



78TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)

>1/2 of the region's population is completely unprotected against any contingency throughout their lives

Basic Universal Social Package in Asia and the Pacific (old-age pensions, child, maternity & disability benefits) = **~2-6%** of GDP

Leave no one behind

We need to invest in universal social protection systems that strengthen health resilience and that promote access to:

- essential services
- poverty reduction
- resources
- education
- human capital development
- employment & decent jobs

Protect our planet

We need to immediately curb greenhouse gas emissions and enhance international collaboration for:

- the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources
- reduce pollution of air, oceans and fresh water,
- mitigate the impacts of pollution on human health and,
- halt the global decline of biodiversity

In 2018, the region was responsible for **~55%** of global greenhouse gas emissions

While hosting the world's most diverse ecosystems & greatest biodiversity, the region is facing the most severe decline in biodiversity & ecosystem

~85% of trade agreements signed after 2005 that involve an Asia-Pacific economy contain at least one climate-related provision.

Connect, trade & invest together

We will work on developing integrated and seamless connectivity across the region and strengthen regional cooperation in

- infrastructure
- energy
- trade, finance, human exchange
- information & communications technology
- transport

and cooperate in closing connectivity gaps, strengthening digital connectivity, and promoting the digital economy

Strengthen resilience

We need to advance international and regional cooperation to strengthen the resilience of our economies and societies against wide-ranging socioeconomic effects of pandemics, natural disasters, climate change and other shocks

The pandemic cost **75M jobs** in 2020

Due to the pandemic, an additional **85M people** were pushed into poverty in 2021

Boost partnerships

We commit to boost partnerships that strengthen multilateralism and international cooperation, encouraging and promoting effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships and commit ourselves to listen to and work with the youth, major groups and other stakeholders

700M young people aged 15-20 in Asia-Pacific faced disruptions in education & had difficulties getting a decent job during the pandemic

Future generations are underrepresented in decision-making