# CSD Regional Discussion ESCAP Perspective

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# Overall Analysis - SD in AP Region

- World's fastest **Economic Growth**
  - Mainly driven by Export-based Manufacturing Industry / World's Production Centre
  - Significantly reduced Poverty and Access Gaps in the past decades
- **Still remaining** problems of Poverty and Access Gaps
- **Already overstretched** Environmental/ Natural Resources Burdens
  - Limited per capita natural endowment
  - Rapidly growing urban consumption pattern
  - Significant relevance of <u>CSD-18 Thematic Areas</u>

# Key Challenges Ahead

- Continuing **Economic Growth** to address remaining poverty and access gaps

- Shift to **Sustainable Growth Patterns** indispensable

- More growth with less environmental / natural resources externalities
  = improvement in **Eco-efficiency** at Societal Level

# Discussion at AP RIM

- Sectoral problems and responses

- Need for **Holistic Approach**
  - Integration in overall development policy / strategy is a key
- Policy **Coordination** and **Coherence** across Sectors
- Increasing emphasis on **Co-benefits** in simultaneously addressing <u>Environmental</u> and <u>Socio-Economic</u> challenges
  - Challenges to turn into **Opportunities** for Better Future

# AP Regional Responses

- Highlight on Synergetic **Win-Win** Policy for Economic Growth and Environment Sustainability
- Adoption of **Green Growth** at Regional Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (MCED-5) in 2005
- **Emerging Changes** at national level, addressing overall growth patterns
  - China – Circular Economy
  - ROK – Green Growth
  - Japan – Mottainai, 3R
  - Thailand, Bhutan, etc.

# A Way Forward

- Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in AP (**MCED-6**) focusing further improvement of resource efficiency, enhancement of resilience in continuing Growth

- The Conference to be hosted by **Kazakhstan** in 29 September – 3 October 2010

- Preparatory / Consultation Process Ongoing

- UNEP, ADB, UNDP, ILO, UNIDO, etc. are joining forces for furthering **Green Growth** in AP region