

<u>Concept Note of</u> <u>the ESCAP Youth Forum on the Implementation of Rio+20</u> <u>for ENEA and NCA subregions</u>

Background

UN ESCAP's East and North-East Asia Office (ESCAP-ENEA) is implementing a 3-year project (2011-2013) to promote youth participation in policy-making. Our first project was a subregional youth forum in August 2011 held in the Republic of Korea with 68 youths from China, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation. Youths aged between 18 and 26 discussed three topics: Sustainable development, youth unemployment, and the concept of Gross National Happiness (GNH). The Youth Forum was attended by the former Prime Minister of Bhutan, who gave a keynote speech on GNH and interacted with the youth participants for Q&A. The participants' outcome document related to sustainable development was subsequently submitted as a youth input to Rio+20.

ESCAP-ENEA Office joined UNDP Seoul Policy Centre in co-organizing the North-East Asian Youth Conference: World We Want Post-2015, held on 7-9 January 2013 in Seoul. Fifty-one youths gathered from China, Japan, Mongolia and the Republic of Korea, and discussed the issues they would like to see tackled globally after the MDGs target date of 2015. As the result of the 3-day discussion, youth participants adopted a Youth Declaration which was received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea, who is also a member of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Post-2015 Development Agenda. The Minister promised to take into account the youths' views in the upcoming High Level Panel's report, to be submitted to the Secretary-General in mid-2013.

For the project's final year, ESCAP-ENEA Office plans to implement another subregional Youth Forum in collaboration with the ESCAP's North and Central Asia Office (ESCAP-NCA). Participants representing youth organizations/associations from the member States of both subregions will get together and share their activities to support the three pillars of sustainable development as identified in Rio+20: The economic, social and environmental. It

may be recalled that the Rio+20 outcome document "The Future We Want" reads as below:

We stress the importance of the active participation of young people in decision-making processes, as the issues we are addressing have a deep impact on present and future generations, and as the contribution of children and youth is vital to the achievement of sustainable development. We also recognize the need to promote intergenerational dialogue and solidarity by recognizing their views. (Para 50)

The proposed Youth Forum will take stock of youths' views and activities related to the three pillars of sustainable development and explore how to advance sustainable development in the two subregions. The outcome document of the Youth Forum will be the concluding outcome of the 3-year project.

Objectives of the Youth Forum

- 1) To provide a platform for friendship and cooperation for youths from the member States of ENEA and NCA subregions
- 2) To take stock of youths' views and existing activities for sustainable development
- 3) To discuss how to advance sustainable development in the two subregions through youth actions and cooperation

Expected Outcome of the Youth Forum

Roadmap of Youth Action towards Sustainable Development in ENEA and NCA will be made at the end of the Youth Forum, to be made available on ESCAP-ENEA's (and also possibly on ESCAP-NCA's) website

Dates 19-21 August 2013

Venue

Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) campus on Russky Island, Vladivostok, the Russian Federation

Co-Organizers

United Nations ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office (ESCAP-ENEA), North and Central Asia Office (ESCAP-NCA), Model UN of the Russian Federation (MUNRFE) and Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)

Participants

Twenty-nine youths from 11 member States of ENEA and NCA subregions, each person representing a youth organization.

Programme

Arrival day: Sunday, 18 August		
	Arrival and registration	
18:00 - 19:30	Dinner (informal dinner) - Canteen, Building#20	
	• Introduction of organizing staff (by ESCAP, FEFU and MUNRFE)	
	Brief orientation	
	Tour of the campus by Mr. Kirill Kovalevskiy, MUNRFE	
Day 1: Monda	y, 19 August (Field Trip)	
07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast on campus (Canteen, Building#20)	
09:00	Depart to Vladivostok city centre	
10:00 - 12:00	Walking tour around the city centre	
12:00	Visit to the Aquarium	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch in the Vladivostok city - "Khokhloma café"	
15:00	Visit to the view point "Eagle Nest" hill	
16:15	Departure back to the university	
18:00 - 19:00	Welcome Dinner (special dinner – the venue is Café, Building#24)	
	• Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office	
19:30 - 21:30	Social Evening	
	Activities to get to know one another	
	• Youth Organizations Fair (3-min presentation by each participant)	
Day 2: Tuesda	y, 20 August	
07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast	
09:00 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony	
	• Opening Remarks by Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office	
	• Video message by UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Mr. Ahmad Alhendavi, on "Youth participation in policy-making"	
	• Welcoming Address by Mr. Sergey Ivanets, Rector of Far Eastern Federal University	
	• Welcoming Address by Mr. Yuriy Saprykin, Deputy Head, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science of	

	Russia
	 Welcoming Address by Mr. Vitaliy Savenkov, Director, MUNRFE
10:00	Group Photo
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Session 1: Plenary Session – Promoting Youth Participation in Policy- making towards Sustainable Development
	Moderator: Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office
	• Speech on "The role of youth in implementing Rio+20 and the importance of subregional cooperation" by Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna
	 Presentation on "My experience of promoting youth participation in policy-making in the Republic of Korea" by Mr. Junghyun Kim (15 mins)
	• Presentation on the thematic topic 1 "Water and Sanitation" by Ms. Tatyana Vshivkova, Senior Researcher of Institute of Biology and Soil Sciences, Far East Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences (15 mins)
	• Presentation on the thematic topic 2 "Sustainable City and Human Habitat" by Mr. Sangmin Nam, Deputy Director, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office (15 mins)
	• Presentation on the thematic topic 3 "Education for Sustainable Development" by Mr. Danilo Padilla, ESD Programme Coordinator and Liaison Officer, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (Cancelled)
	• Interactive discussion with all the presenters: "Identifying concrete opportunities for youths to participate in policy-making towards Sustainable Development" (30 mins)
12:00 - 13:20	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Session 2: Thematic Group Discussions - Identifying key issues for ENEA and NCA subregions
	 Please meet in the Plenary Room for a briefing
	 Break into 3 thematic discussion groups (3 separate rooms)
	1. Water and Sanitation
	2. Sustainable Cities and Human Habitat
	3. Education for Sustainable Development
	 Each discussion group will be guided by the resource person
	 Each group will be given a USB drive to record all their

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	discussion results
	 By the end of this Session, each group is to make a bullet point list of key issues for ENEA and NCA subregions
15:00 - 15:20	Coffee Break
15:20 - 16:50	Session 3: Thematic Group Discussions – Taking stock of existing youth actions
	 Based on the key issues identified in Session 3, identify existing youth actions to address these issues
	 By the end of this Session, each group is to produce a list of existing youth actions, corresponding to the key issues
17:00 - 18:00	Session 4: Plenary Session: Summary of the day
	 Each thematic group reports today's discussion results to the whole group (please use your USB drive to show the discussion results on the plenary screen)
18:30 - 19:30	Dinner
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