

## **Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference – Briefing of stakeholders**

30 March 2023

Online, 11:00-12:00 hrs. (Indochina Time)

### **Briefing of stakeholders on the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference**

#### **CONCEPT NOTE**

#### **Objective**

The briefing will provide an opportunity for relevant stakeholders to receive an update on the progress to date of the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference, scheduled for 15 to 17 November 2023 at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok, Thailand.

In particular, the briefing aims at providing an overview of:

- the mandate, objectives, process and logistics of the Population Conference
- voluntary national surveys by member States
- entry points for engagement with relevant stakeholders in preparation for and during the Population Conference

#### **Date and format**

- The briefing will take place on Thursday, 30 March 2023, 11:00-12:00 hrs. (Bangkok time).
- The briefing will be held online, using Zoom.
- The briefing will be recorded and made available to meeting participants after the briefing.

#### **Participants**

- Relevant stakeholders from Asia and the Pacific
- Members of the Steering Committee of the 7<sup>th</sup> APPC

#### **Expected outcomes**

- Relevant stakeholders briefed on ongoing and future work regarding the Population Conference
- Entry points for relevant stakeholder engagement in the Population Conference identified and discussed with participants.
- Follow-up actions to ensure a whole-of-society approach to the Population Conference identified (and guidance on how to structure forthcoming consultations)

#### **Background**

The Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference<sup>1</sup> will be held in accordance with resolution 74 (XXIII) of 17 April 1967 of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East which established the Conference as a statutory organ of the Commission. The Conference should be convened every ten years synchronizing with the decennial population and related censuses, for the consideration of all aspects of population questions and of their impact on

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/seventh-asian-and-pacific-population-conference>

economic and social development. The sixth Conference was held from 16 to 18 September 2013 at ESCAP, and members and associate Members adopted the Asian-Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.<sup>2</sup>

The Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference will be organized by ESCAP, in collaboration with UNFPA and other regional partners and stakeholders from 15 to 17 November 2023. The intergovernmental meeting will coincide with the 60-year commemoration of the first Asian Population Conference, which was held in 1963 in New Delhi, India, the 30-year regional review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific, and the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. It will also mark the half-way point in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific. The Conference will provide the Asia-Pacific input to the global review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development which will take place at the 57th session of the Commission on Population and Development.

The 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development<sup>3</sup> called for creating effective partnerships among key stakeholders, including Governments, community-based organizations, civil society, the not for-profit sector and the private sector and coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the recommendations of the 2013 Declaration. It also called for the creation of an enabling environment for the participation of civil society and community-based organizations and increased space for constructive dialogue at the local, national and regional levels.

It is in this context that ESCAP and UNFPA are seeking the engagement with non-governmental organizations and the private sector, primarily active at the regional level in the lead-up, during and in follow-up to the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference. Since some organizations in some key areas are primarily active at the national level, they will also be encouraged to participate in the process.

## **Background documents**

[2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development;](#)

[Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Declaration on Population and Development;](#)  
[2020 Report of the Committee on Social Development on its sixth session, containing the Asia-Pacific indicator framework;](#)

[Summary report prepared in follow-up to the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development in 2018;](#) and

[2022 ESCAP Population Data Sheet](#)

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Report%20of%20APPC%202013.pdf>.

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