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Expert Group Meeting: Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022)

22-23 June 2022, Bangkok and Online

Concept Note

I. Background

Asia and the Pacific is home to more than 700 million persons with disabilities who face significant barriers to full and effective participation in society. The ESCAP region was the first in the world to proclaim a regional initiative focusing on disability-inclusive development, in follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992). Governments, peoples and other diverse stakeholders in the ESCAP region¹ stand poised at the conclusion of the third Decade for charting the next chapter of disability-inclusive development in the region.

To realize the regional vision of inclusive development that upholds the rights of all persons with disabilities, ESCAP member States proclaimed the *Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022)*,² and adopted the *Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific*, the world's first set of disability-specific development goals.

The *Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy* provides guidance on further advancing disability-inclusive development. It was adopted by the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022) (Beijing, 27 November - 1 December 2017) and endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-fourth session (Bangkok,

¹ <https://www.unescap.org/about/member-states>

² See ESCAP resolutions for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022), available at <https://www.unescap.org/resources/escap-resolutions-asian-and-pacific-decade-persons-disabilities-2013-2022>.

11-16 May 2018).

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted, via its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, the Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "Disability" is explicitly mentioned in seven SDG targets and 10 SDG indicators. Under SDG 17, Governments are encouraged to disaggregate all relevant SDG data by disability and other parameters.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015-2030, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly via its resolution A/RES/69/283 of 3 June 2015, recognizes persons with disabilities as one of the key stakeholders in disaster risk reduction. It encourages Governments and all other stakeholders to integrate universal design-based accessibility into all phases of the disaster risk reduction management cycle.

In view of the inherent synergies with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the abovementioned policy instruments, both the Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan constitute a unique set of policy and advocacy tools to support the advancement of disability rights and the realization of inclusive and sustainable societies, with no one left behind.

This set of policy and advocacy tools³ supports ESCAP members and associate members in making and tracking progress towards empowering persons with disabilities and improving their quality of life in the Asian and Pacific region.

At the present crossroads in the history of the region's endeavours to uphold the rights of all peoples with diverse disabilities, there is a need for Governments, persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in the region to chart the way forward towards more disability-inclusive societies in Asia and the Pacific, bearing in mind insights from this unprecedented 30-year regional commitment to disability rights.

Against this background, ESCAP is leading a comprehensive final review of the implementation of the present Decade as follows:

- (1) An analytical review of the implementation of the present Decade based on Government and civil society responses to a survey, as well as existing credible sources;

³ The full text of the Incheon Strategy and Beijing Declaration including the Action Plan can be found at <https://www.unescap.org/resources/incheon-strategy-make-right-real-persons-disabilities-asia-and-pacific-and-beijing>.

- (2) Organization of an expert group meeting (22-23 June 2022) and stakeholder consultations (July 2022). These will culminate in a High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the, to be convened from 19 to 21 October 2022, to conclude the Decade and galvanize fresh commitment and renewed support for disability rights and disability-inclusive development in the Asian and Pacific region.

It is expected that the high-level intergovernmental meeting will consider an outcome document, with a view to adopting it. The outcome document is intended to guide the ESCAP secretariat in contributing towards further progress in strengthening cooperation for disability-inclusive development and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, providing technical assistance and facilitating regional and subregional dialogue and technical cooperation to the Governments of the ESCAP membership in the period 2023 through 2030, sister entities in the United Nations system in Asia and the Pacific, civil society organizations, as well as other key actors.

ESCAP initiatives, as approved by its intergovernmental membership over the past 30 years, have yielded an impact on disability inclusion and disability rights in the Asian and Pacific region. The impact of ESCAP initiatives include the following:

- 1. First ESCAP Decade, 1993-2002, paradigm shift 1:**

Changing the limited understanding of disability as being associated mainly with welfare and rehabilitation and medicalization of the perception of disabled persons, to a comprehensive understanding of the dignity, worth and rights of disabled persons and the need for multi-sectoral collaborative action on policies to cover all aspects of the lives of disabled persons, with a regional focus on the self-empowerment of disabled persons. The ESCAP region is credited to have issued the first call for an international convention to protect the rights of disabled persons. Women and girls with disabilities were highlighted in the ESCAP publication on "Hidden Sisters." See the *Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002*, and the *Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of Disabled Persons in the Asian and Pacific Region*.

- 2. Second ESCAP Decade, 2003-2012, paradigm shift 2:**

Introducing the rights-based approach to disability issues, and shifting attention to disabled persons as rights holders. Through the facilitation and intermediation of the ESCAP secretariat, key actors in the ESCAP region contributed a regional draft that laid the initial foundation for the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. See the *Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific*.

3. **Third ESCAP Decade, 2013-2022, paradigm shift 3:**

Highlighting the importance of an evidence-based approach to promoting disability-inclusive development, the ESCAP membership adopted the world's first set of 10 regionally agreed disability-specific development goals, with 27 targets and 62 indicators. These goals, targets and indicators provide a means of tracking progress towards improving the quality of life, and the fulfilment of the rights, of persons with disabilities. See the *Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific* (also known as the *Incheon Strategy*). The *Incheon Strategy* built on a recognition of the absence of disability from the Millennium Development Goals and it anticipated the Sustainable Development Goals.

The *Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy* (also known as the *Beijing Declaration and Action Plan*) supplements the *Incheon Strategy*; it specifies the substantive linkages between the *Incheon Strategy* and the SDGs.

The United Nations Secretary-General launched in June 2019 the *United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy*⁴ (UNDIS), to mainstream disability perspectives into the work of all entities in the United Nations system, and to promote the participation of persons with disabilities in the work of the United Nations.

Today, as compared with three decades ago, there is a significant increase in the number of stakeholders working in diverse sectors and fields.

In order to better serve the ESCAP membership, the ESCAP secretariat needs to find a way forward that gives a sharp focus to continued contributions in the changing landscape for the post-2022 period up to 2030, the concluding year of the SDGs.

In this process, the ESCAP secretariat will draw from insights over the past three decades and explore the potential for creating and harnessing synergies among diverse stakeholders, of high impact value for disability inclusion and the rights of persons with disabilities.

II. Objective

Against this background, ESCAP is organizing an expert group meeting aimed at

⁴ <https://www.un.org/en/content/disabilitystrategy/>

generating recommendations. Participants are invited to develop recommendations that focus on the ESCAP secretariat's strategic direction and doable action priorities, for the period 2023 through 2030, which will:

- A. Give further impetus to accelerated implementation of the Incheon Strategy and Beijing Declaration and Action Plan, in consonance with the spirit and timeframe of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- B. Catalyse a paradigm shift from ableism⁵ to diversity and inclusion, with:
 1. Recognition of the human worth, dignity and abilities of persons with disabilities, as individuals in their own right, and as a significant social group whose contributions could be multiplied by the removal of barriers;⁶
 2. Agreement on a broad understanding that disability is “everyone’s business.”⁷
- C. Harness Asian and Pacific Decade-related strengths and opportunities for Governments to achieve the following:
 1. Promote, in data collection vehicles, the collection of disability-disaggregated data.
 2. Undertake comprehensive harmonization of domestic legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with a focus on the following:
 - 2.1 Reasonable accommodation;

⁵ Ableism accords higher priority and value to those who are viewed as having abilities within a narrow spectrum of what is considered “normal.” By the same token, persons with disabilities are deemed as of lesser value. Ageism is the corresponding concept discussed in the discourse on older persons and ageing issues. Similarly, sexism is used in discussing gender inequality issues. See “The biggest challenge is ableism, not my disability” (August 2021) in <<https://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/august-2021/%E2%80%98biggest-challenge-ableism-not-my-disability%E2%80%99>>; Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities (2019): <<https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/reports/2019/report-impact-ableism-medical-and-scientific-practice>>.

⁶ Barriers: attitudinal, physical and information.

⁷ (a) Disability affects many people beyond established government criteria for identification of impairment and disability; (b) Anyone could acquire impairments and become disabled at any point in life, either temporarily, permanently or in specific situations; (c) Adoption of universal design in all products, services and processes is a fundamental necessity.

- 2.2 Accessibility;
 - 2.3 Grievance procedures and redressal mechanisms;
 - 2.4 Disability-inclusive criminal justice systems;
 - 2.5 Regulations protecting persons with disabilities from harassment, mockery and misrepresentation in the media (social media and mass media), films and culture.
3. Encourage a wider range of partners to engage in strengthening an all-of-government and whole-of-society push for disability inclusion in, among others, the following:
- 3.1 Production, operation, maintenance and upgrading of all aspects of the built environment, public transport systems, and information and communication technology (ICT) eco systems, as well as related services, in consonance with universal design principles and international standards on accessibility.
 - 3.2 Public procurement processes that:
 - (a) Integrate accessibility requirements into tendering;
 - (b) Promote preferential contracting that favours:
 - (i) Business entities and/or organizations led by persons with disabilities;
 - (ii) Business entities that practise disability inclusion.
 - 3.3 The business value chain.
4. Strengthen and implement policy initiatives that address:
- 4.1 Ageing-gender-disability intersectionalities;
 - 4.2 Groups that tend to be overlooked and left behind;
 - 4.3 The shaping of public perceptions of persons with disabilities.
- Pursue a disability-inclusive response to emerging issues:
- 5.1 COVID-19 pandemic;
 - 5.2 Climate change.

Participants are also invited to develop recommendations on partnerships that support the achievement of the above (A, B and C).

The recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting will inform the preparation of the following document:

- Preliminary draft outcome document to be considered and adopted by the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022).

III. Participants

The Expert Group Meeting is expected to bring together experts in disability rights and disability-inclusion, including persons with diverse disabilities and their representative organizations, civil society entities, private sector entities, sister entities in the United Nations system and other international, regional and subregional development organizations in the Asia-Pacific region.

Following receipt of confirmation of participation, the ESCAP secretariat will share background information to facilitate preparations by the experts.

IV. Meeting platform and reasonable accommodation

The meeting will be conducted online via Zoom. Real-time captioning and International Sign interpretation will be available.

V. Contact details for further information

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VI. Tentative programme

Expert Group Meeting: Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022)

22 - 23 June 2022, Online (via Zoom).

Time (Thailand Standard Time)

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<<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html>>.

Day 1, Wednesday, 22 June 2022: 09:00 – 16:45 hrs (Lunch break: 12:45 – 13:30 hrs)

Day 2, Thursday, 23 June 2022: 09:30 – 16:45 hrs (Lunch break: 12:20 – 13:00 hrs)

Language: English.

Reasonable Accommodation:

International Sign interpretation and real-time captioning on Zoom

Tentative Programme

Wednesday, 22 June 2022 (Day One)	
09:00 - 09:05	Agenda item 1: Opening. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Dr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division (SDD), ESCAP.
09:05 – 09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special address:<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Ms Rosemary Kayess, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
09:15 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Expert Group Meeting:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Overview of the final review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022).(2) Introduction of Expert Group Meeting objectives, programme and expected outcome.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section (GESIS), SDD, ESCAP.
09:30 - 10:15	<p>Agenda item 2: Combating ableism, promoting diversity and inclusion.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Katherine Eastman, Senior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Joint presentation⁸ by: Senator Jordon Steele-John, Parliament of Australia & Ms Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, GESIS, SDD, ESCAP • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030.
10:15 - 11:15	<p>Agenda item 3: Strengthening disability data and progress tracking of disability-inclusive development.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation⁹ on disability-inclusive data collection by: Mr Daniel Mont, CEO and Co-Founder, Center for Inclusive Policy, USA. ❖ Presentation on disability-inclusive voluntary national reviews and involvement of OPDs¹⁰ by: Mr Setareki Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum. • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the

⁸ Agenda item 2 presentation: 10 minutes.

⁹ Agenda item 3 presentations: 10 minutes each.

¹⁰ References:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/29410VNR_Handbook_2022_English.pdf>; <<https://www.ohchr.org/en/disabilities/sdg-crpd-resource-package>>; <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Publications/Human_rights_indicators_en.pdf>.

	ESCAP secretariat's disability work for the period 2023 through 2030.	
11:15 – 11:20	Break.	
11:20 – 12:45	<p>Agenda item 4: Harmonization of domestic legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Zhang Wanhong, Co-Founder and Director, Wuhan University Institute for Human Rights Studies, China.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation¹¹ on regional overview of CRPD implementation by: Prof. Andrew Byrnes, University of New South Wales, Australia. ❖ Presentation on the engagement of a national human rights institution¹² and processes for CRPD implementation by: Ms. Paula Tesoriero, Disability Rights Commissioner, New Zealand. • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat's disability work for the period 2023 through 2030. 	
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch Break.	
13:30 – 14:45	<p>Agenda item 5: Private sector engagement.</p> <p>Introduction¹³ of item 5 by Overall Moderator: Ms Sunita Cherian, Chief Culture Officer, Wipro.</p>	
	Agenda item 5: Parallel Break-out (13:45 – 14:45 hrs, 60 minutes)	
	Break-out Topic	Break-out Discussion Moderators and Presenters
	(1) Universal design application	<p>Moderator: Mr Monthian Buntan, Senator, Thai Parliament.</p> <p>Presenter: Ms Judy Wee, Principal Consultant & Founder,</p>

¹¹ Agenda item 4 presentation: 15 minutes.

¹² New Zealand Human Rights Commission is a member of the Asia Pacific Forum on National Human Rights Institutions.

¹³ Agenda item 5 introduction: 12 minutes.

		<p>Levelfield Consultants, Singapore.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr Sachin Pavithran (Ph.D.), Executive Director, U.S. Access Board.</p>
	(2) Disability-inclusive Business	<p>Moderator: Mr Setareki Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum.</p> <p>Public procurement to promote accessible products and services (pre-recorded presentation) Presenter: Mr James Thurston, Vice President for Global Strategy and Development, G3ict – the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICT</p> <p>Procurement and accessibility standards – perspectives of the private sector Presenter: Ms Karishma Chhabra, Lead, Strategic Initiatives & Accessibility, Corporate External & Legal Affairs, Microsoft India</p> <p>Preferential contracting Presenter: Ms. Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP</p> <p>Connecting persons with disabilities effectively with business (pre-recorded presentation) Presenter: Mr Stephane LebLois, The Valuable 500.</p>
14:45 – 15:30	<p>Agenda item 5: Plenary.</p> <p>Overall Moderator: Ms Sunita Cherian, Chief Culture Officer, Wipro.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group presentations:¹⁴ recommendations on the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030. Group (1); Group (2) • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030.
15:30 – 15:35	Break.
15:35 – 16:45	<p>Agenda item 6: Addressing ageing-gender-disability intersectionalities.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Cai Cai, Chief, GESIS, SDD, ESCAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation on the demographic transition in Asia and the Pacific by: Ms Vanessa Steinmayer, Population Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section (SDTS), SDD, ESCAP. ❖ Presentation on the life-cycle approach to ageing: getting out of ageing, gender and disability boundaries by: Mr. Rintaro Mori, Regional Adviser for Population Ageing and Sustainable Development, United Nations Population Fund, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office. ❖ Joint presentation on: Persons with dementia by: Ms Emily Ong Tan Tan, Member, Board of Directors, Alzheimer’s Disease International; Care partners by: Ms Sharifah Tahir, Certified Care Partner and Dementia Advocate. ❖ Presentation on access to justice for women with disabilities by: Ms Laura-Lee Sage, Policy Specialist - Access to Justice for Women with Disabilities, UN Women Regional Office Asia and the Pacific.

¹⁴ Each Group presentation: 5 minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030. 						
Thursday, 23 June 2022 (Day Two)							
09:30 - 09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Day 1 discussion highlights, Meeting objectives and Day 2 programme. ❖ Ms Tingting Chen, Social Affairs Officer, GESIS, SDD, ESCAP. 						
09:40 - 10:45	<p>Agenda item 7: Disability groups that tend to be overlooked.</p> <p>Introduction¹⁵ of agenda item 7 by Overall Moderator: Mr Joseph Kwok (PhD and Justice of the Peace), Vice Chair, Asia-Pacific Disability Forum; and Vice Chairman, Social Commission, Rehabilitation International.</p>						
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¹⁵ Agenda item 7 introduction: 5 minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf persons • Persons with psychosocial disabilities 	<p>Consortium.</p> <p>Deaf persons Presenter: Mr Yutaka Osugi (Ph.D.), Board Member, Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation, and Professor Tsukuba University of Technology, Japan.</p> <p>Persons with psychosocial disabilities Presenter: Mr. Oh Yong Kweon, Regional Secretary-General, Korean Alliance for Mobilizing Inclusion, Republic of Korea.</p>
10:45 – 11:15	<p>Agenda item 7: Plenary.</p> <p>Overall Moderator: Mr Joseph Kwok (PhD and Justice of the Peace), Vice Chair, Asia-Pacific Disability Forum; and Vice Chairman, Social Commission, Rehabilitation International.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group presentations:¹⁶ recommendations on the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030. Group (1) Group (2) • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030. 	
11:15 – 11:20	Break.	
11:20 – 12:20	<p>Agenda item 8: Disability inclusion in the media and in film.¹⁷</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, GESIS, SDD,</p>	

¹⁶ Each Group presentation: 5 minutes.

¹⁷ Disability-inclusive communication guidelines on portrayal and terminology concerning persons with disabilities for Ministries/Government entities/associations of media practitioners responsible for communication, multimedia, public information, broadcasting, film and social media content.

	<p>ESCAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation¹⁸ on United Nations guidelines on disability-inclusive communication by: Mr Gopal Mitra, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Disability Inclusion Team, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations. ❖ Presentation on the role of a national media agency in promoting disability inclusion by: YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi, Chairperson, Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA), Ministry of Communications and Multimedia, Government of Malaysia. • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030.
12:20 – 13:00	Lunch break.
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Agenda item 9: Disability action in the new normal.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Anjlee Agarwal, Executive Director, Samarthyam (National Centre for Accessible Environments, India)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation on disability and the COVID-19 pandemic by: Dato’ Dr Amar-Singh HSS, Honorary Senior Fellow, Galen Centre for Health and Social Policy, Malaysia. ❖ Presentation on disability and climate justice by: Ms Kera Sherwood-O’Regan, Member, SustainedAbility: Disability and Climate Network. ❖ Presentation on disability-inclusive poverty reduction by: Mr Balakrishna Venkatesh, Hon. President, CBR Global Network ❖ Presentation on disability-inclusive urban initiatives by: Mr Philip Kang, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP.

¹⁸ Agenda item 7: each presentation in plenary: 10 minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030.
14:30 - 15:30	<p>Agenda item 10: Strengthening Partnerships.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Cai Cai, Chief, GESIS, SDD, ESCAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presentation¹⁹ on partnerships for fuelling disability-inclusive Asia-Pacific digital transformation (DX) by: Ms Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Asia and the Pacific. ❖ Presentation on meaningful engagement of persons with disabilities in decision making at all levels (national, provincial/State/prefecture, local) by: Senator Jordon Steele-John, Parliament of Australia. ❖ Presentation on strategic partnerships among organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), Governments, academia, the private sector and the United Nations to promote SDGs and disability inclusion by: Ms. Marisa Panyachiva, Partnership & Development Finance Officer, UN Resident Coordinator’s Office in Thailand. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion on recommendations for possible inclusion in the ESCAP secretariat’s disability work for the period 2023 through 2030.
15:30 – 15:35	Break.
15:35 – 16:45	<p>Agenda item 11: Reflections and way forward.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Srinivas Tata, Director, SDD, ESCAP.</p> <p>Reflections: the past 30 years, the past two days ... the next seven years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr Monthian Buntan, Senator, Thai Parliament.

¹⁹ Agenda item 10: each presentation in plenary: 10 minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr Hiroshi Kawamura, Board Member, DAISY Consortium. ❖ Mr Joseph Kwok (PhD and Justice of the Peace), Vice Chair, Asia-Pacific Disability Forum; and Vice Chairman, Social Commission, Rehabilitation International. • Open sharing: comments from participants.
16:45 – 16:50	<p>Agenda item 12: Closing.</p> <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr Srinivas Tata, Director, SDD, ESCAP.