



**Embassy of Sweden**  
Bangkok

in cooperation with:



**Regional Workshop**  
**BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH PARTICIPATION**

26-27 March 2018  
United Nations Conference Centre  
Bangkok, Thailand

The 2018 edition of the Embassy of Sweden's Annual Regional Workshop is hosted in collaboration with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and will aim for a meaningful conversation and action around the theme of "Building resilience through participation".

The workshop is held back-to-back with the Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD), organized by ESCAP from 28-30 March which is held under the 2018 theme for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, "Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies". Resilience is key to sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific – a region exposed to a multitude of environmental, climate, social and economic risks.



To highlight the importance of inclusiveness in achieving resilience and sustainable development, the workshop will address the role of participation to strengthen resilience – *the ability of individuals, communities, businesses, countries or regions to survive, respond, adapt and develop in the face of stress and shocks, convert risks into opportunities, while addressing the underlying root causes of risks, and even transform when conditions require it.* We would like to use this regional workshop 2018 to highlight the significance of participation when building resilience, explore successful participatory models and find new, innovative participatory approaches for building resilience. The emphasis on participation also connects with the 2019 theme of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”.

Together with other experts and stakeholders from the region and beyond, the partner organizations of the Swedish Regional Development Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific will be in the limelight, sharing perspectives and experiences from their diverse sectors. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for participants to get to know each other’s work, in order to cocreate and strategize for improved and inclusive ways of working to build resilience in the region.

This year, we are also partnering with [The DO School](#) to design and facilitate an interactive workshop format that will encourage active collaboration to turn ideas into action.

The workshop will have two objectives:

1. To enhance the implementation of the Strategy for Sweden’s regional development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific through cooperation and co-creation between partner organizations.
2. To support the Asia-Pacific region and countries to implement Agenda 2030 and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, through linking to the theme of the APFSD and the [Regional Roadmap for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific](#).

The [Strategy for Sweden’s regional development cooperation](#) encourages mutual interaction between human rights, democracy, gender equality, environment and climate change and increased regional collaboration for poverty reduction and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.

We welcome all participants in this year’s workshop to be actively engaged for the full two days to find paths to jointly deliver effectively on their goals, the Agenda 2030 and to foster participatory approaches to build resilience.



# Agenda | Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>\*

08:30 - 09:00      **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00      **Opening & Housewarming**

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Second floor

Opening remarks by..

\*Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP.

\*Staffan Herrström, Swedish Ambassador to Thailand, Lao PDR and Myanmar.

\*Anne-Charlotte Malm, Head of Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of Sweden in Thailand.

After openings remark, The DO School will kickstart the workshop to engage in conversations, forge connections and set the stage for two days ahead.

10:00 - 11:00

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Second floor

**Setting the Scene**

Participation is key to building resilient communities. To illustrate this spirit of participation and gain insights, a facilitated role-play and a reflection session will be moderated by Rejani Kunjappan from RECOFTC.

11:00 - 11:15

**COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 - 12:30

First floor

**Knowledge Sharing (breakout sessions)**

Shared knowledge is the first step towards building a shared understanding. In this session, we'll breakout into smaller groups and seek inspiration from successful participatory models at various levels of governance: *local, national, regional and the regional-to-global perspective.*

**Group 1 (ROOM F):**

Dr. Neera Shrestha Pradhan from ICIMOD will share experiences of piloting a Community Based Flood Early Warning System in India, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan and start a discussion on participation at the *Local* level.

**Group 3 (ROOM H):**

Dhong Hai Nhu and her colleagues from Mekong River Commission (MRC) will share experiences of working with diversified partners on issues like water diplomacy using participatory approaches and start a discussion on participation at the *Regional* level.

**Group 2 (ROOM G):**

Rose Martin & Nicol Cave from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) will share experiences on how hybrid SPC-Government staff embedded in government ministries in Pacific Island Countries over the past decade are enabling national participation and building resilience and start a discussion on participation at the *National* level.

**Group 4 (ROOM I):**

Wardarina from APWLD and Hitomi Rankine from ESCAP will share experiences of working successfully with participatory approaches and start a discussion on participation at the *Regional-to-Global* level.

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12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30 First floor	<b>Sensemaking</b> Remaining in the same interdisciplinary groups from the Knowledge sharing breakout sessions, it's now time to gather diverse points of view about the people and contexts behind participatory processes.  <b>Group 1 (ROOM F):</b> Identify key stakeholders at the <i>Local</i> level, map their participatory journey and start building a shared understanding.  <b>Group 3 (ROOM H):</b> Identify key stakeholders at the <i>Regional</i> level, map their participatory journey and start building a shared understanding.  <b>Group 2 (ROOM G):</b> Identify key stakeholders at the <i>National</i> level, map their participatory journey and start building a shared understanding.  <b>Group 4 (ROOM I):</b> Identify key stakeholders at the <i>Regional-to-Global</i> level, map their participatory journey and start building a shared understanding.
2:30 - 2:45	COFFEE BREAK
2:45 - 4:30 First floor	<b>Build inclusive solutions</b> Wrap up the day by planning and building your inclusive solutions.  <b>Group 1 (ROOM F):</b> Understand planning needs at the <i>Local</i> level and build solutions.  <b>Group 3 (ROOM H):</b> Understand planning needs at the <i>Regional</i> level and build solutions..  <b>Group 2 (ROOM G):</b> Understand planning needs at the <i>National</i> level and build solutions.  <b>Group 4 (ROOM I):</b> Understand planning needs at the <i>Regional-to-Global</i> level and build solutions.
4:30 - 5:30 CR-2 Second floor	<b>Shared Understanding@The Plenary</b> Guests assemble at the Plenary to share their solutions and insights to close the day.
From 6 p.m.	DINNER

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## Agenda | Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>\*

09:00 - 09:15

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Second floor

### Recap & Outlook

Start the day with a quick recap and an outlook of the day ahead!

09:15 - 10:45

Rooms to be announced

### Unconference

This session aims to create a dynamic, free flowing exchange of ideas in an intimate setting between hosts, who'll be leading the session and guests. Guests have the opportunity to attend two rounds of 30mins each. Presentations will be given by the following speakers:

\*Le Nguyet Minh from Oxfam GRAISEA on *"How might we build resilience through inclusive and responsible rice value chains?"*

\*Community Representatives from RECOFTC Nepal and Myanmar on *"How might we empower women through climate change adaptation?"*

\*Kok Eng Amy Sim from InterNews / Earth Journalism Network on *"How might we explore the role of media in strengthening environmental and climate change resilience?"*

\*Radwa Rostom from Hand Over on *"How might we use the Human Centered Design approach to create a sustainable community development?"*

\*Maeve Nightingale from IUCN Mangroves For the Future on *"How might we unpack and measure resilience in the context of social parameters?"*

\*Helena Olsson from Raoul Wallenberg Institute on *"How might we explore the importance of participatory education, learning and research for resilience and human rights based development?"*

\*Kevork Baboyan from UNDP Climate Change Finance on *"How might we support countries in improving their financial resilience to climate change?"*

\*Anna Francis Olsson from NIRAS and partners on *"How might we emphasise the relevance of Strategic Environmental Assessments in promoting participatory/consultative planning and decision making?"*

10:45 - 11:00

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Second floor

### Introduction to Solution Lab

Get a quick primer to the Solution Lab and its expected outcomes.

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11:00 - 11:15

*COFFEE BREAK*

11:15 - 12:30  
Rooms F & H  
First floor

### **Solution Lab**

Connect with your peers, get feedback and focus on implementation using the collective knowledge and experience present in the room

12:30 - 1:30

**LUNCH**

1:30 - 2:30  
CR-2  
Second floor

### **Interactive Panel Discussion**

An interactive dialogue on accelerating the role of Asia-Pacific regions towards building resilient communities. "How might we support the Asia-Pacific region and countries to implement Agenda 2030 and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals?"

Panelists include:

\*Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division - ESCAP

\*Holy Ranaivozanany, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility - Huawei

\*Madhushree Narayan, Project Manager - Climate Finance, VNV Advisory

2:30 - 3:30  
Rooms to be  
announced

### **Learning Carousel**

A marketplace for new solutions/tools/methods. Start a journey of learning : update your participatory skills, discover new hacks, listen to solution pitches.

3:30 - 3:45

**SILENT COFFEE BREAK**

3:45 - 4:45

### **Retrospective**

Reflect on two busy days of ideas, interactions and participatory solutions. Develop the next steps for change in a connected atmosphere. Say goodbye but remember to keep in touch until the next edition!

4:45 - 5:30

### **Peer based goal setting**

In one-on-one discussions with collaborators, set goals for the year ahead. Indulge in the undivided attention and non-judgemental listening support you get from your collaborators.

5:30 - 5:45

**Closing Remarks**

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## Practical Information



### Workshop Venue

#### **The United Nations Conference Centre**

The United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue,  
Bangkok 10200, Thailand

### Registration

ESCAP CMU in coordination with UN Security processes photo badges for conference participants. For participants that have registered online in the ESCAP Registration Portal, photo badges have been prepared in advance and can be picked up at the registration desk. In the event photos are not available, facilities are in place at the UNCC to take photographs on site. If you have not registered online in the Registration Portal, please assure that you will have enough time to register and take photos before the workshop start.

### Hotel Suggestions

All hotel suggestions are located in a walking distance to the workshop venue. For further direction information please visit ESCAP's website <http://www.un.or.th/contact/>



Please note that participants are responsible for their own hotel bookings and costs associated with accommodation.

#### **NANDA Heritage Hotel, 7-10 minutes walk to workshop venue**

Single/Twin/Double: THB 2200/night

632 Wisut Kasat Road, Pranakorn, Bangkok

Tel: (66-2) 2822900

E-mail: [info@nandaheritage.com](mailto:info@nandaheritage.com)

Website: [www.nandaheritage.com](http://www.nandaheritage.com)

Contact person: Mr. Kongpang Ounsri



*In order to get the workshop rate please refer to the Embassy of Sweden's Regional Workshop in your booking.*

#### **Royal Princess Larn Luang, 15 minute walk, provides shuttle van services to the UN**

Single with breakfast THB 2,900/night

Twin/Double with breakfast THB 3,100/night

Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel

269 Larnluang Road, Bangkok

Tel: (66-2) 2813088

E-mail: [rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com](mailto:rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com)

Website: [www.royalprincesslarnluang.com](http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com)

Contact person: Ms. Benjarat



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### Hotel Suggestions (continued)

#### Hotel Dé Moc, 5-10 min drive, provides shuttle van services to the UN

Standard Single/ Twin with breakfast THB 1,500/night  
Superior Single/ Twin with breakfast THB 1,700/night

78 Prajatipatai Road, Bangkok  
Tel: (66-2) 6292100-4  
E-mail: [booking@hoteldemoc.com](mailto:booking@hoteldemoc.com)  
Website: [www.hoteldemoc.com](http://www.hoteldemoc.com)  
Contact person: Mr. Nakorn Saiyawong



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### Getting to the city from Suvarnabhumi Airport

The Bangkok Airport Rail Link (06:00-midnight) that connects downtown Bangkok with Suvarnabhumi International Airport, is a smart alternative to the airport's express buses or taxis. The Airport Rail Link connects you to the MRT underground at Makkasan City Interchange Station (MRT Petchaburi Station) and the BTS Skytrain at Phayathai Station. From Suvarnabhumi Airport, the entrance to the Airport Rail Link service is on the First Floor. Read more at: <http://www.bangkok.com/airport-rail-link.htm?cid=ch:OTH:001>



Metered taxis are available on the same level as the arrival hall. There is a 50 baht surcharge on the meter, plus highway tolls of 70 baht. The trips to the city will cost 200-400 Baht and will take about 30-50 minutes depending on traffic.

### Don Mueang Airport Transportation

#### Taxi

Taxi Stand: Located in front of the Arrival Halls International & Domestic Passenger Terminals  
Fare: Based on meter plus 50 baht airport surcharge.

Find more information about other transportation options at: <https://www.donmueangairport.com/transportation/>



#### Visa Requirements

We would advise you to immediately apply for a visa from your nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate. Visa on arrival is issued at the airport immigration at Suvarnabhumi (Bangkok) Airport. A 30-day visa will be granted on entering Thailand for most nationalities.



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## Travel Insurance

Please ensure that you have adequate cover. Each participant is responsible for his or her own insurance.

## Refreshments

We are pleased to announce that the caterer for the workshop is Broccoli Revolution, who will provide two lunches, one dinner and coffee breaks. Their food is a vegan cuisine with an emphasis on vegetables, freshness, and good quality. Most vegetables are organic, meaning they were not grown with any pesticides, and they are also locally grown. A more sustainable choice for both our planet and our bodies!

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For more information please visit their website <http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd5>