Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
Committee on Social Development 

Seventh session  
Bangkok and online, 6–8 September 2022  
Agenda item 7  
Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session 

Draft report 

I. Matters brought to the attention of the Commission 

1. The following decisions adopted by the Committee on Social Development are brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: 

Decision 1 

The Committee requests the secretariat to promote its regional online platform on social protection and conduct regional stocktaking activities to support members and associate members of the Commission in their efforts to accelerate progress in the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific. In this regard, members and associate members are encouraged to complete the rapid baseline survey on the Action Plan. 

Decision 2 

The Committee requests the secretariat to explore appropriate mechanisms to support interested members and associate members of the Commission, as well as civil society organizations and organizations of older persons operating at the regional and subregional levels in Asia and the Pacific, to strengthen the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.¹ 

Decision 3 

The Committee calls upon members and associate members of the Commission to strengthen existing networks of national focal points on ageing and to provide, on a voluntary basis, regular updates to the secretariat on policies, action plans and monitoring frameworks on population ageing in order to facilitate the sharing of experiences and knowledge at the regional level. 

Decision 4

Noting the preparations for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022, to be held in Jakarta and online from 19 to 21 October 2022, the Committee encourages all members and associate members of the Commission to actively participate in the Meeting.

II. Organization

A. Opening, duration and organization of the session

2. The Committee held its seventh session in Bangkok and online from 6 to 8 September 2022. The session was opened by the Minister for Social Development and Human Security of Thailand, Mr. Chuti Krairiksh, the Executive Secretary and the Chair of the seventh session of the Committee.

B. Attendance

3. Representatives of the following members and associate members of the Commission attended: Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; Fiji; Georgia; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Malaysia; Maldives; Mongolia; Nauru; Pakistan; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Türkiye; and United States of America.


5. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds also attended: International Labour Organization; International Telecommunication Union; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Population Fund; and World Food Programme.

6. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations attended: Asian Development Bank; Economic Cooperation Organization; and Eurasian Economic Commission.

7. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities attended: Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability; Development, Welfare and Research Foundation; Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia; Foundation for Older Persons’ Development; Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti; HelpAge International; International Federation of Social Workers; International Federation on Ageing; International Human Rights Observer Pakistan (IHRO); International Trade Union Confederation; Kyrgyzstan Babushka Adoption Charitable Foundation; Pacific Disability Forum; Philippine Institute for Development Studies; Salesian Missions, Inc.; South Asian Disability Forum; Tsao Foundation; and Zhongshan Vocational College.

8. In accordance with rule 12 of the Commission’s rules of procedure, the bureau examined the credentials of representatives of member States and reported upon them to the Committee. Credentials of 25 member States were found to be in order. The bureau decided to defer any action on the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar at the seventh session of the Committee, pending a decision by the General Assembly on the representation of Myanmar and in line with General Assembly resolution 396 (V) of...
14 December 1950, and acknowledging the report of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

9. The Committee took note of the oral report of the bureau on credentials.

C. Election of officers

10. The Committee elected the following officers:

   Chair: Ms. Ariunzaya Ayush (Mongolia)
   Vice-Chairs: Mr. Boros Samheng (Cambodia)
               Ms. Suzilah Mohd Sidek (Malaysia)

D. Agenda

11. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

   1. Opening of the session:

      (a) Opening statements;
      (b) Election of officers;
      (c) Adoption of the agenda.

   2. Strategies for building a healthy, protected and productive workforce in Asia and the Pacific.

   3. Strategies for strengthening regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific.


   5. Review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

   6. Other matters.

   7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session.

III. Account of proceedings

12. The discussions held during the session will be summarized in an account of proceedings that will become available within a week following the conclusion of the session and be annexed to the present report.
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