

Invest in women:  
Accelerate progress



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

## ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



The Asia-Pacific Regional Commemoration of International Women's Day 2024 (IWD2024), jointly convened by ESCAP and UN-Women, will highlight the remarkable roles held and contributions made, by women and girls working to reshape the economic landscape.

The theme of IWD 2024, 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress', will pivot the spotlight onto several critical topics essential for fostering inclusive and equitable societies through the economic empowerment of women and girls.

FRIDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | 10:00AM-11:30AM (UTC+7)

## PROGRAMME

TIME	PROGRAMME
09.30 - 10.00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Registration for in-person participants</li><li>+ Logging in and technology set up for virtual participants</li></ul>
10.00 AM	<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>★ <u>MC:</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Cindy Bishop</b>, Regional UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Asia and the Pacific</p>

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10.00 - 10.20 AM	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <b>Mr. Antonio Guterres</b>, United Nations Secretary-General (<i>recorded message</i>)</li> <li>+ <b>Ms. Lin Yang</b>, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> <li>+ <b>Ms. Sarah Knibbs</b>, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>+ <b>H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia (<i>recorded message</i>)</li> </ul>
10.20 - 10.45 AM	<p><b>PRESENTATION ON INITIATIVE OF “AMBASSADORS FOR A DAY COMPETITION”</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Ms. Gita Sabharwal</b>, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <b>H.E. Ms. Millicent Cruz Paredes</b>, Ambassador of the Philippines to Thailand and Permanent Representative to ESCAP</li> <li>+ <b>Ms. Paetongtarn Shinawatra</b>, Pheu Thai Party Leader and Chair of the National Soft Power Strategy Committee, Thailand</li> <li>+ <b>Ms. Cataleya Phatoomros</b>, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand</li> <li>+ <b>Mr. Thepparith Devahasdin Na Ayuthia and Ms. Kwanchanok Paka-akarlertkul</b>, youth representatives participating in “Ambassadors for a Day” initiative</li> <li>+ <b>Interactive engagement</b> with Ambassadors</li> <li>+ <b>Video montage</b> of winners under the initiative</li> </ul>

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10.45 - 11.30 AM	<p><b>INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Ms. Cindy Bishop</b>, Regional UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <b>Ms. Kate Lazarus</b>, Senior Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory Lead for Asia Pacific, International Finance Corporation</li> <li>+ <b>Ms. Sanjana Chhantyal</b>, 30 for 2030 Youth Network</li> <li>+ <b>Ms. Payal Pathak</b>, Programme Officer, Visa Foundation</li> </ul>
11.30 AM	<p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT</b> “Women in Asia and the Pacific: A Photographic Journey” <b>and RECEPTION</b> - at the UN Conference Centre for in-person participants</p>



**ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024**

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