**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

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**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022, (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I. **Provisional agenda**

1. **Opening of the Meeting:**
   (a) Opening statements;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.


3. Forward-looking policies and strategies for disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific during the period to 2030, focusing on key and emerging regional issues and opportunities:
   (a) Harmonization of national legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
   (b) Innovative partnerships and engagement of persons with disabilities;
   (c) Emerging issues and opportunities;
   (d) Tracking progress towards the achievement of disability-inclusive development.

4. Adoption of the report on the Meeting and the outcome document.
II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Opening statements

Opening statements will be made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, high-level speakers from Indonesia and other member States and a representative of civil society. The programme for the Meeting will be available at https://unescap.org/events/2022/high-level-intergovernmental-meeting-final-review-asian-and-pacific-decade-persons.

(b) Election of officers

A chair and vice-chair(s) will be elected.

The list of participants will be available at https://unescap.org/events/2022/high-level-intergovernmental-meeting-final-review-asian-and-pacific-decade-persons.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/L.2)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted at the Meeting, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Review of progress and challenges in the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022: key achievements, priorities and challenges (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/1)

Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/2)

Disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific and the path to 2030: perspectives of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/INF/1)
Annotation

Participants will review, from the perspectives of Governments, persons with disabilities and civil society organizations, the status of and trends in disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific, as well as the progress made, the remaining challenges and the emerging priorities in the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

Participants may wish to share information on experiences gained and lessons learned from policies and programmes, including on emerging issues such as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, climate change and digital transformation, aimed at implementing the Decade and the Incheon Strategy, as well as at accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for disability inclusion.

Members and associate members, in partnership with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, as well as all other stakeholders, will consider the conclusions and recommendations contained in the above-mentioned documents with a view to achieving the full implementation of the Decade and accelerating action for disability-inclusive development during the period to 2030.

3. **Forward-looking policies and strategies for disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific during the period to 2030, focusing on key and emerging regional issues and opportunities**

Documentation

Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022: key achievements, priorities and challenges (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/1)

Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/2)

Disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific and the path to 2030: perspectives of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/INF/1)

Annotation

Four round-table discussions structured around promising strategies for accelerating disability-inclusive development and advancing disability rights in Asia and the Pacific in the context of the 2030 Agenda will be held under agenda item 3. Gender perspectives will be mainstreamed into each round-table discussion.

(a) **Harmonization of national legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

The first round-table discussion will be focused on how Governments can harmonize their national legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities following its ratification. The discussion is expected to result in enhanced knowledge on: (a) how to harmonize national legislation with the Convention through different legal processes (developing new legislation or amending or repealing existing legislation); (b) how to ensure the
meaningful participation of persons with disabilities throughout the harmonization process; and (c) how to prepare institutional mechanisms for the effective implementation of the Convention.

(b) **Innovative partnerships and engagement of persons with disabilities**

The second round-table discussion will be focused on strengthening multisectoral partnerships and exploring innovative modalities for fostering partnerships among Governments, private sector entities and organizations of and for persons with disabilities to accelerate progress in achieving disability-inclusive development in the region. Partnerships with private sector entities will be highlighted, as these could result in more efficient and sustainable solutions, the promotion of universal design-based accessibility, disability-inclusive businesses and value chains, and changes to social norms regarding disability. Furthermore, strategies and solutions to better support the engagement of persons with disabilities with various partners, including in the private sector, will also be discussed.

The discussion is expected to result in enhanced knowledge on the latest trends, promising practices and opportunities for strengthened and innovative cross-sectoral partnerships for disability-inclusive development and disability rights in the region.

(c) **Emerging issues and opportunities**

The third round-table discussion will be focused on the latest emerging issues and opportunities linked, for example, to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on poverty, employment and social protection, climate change and digital transformation.

The discussion is expected to result in enhanced knowledge of both the challenges and opportunities brought about by these emerging issues and trends, as well as promising actions to address or leverage them to make progress on disability-inclusive development in the region. The particular concerns of women and girls with disabilities will be highlighted.

(d) **Tracking progress towards the achievement of disability-inclusive development**

The fourth round-table discussion will be focused on the current situation, the remaining challenges and the opportunities with regard to the collection of disability data and statistics and other mechanisms to strengthen the tracking of progress on disability-inclusive development and disability rights against the frameworks provided by the Sustainable Development Goals, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

The discussion is expected to result in enhanced knowledge on the importance of filling in the significant gaps in disability data and statistics and the use of such data to inform relevant policies and decision-making processes, as well as in recommendations for strategies and actions to better track progress towards the inclusion of persons with disabilities using the above-mentioned frameworks.
4. Adoption of the report on the Meeting and the outcome document

Documentation

Draft outcome document (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/L.4)
Draft report (ESCAP/APDDP/2022/L.3)

Annotation

Participants will consider and adopt the outcome document and the report on the Meeting, which will be submitted to the Commission at its seventy-ninth session, to be held in 2023, for its consideration and endorsement.