Agenda Item 4

Review of the Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations Emanating from the Fifth Session of the Working Group
Overview of the decision and recommendations

1 Decision

41 Recommendations on the 8 thematic areas
- COVID-19 and Gender Equality
- Employment
- Disability-inclusive risk reduction
- Resource mobilization
- Conclusion of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022
- ESCAP Disability Inclusion Strategy
COVID-19 and Gender Equality

- The secretariat completed the development of a dedicated web page on COVID-19 and disability inclusion hosted on ESCAP's “Make the Right Real” portal.

- The secretariat signed LoAs with five partner institutions to provide seed-funding for their pilot initiatives to support and empower persons with disabilities during the pandemic and beyond.
  - Two initiatives specifically target women with disabilities and address the intersectionality of disability and gender.

- The Survey questionnaire requires gender-disaggregated data while collecting disability-disaggregated data. Gender dimension is incorporated in designing the questionnaire.
Employment


• The secretariat organized the Expert Group Meeting on Promoting Inclusive Employment for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific on 29 and 30 July 2021.

• The secretariat launched the publication Disability at a Glance 2021: The Shaping of Disability-Inclusive Employment in Asia and the Pacific on 03 December 2021.
Disability-inclusive Risk Reduction

• The secretariat started the implementation of a new technical cooperation project: "Facilitating innovative action on gender-responsive disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction policies and programmes in Asia and the Pacific."

• Objectives of the project:
  Increased knowledge of gender-responsive disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction by key disaster risk reduction policy makers, decision-makers and community leaders in Asia and the Pacific.

• Main outputs:
  a. Regional situation analysis overview paper
  b. Custom-tailored e-learning tools for DRR decision makers in 4 selected countries.
Conclusion of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

• The secretariat disseminated the Survey questionnaire on 23 August 2021, to gather core information on progress towards disability-inclusive development and the realization of the Incheon Strategy in Asia and the Pacific at the endpoint of the Disability Decade.

• The secretariat briefed the UN Asia-Pacific Working Group on Disability Inclusion on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Disability Decade on 26 August 2021, to continue and enhance its collaboration with other United Nations entities.

• The secretariat held an informal consultation with ESCAP member States on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Disability Decade on 30 September 2021, to facilitate data collection and reporting.