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Institute for Strategic Studies of Mongolia

THE ULAANBAATAR DIALOGUE ON NORTHEAST ASIAN SECURITY
The Ninth International Conference
6–7 June 2024

Consensus Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

AGENDA

6 June 2024, Thursday (Day 1)

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:45 **OPENING SESSION**

Chair: Ms. Mandkhai Batsuren, Director General, Department of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

Remarks by **H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

Remarks by **Dr. Mendee Jargalsaikhan**, Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies, National Security Council of Mongolia

Video message by **Ms. Rosemary Di Carlo**, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

Photo Session (all participants, "Nomin" Hall)

09:45 - 10:00 Coffee Break (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia)

10:00 - 12:30 **SESSION 1: SECURITY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION**

Despite the relative peace and stability in Northeast Asia, security tension remains high due to the ongoing geopolitical and geo-economic rivalries among Great Powers, and uncertainty in the Korean Peninsula. The session will provide a platform for regional experts, policymakers, and academics to discuss security challenges and opportunities in the sub-region.

- *What are the most pressing security challenges and their trends? What are the short, medium, and long-term implications for the region and beyond?*

Moderator:

Amb. Enkhtsetseg Ochir, Member, Board of Advisers, National Security Council of Mongolia

Panel:

Dr. Mimura Mitsuhiro, Professor, Economic and Social Research Institute for Northeast Asia, University of Niigata Prefecture, Japan

COL Munkh-Ochir Dorjjugder, Head of Department for Strategic Policy and Analysis, Executive Office of the National Security Council, Mongolia

Dr. Sang-Jung Byun, Director of the Department of North Korean Studies, Institute for National Security Strategy, Republic of Korea

Dr. Alexander Vorontsov, Head of the Department, the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Mr. Glyn Ford, Track2Asia, Member of the North East Asia Economic Forum, and a Board Member of the Pacific Century Institute, UK

Prof. Sergey Radchenko, Wilson E. Schmidt Distinguished Professor, Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, USA

Q&A

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 **SESSION 2: MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTHEAST ASIA**

Although the Northeast Asian region lacks an overarching security mechanism, numerous efforts have been made to build confidence and trust. State actors as well as even non-state actors have put forward and tried to promote various types of confidence-building measures (CBMs). The session will welcome experts from the sub-region and beyond to share their perspectives on effective CBMs, examine past and current examples, and explore practical steps for developing and implementing sustainable CBMs in the region.

- *How can countries contribute to effective CBM? What are the best practices for CBM?*

Moderator: Dr. Arnaud Leveau, Associate Professor in Political Science, Paris Dauphine University, France

Panel:

Ms. Vina Nadjibulla, Vice-President, Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation, Canada

Mr. Boris Kelecevic, Deputy Head of ICRC Regional Delegation for East Asia, ICRC

Mr. Konrad Pawlik, Deputy Director, Asia Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Mr. Rustem Mustafin, Deputy Director of the Center for Political Studies, Institute of Philosophy, Political Science and Religious Studies of the Committee of Science of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Dr. Adrian Ang, Research Fellow and Coordinator of the United States Programme, Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies, RSIS, Singapore

Mr. Tapan Mishra, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Mongolia, UN

Q&A

13:30 - 16:00 **TRACK I ROUNDTABLE MEETING** (CLOSED SESSION/BY INVITATION ONLY) (ГХЯ-НЫ “НОМИН” ТАНХИМ)

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee Break (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia)

15:45 - 17:00 **SESSION 3: CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES IN NORTHEAST ASIA**

Climate change is a salient issue for the countries of Northeast Asia in terms of impacts, adaptation, and mitigation. The region has been severely affected by climate change and climate extremes, witnessing notable natural disasters that caused large numbers of fatalities, injuries, and displacements. At the same time, there are urgent calls for large greenhouse gas emitters in the region to make great strides in climate action.

Being exposed and vulnerable to climate risks and responding to the global calls for climate action, countries in Northeast Asia are raising their climate ambitions and accelerating the transformation of development pathways towards a low-carbon and resilient future. The session hopes to facilitate regional dialogue by coordinating joint action on tackling climate change, which is a common but neutral ground for collaboration in the region. The session will help foster greater trust, transparency, and habits of cooperation.

- *How could policymakers better hear young people's voices and allow for contributions to policymaking? In what areas should youth expertise be prioritized?*

Moderator: Dr. Ariunaa Chadraabal, Head, Foreign Relations Department, National Emergency Management Agency, Mongolia

Panel:

Dr. Batjargal Zamba, Former Minister of Environment, Mongolia

Mr. Sultan Omurov, Deputy head of the NISI Center for Research on Government Projects, Kyrgyzstan

Ms. Nominbolor Khurel, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Strategic Studies, Mongolia

Mr. Li Chao, Researcher, The Belt and Road Research Institute of the Inner Mongolia Academy of Social Sciences, PRC

Ms. Ijun Kim, Youth Advisory Group Member, Northeast Asia and the Pacific Team, Asia and Pacific Division (APD), United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (UN DPPA)

Q&A

18:30 - 20:30 Reception co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and the Institute for Strategic Studies of Mongolia
(Grand Ballroom, Shangri La Hotel)

7 June 2024, Friday (Day 2)

09:00 - 10:50 **SESSION 4: SECURE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY TRANSITION IN NORTHEAST ASIA**

During this session, government representatives, regional experts, and academic experts on energy cooperation will share their views on how Northeast Asia should tackle the energy transition, in light of recent developments such as the COP28 outcome. Drawing on the work done by ESCAP with countries of the region on developing SDG7 road maps and the Northeast Asia Green Power Corridor Roadmap, the session will discuss how national policies together with bilateral and multilateral cooperation can be developed to accelerate and harness the full benefits of the transition to sustainable and low carbon energy systems.

- *What are some of the best practices/ recommendations for increasing energy efficiency and achieving decarbonization in Northeast Asia?*
- *What are some of the mechanisms and/or opportunities for multilateral cooperation for the energy transition in Northeast Asia?*
- *In Northeast Asia energy sector, what kinds of "no regrets" development and investments would be feasible?*

Moderator: Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head, Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia, ESCAP

Speakers:

Mr. Anis Zaman, Energy Division, ESCAP

“Status of the Energy Transition in Northeast Asia and SDG 7 Road Map for Mongolia: Lessons Learned and the Way forward”

Ms. Maria Pastukhova, Programme Lead, Global Energy Transition, E3G (ESCAP Project Consultant)

Green Power Corridor Roadmap for Northeast Asia: Next Steps

Mr. Daniel del Barrio Alvarez, Assistant Professor, Tokyo University (ESCAP Project Consultant)

Metrics for Assessing Coherence of Energy Connectivity Initiatives and SDGs,

Panel:

Mr. Yeren- Ulzii Batmunkh, Director General, Ministry of Energy, Mongolia

Ms. Shannon Cowlin, Asian Development Bank, Country Director, Mongolia

Mr. Joong Yeop Lee, Programme Officer, IRENA

Dr. Chunji Xuan, Associate Professor, Northeast Asian Studies College of Jilin University, PRC

Q&A

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee break (*Nomin* Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia)

11:10 - 13:00 **SESSION 5: DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT VALUE CHAINS FOR CRITICAL ENERGY TRANSITION MINERALS**

During this session, government representatives, regional experts, academics, and other relevant stakeholders are invited share their views on how to develop sustainable and resilient value chains for minerals and materials critical for the energy transition. Drawing on ESCAP’s work assessing the sustainability of critical raw materials, and the work of the UN Secretary General’s Working Group on Transforming the Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development, panelists in this session will discuss how the countries of Northeast Asia can collaborate to meet increasing demand for critical raw materials and identify opportunities to move up the value chain for energy transition technologies.

- *What are some best practices from the region and beyond for sustainable development of value chains for minerals and materials critical for the energy transition?*
- *How can the countries of Northeast Asia leverage the UN Resource Management System and other tools to enable the sustainable development of critical minerals?*
- *How can the countries work together more closely to develop sustainable, secure and inclusive value chains for critical energy transition minerals and clean energy technologies?*

Moderator: Mr. Matthew Wittenstein, Chief, Energy Connectivity Section, Energy Division, ESCAP

Speaker:

Dr. Uyanga Bold, Vice Minister, Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, Mongolia

Panel:

Mr. Harikrishnan Tulsidas, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE)

Dr. Tsend-Ayush Tserendagva, Head of the Development Division, Strategic Development Policy Department, Erdenet Mining Corporation, Mongolia

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Prof. Yang Zhao, Professor, Northeast Asian Studies College, Jilin University, PRC

Mr. Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, National Council/MSG member, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

Mr. Junhyeok Park, Senior Researcher, Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources (KIGAM)

Dr. Aleksandr Shandrygin, Member of The Competency Working Group of the Expert Group on Resource Management of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, expert of ICE-SRM, Russia

Q&A

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch ("Nomin" Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia)

14:00 - 15:00 **CLOSING SESSION**

Chair:

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Moderators' summary:

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Remarks by:

Mr. Ankhbayar Nyamdorj, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

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