

PARTICIPATION OF APSWDP IN ASIA PACIFIC CLIMATE WEEK 2019 2nd to 6th September, Bangkok, Thailand

Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2019 (APCW 2019) was held at United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand from 2nd to 6th September 2019 in which Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners was represented by a delegation of three members namely **Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Amit Joshi and Mr. Balbir Singh.**



Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2019 was organized by the United Nations Climate Change in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the



Pacific and other international and regional organizations, which include the United Nations Environment Programme, the UNEP DTU Partnership, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank Group, the Asian Development Bank, the International Emissions Trading Association, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies and the

Climate Technology Centre and Network.

Asia-Pacific Climate Week (APCW) 2019 was designed to advance regional climate action. It aims to support implementation of Asia-Pacific countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement on climate change and action to deliver on the SDGs. APCW is envisioned as a stepping stone to the 2019 Climate Action Summit.

The APCW was to boost the region's response to climate change. It was a unique collaborative platform for government and non-Party stakeholders to address the width of climate issues under one umbrella and unity of purpose.



The Climate Week was organized in support of a strong outcome at the UN Climate Action Summit hosted by the Secretary-General on 23 September 2019.

The APCW provides a space to develop multi-stakeholder climate

action in the spirit of the Talanoa Dialogue, in reference to the traditional Pacific islands' notion of an inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue. APCW 2019 has gathered ministers, policymakers and other local, national, regional leaders, representatives of the private sector, investors and civil society to engage in in-depth discussions on five of the nine Summit tracks: energy transition; industry transition; infrastructure; cities and local action; resilience and adaptation; and nature-based solutions. It has also consolidated the region's contribution to Summit to the extent possible.



This event has strengthened the engagement of universities and research institutions, building capacity for preparation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and for raising climate action ambition.

This event helped to take important step toward the UN Secretary General's call for ambitious action to combat climate change by providing stakeholders from Asia and the



Pacific the opportunity to raise the need for urgent action, and by sharing how the region is finding unique and effective ways to build resilience to climate change.

At the Asia-Pacific Climate-Week, policymakers and key stakeholders were engaged in targeted discussion on:

- How to generate momentum for ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and long-term strategies to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement (Mitigation Strategies);
- How to advance commitments in areas that affect people's well-being, such as reducing air pollution, generating decent jobs, and strengthening climate adaptation strategies and protect workers and vulnerable groups (Social and Political Drivers);
- How to mobilize people in the region to take action on climate change and ensure that young people are integrated and represented across all aspects of the Summit, including the six transformational areas (Youth Engagement and Public Mobilization).

APSWDP representatives submitted their recommendations and suggestions to Mr. Animesh Kumar, Deputy Chief, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific regarding the involvement and importance of Civil Society Organizations in Capacity building and tools for promoting coherence. Moreover, involvement of Government for Nationally

Determined Contributions (NDCs) and for raising climate action ambition, it has to specifically for the three tier government system i.e. Center, State and the Local Government.



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1700 participants from 59 countries are taking part in Asia-Pacific Climate Week in Bangkok 2-6 September. Here the representatives of 34 Asia-Pacific countries who are working to increase [#ClimateAmbition](#) via the [#NDCDialogue](#) organized by [@UNDP](#) and [@UNFCCC](#) [#APClimateWeek](#)



The members of the APSWDP have committed and reaffirm to work on Climate Change Adaptation with diverse stakeholders towards making a sustainable world by extending partnership and Global Action Programmes at local level.

