

Accelerating Clean Transitions in the Asia-Pacific region

Climate Week 3

Yeosu, Republic of Korea

Venue: Seminar Room 2, Yeosu Expo Convention Center

Date and Time: 11:00 to 12:00 (TBC), Thursday, 23 April 2026

Background and Context

The Asia-Pacific region is central to achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, given its significant share of the global population and greenhouse gas emissions. Countries in the region have demonstrated increasing ambition through the enhancement of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the development of Long-Term Low-Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS), and the strengthening of national climate policy frameworks. As attention shifts toward implementation, there is a growing emphasis on translating climate commitments into actionable policies, investments, and sectoral transformation.

Achieving NDC targets requires sector-specific pathways that identify priority actions, enabling conditions, and investment needs aligned with global temperature goals. These pathways are critical in the Asia-Pacific context for aligning development priorities with low-emission, climate-resilient development, ensuring that climate targets are both ambitious and implementable.

Effective implementation will depend on mobilizing finance and strengthening enabling environments, as well as on enhanced collaboration among governments and non-Party stakeholders, including the private sector, financial institutions, and civil society. Coordinated action is essential to align investment flows with climate goals and operationalize NDCs at scale.

In this context, the event aims to support NDC implementation and accelerate clean transitions in the Asia-Pacific by linking policy, finance, and implementation. It will bring together key stakeholders and contribute to the Paris Agreement implementation architecture, including NDC implementation, Biennial Transparency Reports under the Enhanced Transparency Framework, and the Global Stocktake, while supporting enhanced ambition in future NDC cycles.

By showcasing successful examples of translating climate commitments into investment pipelines and measurable progress, this event aims to demonstrate pathways to accelerate the clean transitions across Asia and the Pacific.

Objectives

The event is designed to:

1. Highlight the critical role of sectoral roadmaps in achieving NDC targets and long-term decarbonization pathways, particularly in the lead-up to future NDC cycles.
2. Showcase the importance of strengthening collaboration between governments and non-Party stakeholders, especially the private sector, to translate policy commitments into concrete investments and projects.

- Highlight the role of transparency and accountability mechanisms, including BTR reporting and harmonized transition indicators, in tracking progress on energy-sector commitments.

Target Audience

The event will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders engaged in advancing clean transitions across Asia-Pacific, including:

- Government representatives, in particular NDC focal points and representatives of ministries responsible for sectoral decarbonization, planning, and finance
- Regional organizations and UN agencies
- Multilateral development banks and development partners
- Private sector stakeholders, including energy companies, renewable developers, technology providers, and investors
- Financial institutions and climate finance initiatives
- Civil society organizations and research institutions
- Youth networks and innovation platforms supporting clean energy solutions

4. Expected Outcomes

The event is expected to:

- Strengthen dialogue between public and private stakeholders on accelerating implementation of sectoral decarbonization commitments.
- Highlight the importance of translating NDC targets into investment-ready project pipelines across high-emitting sectors, with emphasis on the role of transparency and accountability mechanisms.
- Build momentum toward future regional convenings aimed at raising ambition in NDC targets ahead of NDC 4.0 and the next Global Stocktake cycle.

Draft Agenda (60 minutes)

Time	Session	Speakers (TBC)
4 min	Context Setting	Alejandro Kilpatrick, Manager, Capacity-Building Subdivision, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC
5 min	Opening Remarks	Samed Ağırbaş, COP31 Climate High-Level Champion
8 min	Keynote Address	Noura Hamladji, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
30 min	High-Level Dialogue: Accelerating clean transitions in the Asia-Pacific Fireside chat to showcase insights on tracking progress, mobilizing finance and	Moderator: Kate Hughes, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB) (TBC) Panelists: Rachel Harris, Head, Financial Services Branch, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia (TBC)

	strengthening private sector engagement.	• Sze Ping Lo, Program Director, Sequoia Climate Foundation • Korea Environment Corporation (K-Eco)/ MP, Korea (TBC) • Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) (TBC) • Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA)
10 min	Q&A	
3 min	Closing Remarks – Call to Action	Youth representative (TBC)