
30 September 2021, Bangkok
(Virtual meeting)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Asia and the Pacific is home to 690 million men, women and children, accounting for 15 per cent of the total population in the region, live with some form of disability. For the last decade, ESCAP has advanced disability-inclusive development agenda by proclaiming the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 and adopting the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific as well as the Beijing Declaration including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy. The instruments play a crucial role in tracking progress toward empowering persons with disabilities and improving their life in the region as they provide a range of goals, targets and indicators that put emphasis on evidence-based monitoring and implementation of disability-inclusive development.

In 2017, ESCAP conducted the mid-point review of the implementation of the Incheon Strategy to take stock of the achievements, challenges and lessons learned over the first five years of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022. As the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 draws to a close, a comprehensive final review of the implementation of the Disability Decade will be conducted to examine the progress made towards disability-inclusive development and chart the way forward for a new phase in Asia and the Pacific.

Against this background, ESCAP is conducting a national survey that seeks to measure the state of disability-inclusive development based on the indicators of the Incheon Strategy and relevant SDG indicators. The survey questionnaire was disseminated to member States on 24 August 2021.

Date and time

The consultation is scheduled on Thursday, 30 September 2021, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Thailand Standard time.
Objectives

The main objectives of the consultation are:

A. To provide an overview of disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific and inform participants of the process for the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022;
B. To brief on the methodology of the national survey on the implementation of Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, and provide guidance for completing the survey;
C. To identify needs for technical assistance and capacity-building.

Expected Outcome

After completing the consultation participants are expected to have:

A. Enhanced understanding on relevant approaches, methods and tools to underpin the process of the national review and survey;
B. Identified capacity-building needs to conduct national survey and further strengthen disability monitoring framework.

Participants

The designated National Focal Points on Disability are invited to this consultation. The consultation welcomes additional participants who are responsible for disability data collection at the country level, to facilitate coordination in preparing responses to the survey. Each member State is encouraged to identify and confirm up to 4 participants based on the following criteria:

- Disability focal point responsible for developing and coordinating a coherent national policy and programmes related to disability across concerned ministries or departments.
- Focal points from National Statistics Office (NSO), who handle inclusive data and statistics, more specifically disability data; and/or
- Data Focal point within the government who coordinates generation, collection and dissemination of data across governments.

Other experts on disability data and statistics are also to participate to assist the consultation.

Modalities of the meeting

The consultation will take place virtually with plenary discussions. The meeting platform is Microsoft TEAMS. A technical information note on the modality of the meeting, including dial-in details, will be provided closer to the meeting date.

The meeting will be conducted in English only. The secretariat will make every effort to provide participants with reasonable accommodation services, including AI-based real time captioning.

Documents relevant to the consultation
Additional information regarding the final review is available at the following website: https://www.maketherightreal.net/final-review where the relevant survey documents are provided.

In addition, strategic documents direct participants further with technical guide on monitoring disability indicators for Incheon Strategy:

- From Indicators to Action: Operationalizing the Incheon Strategy indicators to support disability-inclusive development;
- ESCAP Guide on Disability Indicators for the Incheon Strategy

Contact for further information

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