



“APFSD Youth Forum Regional Call to Action 2025: Youth at the forefront reviewing 10 years of Agenda 2030 implementation and crafting sustainable, resilient and innovative actionable solutions for good health and well-being and gender equality.”

Side Event: 12th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development
Date and Room Number: February 28, 12:45-14:00 GMT+7, MR-H

Organizer(s)

Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

Co-organizer(s)

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
United Nations Development Programme
UN Women
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Registration

To register for this side event, please use <https://forms.gle/1Nc3ppkZkFZQ2LyX8>

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Background

In line with Sustainable Development Goals under review this year and marking 10 years of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the side event will bring together young people's sustainable, innovative and resilient ideas, views, solutions and recommendations from the APFSD Youth Call to Action 2025 (the APFSD Youth Forum 2025 will be held 19th-21st March 2025 and the Call to Action will be developed by more than 400 young people from approximately 25-35 countries in Asia and the Pacific region).

With the aim to reinforce the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the remaining 5 years, the panel discussion will feature government officials, UN agencies and young people who will specifically interrogate universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information and services, Universal Health Coverage for young people with an intersectional youth, human rights and justice lens. Systemic and structural issues affecting the realisation of youth sustainable development, SRHR information and services will be further interrogated from the lens of strengthened partnerships. The APFSD2025 Regional Youth Call to Action will also be launched during the side event. The Call to Action will look at meaningful engagement of young people in regards to realisation of SDG3, 5 and 17.

The side event will discuss the progress, gaps and challenges in the implementation of SDGs under review (Goal 3, 8,14,17 and 5) with a specific focus on young people's universal access to SRHR information and services and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific. Through sharing of the APFSD Regional Youth Call to Action 2025, we will be able to further amplify the recommendations from youth lens to the larger APFSD participants, governments, UN agencies and all online participants including young people attending the panel.

Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. What are the regional realities of the Agenda 2030 implementation in regards to Goal 3 (good health and wellbeing) and Goal 5 (gender equality) with a focus on young people's universal access to SRHR information and services? *The speaker will highlight the main barriers, challenges and opportunities as well as key recommendations to advance the implementation of Agenda 2030 in the remaining 5 years.*
2. What are the regional realities of the Agenda 2030 implementation in regards to Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 14 (Life under water) with a focus on gender responsive and youth inclusive climate action *The speaker will highlight the main barriers, challenges and opportunities as well as key recommendations to advance the implementation of Agenda 2030 in the remaining 5 years.*
3. What are some of the actions taken by governments, UN agencies, youth networks and young people to advance young people's universal access to SRHR information and services?
4. What immediate actions are needed to ensure young people's universal access to SRHR information and services in the region?
5. What are some of the innovative ideas for meaningful engagement of young people into the 10th year of Agenda 2030.



As mentioned above, the APFSD2025 Regional Youth Call to Action will be circulated amongst the stakeholders attending the review for their deliberations at the intergovernmental fora as well as to take forward the discussions at the HLPPF in July 2025. We are expecting to bring together at least 400 young people from approximately 25-35 countries in Asia and the Pacific region at the APFSD2025 Youth Forum which will be held from 19th - 21st February 2025 just ahead of the APFSD intergovernmental fora. We envision for the recommendations from the youth call to action to be reflected in the outcome document.

Expected outcomes:

1. Launch and amplify the **APFSD2025 Regional Youth Call to Action**
2. Discuss the theme of 12th APFSD from the lens of universal access to SRHR of young people with focus on SDG 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17.
3. The APFSD2025 Regional Youth Call to Action recommendations to be included in the outcome document

Programme

Timings	Activity
12.45 PM - 12.50 PM	Moderator, Ranjeeta Silwal, introduces the APFSD Youth Forum and provides a brief overview of side event (ARROW) 2-minute video of APFSD Youth Forum
12.50 PM - 1.10 PM	Keynote speakers H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Thailand, Governments of Bangladesh Maria Holtsberg, Deputy Regional Director UN Women Regional Office For Asia and the Pacific (UN Women) UNEP (TBC) UNESCAP(TBC) UNDP (TBC) SIDA (TBC)



<p>1.10 PM - 1.25 PM</p>	<p>Presentation of Key Recommendations across SDGs (3,5, 8,14, 17), by APFSD Youth Scholars</p> <p>Shiwa Karmacharya (Introduction and SDG 17)</p> <p>Anwasha Chatterjee SAHAYOG India (SDG3)</p> <p>Ganga Shahi CDS PARK (SDG 5)</p> <p>Nurullo Rasulov (SDG 8)</p> <p>Omar Faruk (SDG 13 and SDG 14)</p>
<p>1.25 PM - 1.50 PM</p>	<p>Moderated discussion</p>
<p>1.50 PM - 2.00 PM</p>	<p>Conclusions and Closing remarks by ARROW</p> <p>Sai Racherla, Deputy Executive Director</p>

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