

*The Side Event organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on 7 July 2015 focused on “Outcomes of regional consultations on Sustainable Development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda in Asia and the Pacific”. Attended by over 50 people, the side event reiterated the strategic role to be played by ESCAP and the regional commissions in supporting the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.*

*The event was opened by ESCAP Executive Secretary Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, who reflected on the achievements of the consultative process on sustainable development facilitated by ESCAP over the past two years through the regional forums on sustainable development, the high-level consultations on financing for development and the ministerial dialogue on sustainable development. The Vice-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2015 reported on this year's session, while representatives from Bangladesh, Japan, Kazakhstan, Thailand and Tonga presented the perspectives and experiences from the 5 ESCAP subregions, highlighting unique national approaches to the integration of the three pillars of sustainable development.*