

Agenda item 4:

Presentation of Outcomes of the UNCSD Regional Preparatory Meeting for Rio+20 (E/ESCAP/CED(2)/1)

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Participation and outcome

- 300 delegates from 40 countries
- Over 60 civil society delegates
- Hosted by the Republic of Korea, organized by ESCAP in collaboration with UNEP and the Asian Development Bank
- Report from the meeting includes:
 - Overview of proceedings
 - Chair's Summary (annex I)
 - Seoul Outcome (annex II)

http://www.unescap.org/esd/environment/Rio20/pages/documents/APRPM_Report_final_0911.pdf



Chair's Summary

- Reflects the statements and views of Member States and Major Groups.
- The need to change the development and economic models to respond to development challenges.
- Shared priorities: e.g. access to basic needs, food security and sovereignty, equitable income distribution and provision of opportunities for a sustainable life.
- Green Economy is one mean to achieve sustainable development as a vehicle to integrate the 3 pillars.



Chair's Summary

- Technological solutions alone will not address the challenges – needs to be changes in social values and practices also.
- Outcomes should include practical measures for achieving SD.
- SD goals should be linked to MDGs and poverty reduction.
- Calls for strengthening holistic integration of environment, economic and social pillars of SD.
- Follow a people-centered approach.
- Greening economies in a blue world.



Status of preparatory process and next steps

- Zero draft issued (<u>www.uncsd2012.org</u>)
 - Comments from member States were due to be submitted last week - 17 February.
 - These will then be further compiled and a new draft will be available in March.
 - ESCAP has submitted Seoul Outcome as Regional Input.



