

NPC Vice Chairman Honorable Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha Chaired the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)



The Nepali delegation led by the Hon. Vice-Chair of NPC, Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha participated at the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) which was held from 20-23 February 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. Nepal had the honor of chairing the 11th APFSD which was held under the theme “*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific*”. The Forum reviewed the progress on SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG

2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals).

Nepal delivered country statements in the plenary sessions held under different agenda items. The Nepali delegation participated in various side-events including a Regional Workshop for the Voluntary National Reviews: Leveraging Data to Leave No One Behind, New Frontiers on Social Protection in a Changing World, among others. Furthermore, multi-stakeholder SDG Roundtables for in-depth review were organized to assess the progress made as well as to jointly develop policy recommendations.

In addition to the Hon. Vice-Chair, the delegation consisted of Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, Hon. Member, NPC, Dr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Secretary, NPC, Mr. Mahesh Bhattarai, Joint Secretary, NPC, Mr. Prakash Adhikari, Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok, Thailand, Ms. Anita Paudel, Program Director, NPC, and Ms. Kartika Yadav, Planning Officer, NPC.