. Robyn Meredith** EBAC member and Executive Director, Private Wealth Management Investment Management Division, Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.
14:30-15:00	**Cross-border banking services and their effects on trade and transportation in Asia and the Pacific** Discussion led by **Mr. Tariq Rangoonwala** ESBN Task Force Chair on Trade and Transport Facilitation

15:00- 15:30	**Long-term goals and outcomes of EBAC/ESBN** Introduction by **Mr. Masato Abe** Economic Affairs Officer, Business and Development Section Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP Presentation by EBAC/ESBN Secretariat on: • Discuss on the strategic objectives and expected outcomes • Financial sustainability **Date, venue and agenda of EBAC 12th session** **Other matters**
15:30- 16:00	**Closing remarks by Co-Chairs**