2026 Sustainable Development Week

'Scaling up just transitions to achieving sustainable development, poverty eradication and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs'

Featuring the Sustainable Development Transformation Forum, the East and North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum, the East and North-East Asia Civil Society Forum and the East and North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals and aligned with the First Global Workshop for 2027 Voluntary National Reviews

Incheon, Republic of Korea, 19–23 October 2026

Concept Note

Background

With less than four years remaining to 2030, global progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) remains uneven and insufficient. The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2026, released by UN DESA on 7 July 2026, finds that of the targets with sufficient trend data only around 15 per cent are on track and a further 21 per cent show moderate progress, while nearly half are advancing marginally or not at all and some have regressed below 2015 levels. The global extreme poverty rate stood at 10 per cent in 2026. Compounding pressures including conflict, slowing growth, climate impacts, rising debt and declining official development assistance continue to weigh most heavily on developing countries, including Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)[1].

The SDTF will take place in advance of three important meetings and reports, including the 2027 HLPF convened in July by ECOSOC with the theme "*Scaling up just transitions to achieving sustainable development, poverty eradication and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs".* The SDGs to be reviewed in depth are Goals **4** (Quality Education), **10** (Reduced Inequalities), **12** (Responsible Consumption and Production), **15** (Life on Land) and **17** (Partnerships for the Goals). As well, the SDTF precedes preparations for the 2027 SDG Summit, which meets under the auspices of the General Assembly at the level of Heads of State and Government every four years. The 2027 SDG Summit will serve as a critical milestone to review progress in implementation of the 2030 Agenda, galvanize accelerated action in the remaining period to 2030, and to consider how to advance sustainable development by 2030 and beyond as decided by Member States in the Pact for the Future. And lastly, the third quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) is now being drafted by a 15-member Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) appointed by the Secretary-General in September 2025 for release in September 2027, the final GSDR before 2030[2].

Notably, the SDTF follows the conclusion of the 2026 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), held in New York from 13 to 16 July 2026 under the theme 'Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its

[1] https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2026/
[2] https://sdgs.un.org/gsdr2027

Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all'. HLPF 2026 conducted in-depth reviews of Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17, heard Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) from 36 countries, and concluded with a Ministerial Declaration adopted on 15 July[3].

As an outcome of this year's ECOSOC/HLPF review process, Resolution 80/293/B, adopted on 24 July 2026, encouraged countries conducting VNRs to "benefit from more systematic preparation of and follow-up to the reviews, with greater support by the resident coordinators, the regional commissions and the United Nations system, as appropriate". It also called for more analytical, scientific and evidence-based VNR reports, and included additional provisions that further strengthen the mandate for support to implementation and follow-up after the VNR has been conducted.

The SDTF is the UNOSD's flagship annual convening. Established in 2011 under the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of UN DESA, and hosted in Incheon City with the support of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Environment, Incheon Metropolitan City and Yonsei University, it brings together policymakers, civil society, academia and the private sector and focuses on developing countries for capacity building, knowledge exchange and policy dialogue on the 2030 Agenda. Since 2019, the Forum has followed the thread of the forthcoming HLPF cycle, aligning its theme and in-depth sessions with the Goals scheduled for review the following July[4] as well as quadrennially contributing toward preparations for the HLPF when it convenes under the auspices of the General Assembly (the SDG Summit).

In parallel, ESCAP's Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia (ESCAP-ENEA) convenes two annual subregional platforms. The North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), held since 2014 as a partnership among ESCAP-ENEA and the region's development-cooperation research networks: the China International Development Research Network (CIDRN), the Japan Society for International Development (JASID), the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC) and the Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE). It examines development cooperation and financing among China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, with a strong SDG 17 orientation. Its most recent (12th) edition was held in the Republic of Korea in December 2025[5]. The East and North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on the SDGs (held annually since 2017, with the host government rotating across the subregion)[6] provides a subregional consultation feeding into the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) and, in turn, the HLPF; it reviews the same cluster of Goals scheduled for the following year's HLPF and typically opens with a dedicated civil society day. Its most recent (9th) edition was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 22–23 October 2025, reviewing Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 ahead of the 13th APFSD (February 2026)[7] and HLPF 2026[8].

[3] https://hlpf.un.org/2026
[4] https://unosd.un.org/en/events/2024SDTF
[5] https://www.unescap.org/subregional-office/east-north-east-asia/dcf
[6] https://www.unescap.org/events/2025/9th-east-and-north-east-asia-multi-stakeholder-forum-implementation-sustainable
[7] https://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd13
[8] https://hlpf.un.org/2026

The First Global Workshop for 2027 Voluntary National Reviews will be hosted in Incheon from 15 to 17 December 2026. It will bring together government representatives from 2027 VNR presenting countries, focused specifically on VNR coordination and national statistical offices. It is distinct from the SDTF, as it is intended to guide countries preparing VNRs in 2027. The list of 2027 VNR countries will be finalized by the President of ECOSOC in mid- to late October, drawing from the list of countries that have expressed interest by the deadline of 2 October.

Alignment with Regional Forums and Voluntary National Reviews

For 2026, UNOSD and ESCAP-ENEA are aligning the SDTF, the North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum and the East and North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on the SDGs into a single consolidated week in Incheon. This reflects three considerations:

- Overlapping constituencies: the three convenings draw substantially on the same pool of government focal points, UN entities, research networks and civil society organizations from the subregion.
- Thematic coherence: Sequencing them within one week gives the opportunity to move deliberately from global framing and developing-country capacity building, to development cooperation and partnership questions, to a subregional deep dive on the same Goals under review.
- Following up on the 2026 VNR cycle and facilitating peer learning around the VNR experience for participating countries from different years.

This alignment preserves the distinct mandate, audience and outputs of each component while giving opportunities for synergies between the different events.

Objectives

- Reflect on the outcomes of HLPF 2026 and introduce the HLPF 2027 theme and the Goals under review (4, 10, 12, 15 and 17), framing the Forum within the current international framework and the emerging findings of the 2027 GSDR process.
- Share lessons learned from over a decade of SDG implementation to help inform preparations for the 2027 SDG Summit and its focus on how to advance sustainable development to 2030 and beyond.
- Strengthen the capacity of developing-country participants: including LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS to translate VNR experience and SDG data into accelerated national action.
- Produce a consolidated set of messages spanning global capacity building, subregional SDG progress and development cooperation, to inform the APFSD and HLPF processes.

Methodology and Sequencing

The 2026 Sustainable Development Week runs over five days (19–23 October 2026) in four sequenced components, moving from the broadest audience and framing to the most targeted. The overview

below sets out the structure and division of participation; a detailed programme and agenda will be issued separately.

Day	Date	Component	Focus	Participation
1	Mon 19 Oct	SDTF Opening & Thematic Plenary (lead: UNOSD)	Opening of the integrated Forum; reflection on HLPF 2026 outcomes; thematic framing on the HLPF 2027 theme ("Scaling up just transitions to achieving sustainable development, poverty eradication and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs") and discussion of the Goals under review at HLPF 2027 (4, 10, 12, 15, 17); and providing a snapshot of the 2027 SDG Summit and the Pact for the Future to frame the sharing of implementation lessons to inform the summit.	All participants
2	Tue 20 Oct	SDTF VNR Day (lead: UNOSD)	Reflections from selected 2026 VNR presenting countries on lessons learned; including data, financing, and stakeholder engagement.	All participants
3	Wed 21 Oct	Development Cooperation Forum & CSO Day (lead: ESCAP)	North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum (China/Japan/ROK/Russia research-network dialogue on development cooperation and SDG 17 financing) held alongside the East and North-East Asia Civil Society Forum on SDGs.	Selected participants
4–5	Thu 22 – Fri 23 Oct	East and North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder SDG Forum (lead: ESCAP)	Subregional review of progress on the Goals under 2027 review, feeding into the 14th APFSD and HLPF 2027; national SDG progress updates from China, Japan,	NE Asia participants + selected high-level speakers (DESA, ESCAP,

Day	Date	Component	Focus	Participation
			Mongolia, RoK and the Russian Federation.	GSDR/IGS scientists)
5	Fri 23 Oct	Joint Closing of the Forums (lead: UNOSD and ESCAP)	Expressing the shared messages	NE Asia participants + selected high-level speakers (DESA, ESCAP, GSDR/IGS scientists)

As in previous editions, sessions will combine expert presentations, country and CSO discussants, and facilitated plenary or breakout discussion. The 2026 Sustainable Development Week will be held in person, in line with the standard SDTF and NE Asia SDG Forum format.

Theme

The 2026 Sustainable Development Week overarching theme is aligned with the HLPF 2027 theme: *'Scaling up just transitions to achieving sustainable development, poverty eradication and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs'*, and its associated Goals under review: SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 15 (Life on Land) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Target Audience and Participation (all events)

- Days 1–2 (all participants): policymakers at all levels, civil society, academia, the private sector and youth, with a focus on developing countries and countries in special situations (LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, conflict and post-conflict settings). The opening session may involve a larger number of high-level government officials.
- Day 3 (selected participants): representatives of CIDRN, JASID, KAIDEC and RAIDAE and other development cooperation practitioners for the DCF component; civil society organizations from across East and North-East Asia for the CSO day, government representatives from East and North-East Asia.
- Days 4–5 (NE Asia participants plus selected high-level speakers): government representatives from China, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation; UN agencies and international financial institutions; Major Groups and other stakeholders from the subregion; and a small number of invited global speakers from DESA, ESCAP and the GSDR Independent Group of Scientists.

Date and Venue

The 2026 Sustainable Development Week will take place in Incheon City, Republic of Korea, from 19 to 23 October 2026, in person.

Language

The 2026 Sustainable Development Week will be conducted in English.

Outputs and Follow-up

The SDTF is expected to produce a non-negotiated consolidated outcome document capturing (a) global capacity-building messages from the SDTF core days, (b) subregional SDG progress messages for the 14th APFSD and HLPF 2027, and (c) development cooperation and partnership commitments. It will be published on the UNOSD website and transmitted to the APFSD and the 2027 HLPF 2027 and SDG Summit preparatory processes.

Organizers

The 2026 Sustainable Development Week is jointly organized by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), and the ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia (ESCAP-ENEA) with the support of the Government of the Republic of Korea (Ministry of Environment / Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Incheon Metropolitan City, Incheon National University, and Yonsei University.

2026 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum

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19–20 October 2026 Incheon, Republic of Korea.

Agenda

Day 1, 19 October 2026 (Monday)	
Time	**Item**
8:30 – 9:00	**REGISTRATION (Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo, 2nd Floor)**
9:00 – 9:30	**OPENING SESSION** **Welcome and Opening Remarks** • United Nations Office for Sustainable Development - UNOSD (Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head of the UNOSD) [10min] • United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific - ESCAP (Mr. Shombi Sharp, Deputy Executive Secretary for Partnerships and Coordination, Office of the Executive Secretary, ESCAP) [10min] **Overview of Forum Agenda and SDG Soft Skills Warm-up** (Mr. Darren Swanson, SDTF Consultant and Facilitator) [10min]
9:30 – 10:00	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** **Dr. Kyung Ah Koo**, Korea Environment Institute, Co-chair of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) [20min]
10:00 – 10:30	Group Photo followed by Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:15	**SESSION 1: A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL (SDG) PROSPECTIVE VIEW** Moderator: **Mr. Simon Gilby** (Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD) [5min Opening Remarks] *Theme: Prospective View of the 2027 HLPF and 2027 SDG Summit.* **Presentation: Introduction to the 2027 HLPF Thematic Focus and Roadmap to the SDG Summit in 2027** (**Dr. Astra Bonini,** Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs - UN DESA) [15min] **Q&A [10min]** **Open Discussion on the 2027 SDG Summit** [25min]

	• *Context:* Every four years, the High-Level Political Forum meets under the auspices of the UN General Assembly, known as the SDG Summit. The next SDG Summit will take place in September 2027 at UN Headquarters in New York. • *Table Discussion Question:* What are the lessons learned from over a decade of SDG implementation that could help inform the 2027 SDG Summit and its focus on how to advance sustainable development to 2030 and beyond? [10 min] • *Plenary Sharing* [10min]
11:15 – 12:15	**SESSION 2: GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT, SCIENCE – POLICY DIALOGUE** Moderator: **Dr. Astra Bonini** (Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, UN DESA) [5min Opening Remarks] *Theme: Scaling Up Just Transitions: Emerging Perspectives from the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR).* **Panel:** [40min] • Moderator Overview and Introductions [5min] • Panellist: **Dr. Steven Ratuva** (GSDR Independent Group of Scientists and Director, Macmillan Brown Center for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury) [5min] • Panellist: **Dr. Sarah Cook** (GSDR Independent Group of Scientists and Professor, University of Nottingham, Ningbo China) [5min] • Panellist: **Dr. Kyung Ah Koo** (Co-chair of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - IPBES) [5min] • Panellist: **Mr. Rachman Kurniawan** (Manager for Environment Pillar Development, SDGs National Secretariat, Ministry of National Development Planning, Government of Indonesia) [5min] • Moderated Discussion [15min] Discussion Questions: 1. What does a “Just Transition” mean? 2. Where are Just Transitions happening and what catalysed and sustained the transitions? 3. What are the barriers to Just Transitions? 4. What are the lessons learned from over a decade of SDG implementation that could help inform the 2027 SDG Summit and its focus on how to advance sustainable development to 2030 and beyond?

	Q&A [13min] **Moderator Closing Remarks** [2min]
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch (in Hall)
13:15 – 14:30	SDG Soft Skills Warm-up [5min] **SESSION 3: WHERE THE GOALS MEET (SDGS 4, 10, 12, 15,17)** Moderator: **Dr. Riccardo Mesiano** (Officer in Charge, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific/East and North-east Asia Sub-regional Office) [5min Opening Remarks] *Theme: Integrated Approaches, Synergies, and Accountability for Just and Accelerated Transitions Across SDGs 4, 10, 12, 15 and 17.* **Panel [50min]**: • Moderator Overview and Introduction [5min] • Panellist: **Professor Li Xiaoyun** (Chair of China International Development Research Network, College of Humanities and Development Studies / College of International Development and Global Agriculture, China Agricultural University) [7.5min] • Panellist: **Mr. Kanan Aghazada** (Advisor - Department on Cooperation with International Organizations, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan) • Panellist: **Mr. Sukhbat Ganbayar** (Founder and Director, Powerful Young Human Rights Defenders, Mongolia) [7.5min] • Panellist: **Mr. Shengyao Tang (**FAO Representative and Director of FAO Partnership and Liaison Office in the Republic of Korea) [7.5min] • Moderated Panel Discussion [15min] Discussion Questions: 1. What integrated approaches have been used to accelerate progress across SDGs 4, 10, 12, 15 and 17? What were the key synergies? 2. How have just transitions been realized by countries across SDGs 4, 10, 12, 15 and 17, or other SDGs? How was accountability ensured? 3. What are the lessons learned from over a decade of SDG implementation that could help inform the 2027 SDG Summit and its focus on how to advance sustainable development to 2030 and beyond? **Q&A and Plenary Discussion** [15min] **Moderator's Closing Remarks** [5min]

14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:45	**SESSION 4: FROM SYNERGIES TO NATIONAL PRIORITIES** Moderator: **Mr. Darren Swanson**, SDTF Facilitator [5min Opening Remarks] *Theme: Identifying Entry Points and Levers for Just and Accelerated Transitions Across SDGs 4, 10, 12, 15 and 17.* **Presentation: Insights on using the GSDR entry points & levers to identify and develop national priorities**. GSDR Independent Group of Scientists, **Dr. Sarah Cook** (Professor, University of Nottingham, Ningbo China) and **Dr. Steven Ratuva** (Director, Macmillan Brown Center for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury) [20min] **Breakout Group Work:** Creating Your Call-to Action SDG Transformation Plan Using the Entry Points and Levers Framework [75 mins] • Instructions (Mr. Darren Swanson, SDTF Consultant and Facilitator) [5min • Participants will work individually and in groups using a GSDR entry points & levers worksheet to create a Call-to-Action Transformation Plan for their country, including a list of next steps participants can take on their return home to advance the plan. [55min] • Report Back and Plenary Discussion [15min] **Moderator Closing Remarks** [5min]
16:45 – 17:00	**DAY 1 WRAP UP** **Day 1 Overview and Participant Take-Aways** (Mr. Simon Gilby, UNOSD, Sustainable Development Officer) [5min] **Day 2 Preview** (Mr. Darren Swanson) [5min] **Participant Feedback** (online form) [5 min]
17:30 – 19:00	**WELCOME RECEPTION** (By Invitation Only)

Day 2, 20 October 2026 (Tuesday)	
Time	**Item**
8:30 – 9:00	**REGISTRATION (Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo, 2nd Floor)**
9:00 – 10:30	SDG Soft Skills Warm-up [5min] **SESSION 5: VNR RETROSPECTIVE – COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES**

	Moderator: **Ms. Juliet Braslow** (ESCAP, Sustainable Development Officer and Lead for APFSD and Asia-Pacific 2030 Agenda Follow-up and Review) [5min Opening Remarks] *Theme: Country Reflections, Insights, and Lessons learned from Recent VNR Reporting Cycles.* **Presentations [40min total]:** • Thailand - 2025 VNR (**Dr. Thuttai Keeratipongpaiboon**, Director, International Strategy and Coordination Division, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council, Office of the Prime Minister, Thailand) [10min] • Guinea-Bissau - 2026 VNR (**Mr. Agostinho Mane**, Director of Strategic Planning Services, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Integration) [10min] • Jamaica – 2026 VNR (**Ms. Latoya Clarke**, Programme Director/ SDG focal Point, Planning Institute of Jamaica) [10min] Focus Questions for Presenters: 1. What changed between your previous and most recent VNR? 2. What worked particularly well, and what did not? 3. If you were starting the process again, what would you do differently? **Q&A** [10min] **Breakout Group Discussion:** [20min] 1. With a view toward the 2027 SDG Summit, what worked well regarding SDG implementation based on insights from recent VNRs? 2. What key gaps and challenges need to be addressed to accelerate SDG implementation ahead of the 2027 SDG Summit? **Report Back and Plenary Discussion** [10min] **Moderator's Closing Remarks** [5min]
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30	**SESSION 6: VNR RETROSPECTIVE – STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT** Moderator: Nelya Rakhimova, Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) VNR Task Group Lead [2.5min Opening Remarks]

	Theme: Stakeholder Reflections, Insights, and Lessons Learned from Recent VNR Reporting Cycles. **Panel:** [45min] • Moderator Overview and Introductions [5min] • Panellist: **Mr. Dong-real Kang** (Network Manager, SDSN Korea, Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Korea) [5min initial remarks] • Panellist: **Ms. Gulzira Yerbolova** (Head of the SDG Coordination Department, Ministry of National Economy, Republic of Kazakhstan) [5min initial remarks] • Panellist: **Mr. Vernancio Mzonda** (Deputy Director for Monitoring and Evaluation, Department of Economic Planning and Development, Malawi) [5min initial remarks] • Moderated Panel Discussion [20min] **Q&A with Panel** [10min] Panel Discussion Points and Questions: 1. What impacts resulted from the VNR process? What changes have occurred? 2. How did data and statistics inform the process? Where were the gaps? How were these managed? 3. How were other stakeholders such as civil society, private sector and academia engaged? What lessons were learned? 4. How did/ will lessons feed into national planning and budget cycles? 5. Who owns each major VNR recommendation and how will progress be monitored? **VNR Speed Twinning Exercise:** [45min] • Overview and Instructions (Eunji Shin, Associate Expert, Office of the Executive Secretary, ESCAP) [3 min] • Speed Twinning: [40min, in two rounds of 20min each] ○ Countries that have recently presented VNRs will host round tables on specific topics and participants can visit tables to learn, ask questions, and discuss important issues. Two rotations at round tables, 20min each round. Table topics to include: ○ #1. Data and Leave No One Behind; (Host – Azerbaijan, Mr. Kanan Aghazada, Advisor - Department on Cooperation with International Organizations, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan and

	Ms. Aliya Vaqif Sariyeva, Leading Research Fellow, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan) ○ #2. Stakeholder Engagement (Host - Thailand, Ms. Pornrawe Poenateetai, Counsellor, Development Affairs Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand); ○ #3. Localisation & VNR-VLR linkage (Host - Malaysia, Ms. Sarah Khairunisah Binti Norhalim, Assistant Director, Ministry of Economy); ○ #4. Linking VNRs to National Planning and Budgeting (Host - Philippines, Ms. Utanes Janice Gascon, Supervising Economic Development Specialist, Department of Economy, Planning, and Development) and Ms. Pure G. Sapaen, Director IV, Governance Staff, Head, Subcommittee on Sustainable Development Goals (SC-SDG) Secretariat; ○ #5. Post-VNR Implementation (Host - Bhutan, Mr. Dorji Wangchuk Dorji, Planning Officer, Strategic Planning Division, Office of Cabinet Affairs and Strategic Coordination and Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet). **Moderator Closing Remarks** [2.5min]
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (19th Floor Buffet)
13:30 – 15:30	SDG Soft Skills Warm-up [5min] **SESSION 7: VNR PROSPECTIVE: PREPARING FOR 2027 AND BEYOND THROUGH MULTIPLE VNR EFFORTS** Moderator: Juliet Braslow (UN-ESCAP, Sustainable Development Officer and Lead for APFSD and Asia-Pacific 2030 Agenda Follow-up and Review) [5min Opening Remarks] [5min Opening Remarks] *Theme: Understanding Progress Toward Just and Accelerated Transitions* **Panel [40min]:** • Moderator Overview and Introductions [5min] • Panellist: Uzbekistan - 2027 VNR (**Mr. Bakhtishod Khamidov**, Deputy Director Institute of Macroeconomic and Regional Studies under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan) [5min initial remarks] • Panellist: Cambodia - 2027 VNR (**Ms. Keo Sony**, Director General, Ministry of planning, Cambodia) [5min initial remarks] • Panellist: Republic of Korea - 2027 VNR (**Ms. Soyun Ji**, Deputy Director, Bureau for Sustainable Development, Office of Government Policy Coordination, Republic of Korea) [5min initial remarks]

	• Moderated Panel Discussion [15min]
	
	Panel Discussion Points and Questions:
	
	1. What happened after your last VNR was presented?
	2. How were key findings and recommendations taken forward?
	3. What emerging trends or changes could significantly affect SDG progress in your country towards 2030?
	4. What actions or adjustments should countries consider now?
	5. What foresight or scenario exercises have you done and how were they used (national planning, UNSDCF, VNRs, sector strategies?
	
	Breakout Group Strategic Foresight Exercise: [70min]
	
	• Overview and Instructions (Ms. Juliet Braslow - ESCAP and Mr. Darren Swanson - SDTF Consultant) [5min]
	  ○ Participants will be organized into table breakout groups according to geographic region. Groups should identify their facilitator and notetaker/spokesperson.
	  ○ Groups shall review the top 10 risks for their region as reported in the 2026 UN Global Risk Report (p. 17, copy available). Using the individual worksheets provided, each participant will identify one risk they are most concerned about in their country and will be given time to reflect and share thoughts on the following questions:
	  ○ For the risks identified, table groups shall discuss the following:
	  1. How is this risk already affecting, or how could it affect, your country's development pathway over the next 10–15 years?
	  2. Was this risk, or the underlying trend, considered in your previous VNR, national development plan, sector strategies or UNSDCF? If so, how?
	  3. What assumptions in current policies or plans could be challenged if this risk becomes more significant?
	  4. How could the next VNR better anticipate and address this risk?
	  5. What action should government consider now to strengthen resilience or take advantage of any opportunities associated with the risk?
	• Breakout Groups [10min personal reflection, 30min group sharing]
	• Selective Report Back and Plenary Discussion [25min]

15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 16:30	**SESSION 8: PLENARY DISCUSSION ON THE SDTF OUTCOME DOCUMENT MESSAGES**

	Facilitator: Mr. Darren Swanson (SDTF Consultant) • Presentation of Draft SDTF Outcome Document [5min] • Individual Reflection: Participants will have quiet time to review the draft SDTF Outcome Document and submit key comments. [10min] • Breakout Group Reviews: Tables will be organized according to the different sections of the draft SDTF Outcome Document. Participants can choose which table to join to review and comment on the draft text. [15min] • Plenary Discussion [15min]
16:30 – 17:00	**CLOSING SESSION** **SDTF Reflections, Next Steps and Preview of Sustainable Development Week** (Mr. Simon Gilby, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD) [5min] **ESCAP Closing Remarks** (Mr. Shombi Sharp, Deputy Executive Secretary for Partnerships and Coordination, Office of the Executive Secretary, ESCAP) [10min] **UNOSD Closing Remarks** (Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head of the UNOSD) [10min] **Participant Feedback** (online form) [5 min]

Day 3, 21 October 2026 (Wednesday) - DCF	
Time	**Item**
Full Day	North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum

Day 3, 21 October 2026 (Wednesday) - CSO and Youth Event	
Time	**Item**
Full Day	Civil Society Forum for the 10th East and North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on SDGs

10th East and North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

"Scaling up just transitions to achieving sustainable development, poverty eradication and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs in East and North-East Asia"

Incheon, Republic of Korea, 22–23 October 2026

Agenda

Day 4, 22 October 2026 (Thursday)	
Time	**Item**
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:20	Opening Session
10:20-10:30	Group Photo
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break
10.30-12.00	**Session 1 (Thematic Review) - "Scaling up just transitions to achieving sustainable development, poverty eradication and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs"** Panel discussions on • Subregional trends, progress, best practices, opportunities, and priorities for achieving the SDGs, with attention to people and communities in vulnerable situations, including women and girls. • Transformative, equitable, innovative, and coordinated actions to accelerate progress towards attaining the SDGs *Link with VNRs – reference to VNRs conducted in 2026 and VNR session*
12.00-13.15	**Lunch**
13.15-15.00	**Session 2 - Goal 4 "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all."** Panel discussions on • Subregional trends, progress and challenges, opportunities, and priorities for achieving Goal 4.
15.00-15.30	**Coffee Break**
15.30-17.00	**Session 3 - Goal 10 "Reduce inequality within and among countries"** Panel discussions on • Subregional trends, progress, challenges, opportunities, and priorities for achieving Goal 10. • Policies to reduce income, spatial, gender, age, disability and other inequalities, including through social protection, decent work, equal access to services and fair fiscal systems.

	• Inclusion of migrants, persons with disabilities, older persons, youth, informal workers, rural communities and other groups in vulnerable situations. • Regional cooperation to address inequalities among countries, including support for countries in special situations, connectivity, technology access, financing and capacity development. • Concrete recommendations to scale just transitions that reduce inequalities and ensure no one is left behind.
Day 5, 23 October 2026 (Friday)	
Time	**Item**
09.00-10.30	**Session 4 - Goal 12 "Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns"** Panel discussions on • Subregional trends, progress and challenges in Goal 12 • Policies and practices for circular economy, resource efficiency, sustainable public procurement, sustainable business models, food loss and waste reduction, chemicals and waste management, and plastic pollution reduction. • Support for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, informal workers and consumers to participate in sustainable and circular value chains. • Data, standards, reporting and partnerships needed to shift markets, finance and behaviour towards sustainable consumption and production. • Concrete recommendations to accelerate Goal 12 while advancing poverty eradication, decent work, climate action and ecosystem protection.
10.30-11.00	**Coffee Break**
11.00-12.30	**Session 5 - Goal 15 "Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss"** Panel discussions on • Subregional trends, progress and challenges in Goal 15 • Integrated approaches linking ecosystem restoration, climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, sustainable agriculture, water security, food systems and rural livelihoods. • Good practices in community-based conservation, Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' participation, nature based solutions, protected areas and sustainable land management. • Financing, data, technology and regional cooperation needed to scale biodiversity and ecosystem action. • Ways forward for national and local governments and partners to accelerate progress towards Goal 15 and support a just transition for nature and people.
12.00-14:00	**Lunch**
14.00-15:30	**Session 6 - Goal 17 "Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development"**

	Panel discussions on • Financing strategies and partnerships to strengthen domestic resource mobilization and improve the effective use of public resources for sustainable development. • Mobilizing greater private finance through partnerships among member States, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions, development partners and the private sector, including approaches to reduce investment risks. • Strengthening international development cooperation through country ownership, policy coherence, transparency, mutual accountability and alignment of financing with national sustainable development priorities. • Regional and triangular cooperation to expand access to finance, technology and capacity development, particularly for countries in special situations and those facing financing gaps.
15:30- 15:40	**EAAFP Ceremony**
15:40- 15:50	**Closing remarks**
15:50-	**Networking**