

High-Level Policy Dialogue on Regional Cooperation and Inclusive Development in South and South-West Asia

18-19 October 2012, Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 18 October 2012

0930-1000	Arrival of Guests and Registration at <i>Inspire</i> , Le Meridien
1000-1100	Inaugural Session
	Welcome remarks: Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, ESCAP-SSWA
	Opening Address: Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary General of
	United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP
	Presentation of SSWA Development Report 2012-13
	Inaugural Address: H.E. Mr. Anand Sharma, Commerce and Industry
	Minister, Government of India (delivered by Mr. Rajeev Kher,
	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry)
	Q&A with media
	Vote of Thanks: Ms. Lise Grande, UN Resident Coordinator, India
1100-1130	Tea Break
1130-1300	Session 1: High-Level Panel on Regional Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development
	Moderator: H.E. Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission,
	Government of India
	Panelists:
	H.E. Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Vice-Chairman, National
	Planning Commission of Nepal
	Dr. Hafiz Pasha, former Finance Minister of Pakistan
	Prof. Guven Sak, Managing Director, Economic Policy Foundation (TEPAV), Turkey
	Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute for Policy Studies of
	Sri Lanka, Colombo
	Open discussion
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1530	Session 2: Regional Economic Cooperation and Connectivity in the
	Sub-region: Potential and Challenges Chair: Prof. Guven Sak, Managing Director, Economic Policy
	Foundation (TEPAV), Turkey
	Presentations:
	Mr. Amrit Lugun, Director, Economic, Trade and Finance, SAARC
	Secretariat, Kathmandu
	Dr. Esmaeil Tekyeh Sadat, Director, Transport and Communications,
	ECO Secretariat, Teheran
	Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute for Policy Studies of
	Sri Lanka, Colombo
	Dr. M. Rahmatullah, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka
	and Former Director, Transport Division, UN-ESCAP

	Open discussion
1530-1545	Tea Break
1545-1700	 Session 3: Food security and Sustainable Agriculture: Policy options for South and South-West Asian Countries Moderator: Dr. G.K. Chadha, President, South Asian University, New Delhi Lead Presentations: Dr. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agriculture Policy, Indian Council for Agricultural Research, New Delhi Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Professorial Fellow and former Director-General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka Dr. Nandini Azad, Chairperson, The Independent Commission for People's Rights and Development, New Delhi & ex-Head, Outcome Monitoring Division, Planning Commission, India
1930	Reception-Dinner hosted by ESCAP-SSWA at Le Meridien at <i>Allure</i>
Friday, 19 Octob	er 2012
0930-1030	 Session 4: Regional Cooperation for Energy Security and Disaster Risk Reduction in South and South-West Asia: Potential and Challenges Chair: H.E. Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission of Nepal Presentations: H.E. Dr. Davood Manzoor, Deputy Vice President of Strategic Planning and Supervision, Islamic Republic of Iran Dr. Ligia Noronha, Executive Director, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi Dr. Satendra Singh, Director, SAARC Disaster Management Centre, New Delhi and Prof. Santosh Kumar, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi Mr. Mohamed Hunaif, Under Secretary, Office of the President, Government of Maldives Open discussion
1030-11.00	Tea break
11.00-1300	 Session 5: MDGs and Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Development Agenda for 2015 and Beyond- A South Asian Perspective Moderator: Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Keynote address: Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York and Special Adviser to the UN Secretary- General South Asian Perspective Special Remarks: H.E. Dr. Syeda Hameed, Member of Planning Commission, Government of India Panellists Dr. Hafiz Pasha, former Finance Minister and Assistant Secretary General, UN Prof. Jayati Ghosh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

	Mr. Karma Tshiteem, Secretary, Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan
	Open discussion
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1515	Session 6: Roundtable on Global Partnership for LDCs and LLDCs: Implementing the Istanbul and Almaty Programmes of Action in South Asia
	Moderator: Mr. Karma, Chief Executive Officer, SAARC Development Fund, Thimphu
	Panelists:
	Amb. Madhu Raman Acharya, Executive Director, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), Kathmandu
	Mr. M.A.M. Kazemi, Senior Adviser to the Governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka
	Dr. Arjun Karki , International Coordinator, LDC Watch, Kathmandu Prof. Mehmet Arda , LDC IV Monitor and Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey
	Ms. Somali Cerise, OECD Development Centre, Paris
	Open discussion
1515-1530	Concluding Session
1530	Refreshments





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