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**MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2023
An Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business: Driving the Green Transformation
Hong Kong, China, 22 and 23 November 2023

I have the honour to invite your Government to nominate high-level representatives to attend the Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2023, which will be held on 22 and 23 November 2023 in a hybrid format. The Forum will feature both in-person and online participation at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Guided by the theme “An Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business: Driving the Green Transformation”, the annual event will be an opportunity to engage the private sector in support of the Asia-Pacific Green Deal for Business, an Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Sustainable Business Network initiative. The Forum has been a major regional dialogue and networking event held annually in Asia and the Pacific since its inception in 2004. The multi-stakeholder setting of the Forum enables effective engagement between policymakers, business representatives, international agencies, civil society organizations and academics.

Please find enclosed the tentative programme of the Forum. All relevant information to facilitate the participation of your delegation will be made available online at <https://unescap.org/apbf>.

It is my honour to invite senior officials from a relevant ministry, department or agency of your government on a self-financed basis to attend the Forum. Registration details will be communicated in due course to the nominated officials.

It would be appreciated if the enclosed nomination form could be submitted directly to the attention of Ms. Tientip Subhanij, Chief of Sustainable Business Network, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, via email at subhanij@un.org or telephone at +66 2 2881680, with a copy to Mr. Ryan Carvalho, Economic Affairs Officer, at carvalhor@un.org, and Ms. Kanda Rangsimawong, Programme Management Assistant, at rangsimawong@un.org, by no later than **15 October 2023**.

I look forward to your Government's active participation and a vibrant dialogue during the Forum.



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Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

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