Asia-Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development: Consolidating and reaching out for development justice

15-17 MAY 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

Objectives:

1. Inform and capacitate civil society participants on sustainable development at the global and regional levels, and on the opportunities and modalities for engaging these processes;
2. Dialogue on the content and substance of the APFSD and formulate civil society positions building on Asia-Pacific civil society messages on post-Rio+20 and post-2015 development agenda and strategize interventions at the APFSD;
3. Unite on the creation of an Asia-Pacific civil society engagement facilitation mechanism for sustainable development; and
4. Agree on joint actions and follow up to civil society positions adopted.

Provisional Programme

Day ONE: 15 May 2014 | Thursday — Afternoon only

Orientation on post-Rio+20 Sustainable Development Processes and Opportunities for Engagement

1:00-1:30PM Registration
1:30-2:00 Welcoming Remarks
  Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director of the Environment and Sustainable Development – ESCAP
  Asia Pacific Women Law and Development
  Thailand Environment Institute
2:00-2:30 Objectives and overview of the program
  Introduction of the participants
  Film Showing: Short Film on Development Justice
2:30-3:30 Overview of post-Rio+20 & Opportunities for engagement and influencing the Sustainable Development agenda and processes at global to regional and national levels;
3:30-4:00 Open Discussion
4:00-4:30 Snack Break
4:30-5:00 Proposal for the establishment of a Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism to ensure effective engagement with SD processes in Asia-Pacific
5:00-5:30 Participants’ expectations, concerns and views on CSO engagement in SD processes in the region
5:30-6:30 Major Group Discussions
6:30 Closing of the Orientation Session

EVENING SESSION: Technology Facilitation Meeting
Day TWO: 16 May 2014 | Friday

8:30-9:00AM   Registration for newcomers
9:00-9:15AM   Welcome and Introduction to Days 2 and 3
9:15-10:00AM  The World after CSD from the Civil Society Perspective: Sustainable development challenges, shaping the post-2015 development agenda in Asia-Pacific and status of OWG-SDG Consultations
10:00-10:30AM SDGs, Post-2015 Development Agenda and Means of Implementation in Asia-Pacific
10:30-10:45AM Snack break
10:45-11:15AM Overview and Summary of Asia-Pacific Civil Society Statements on Sustainable Development Challenges
11:15-12:15PM Panel Discussion: Civil Society Recommendations on Means of Implementation to attain sustainable development in Asia-Pacific
12:15-1:15PM Lunch break
1:15-3:30PM   Thematic Group Discussions: Sustainable Development Challenges and Civil Society Responses in Asia-Pacific
                1) “Shared Prosperity within Planetary Boundaries”
                2) “Integration and Transformation for Sustainable Development”
                3) “Governance, Peace, Stability and the Rule of Law”
3:30-3:45PM   Snack break
3:45-4:30PM   Presentation of Workshop Outputs/Summary of Thematic Group Discussions
4:30-5:30PM   “Way Forward”: Identifying regional priorities and formulating specific recommendations to ensure effectiveness, relevance and coherence of sustainable development processes in the region
5:30-5:45PM   Closing

EVENING SESSIONS
- Drafting Group to work on the Declaration
- UNEA SF Meeting

Day THREE: 17 May 2014 | Saturday

9:00-10:30AM  Presentation, discussion and adoption of the draft APCFSD Declaration
10:30-10:45AM  Snack break
10:45-12:15PM  Open Dialogue on the creation of a Regional Civil Society Engagement Committee/Transition Mechanism
12:15-1:30PM  Lunch Break
1:30-3:00PM   Breakout Groups on the Characteristics, Structure and Processes of the Transition Mechanism
3:00-4:30PM   Convergence Session: Agreements on the proposed Transition Mechanism
4:30-5:30PM   Final Briefing on APFSD interventions;
5:30-5:45PM   Logistical briefing on transfer to Pattaya for participants attending the APFSD

May 18   Transfer to Pattaya for CSO participants attending the APFSD