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Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference
Bangkok and online, 15–17 November 2023

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference (sect. I) and the annotations thereto (sect. II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference:
   (a) Opening addresses;
   (b) Election of officers;
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2. Review of progress made towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific.

3. Thematic discussion on achievements, challenges, gaps and emerging issues in the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific:
   (a) Population dynamics, sustainable development and climate change;
   (b) Health, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights;
   (c) Inequalities and social exclusion, and rights;
   (d) Partnerships and regional cooperation.

4. Other matters.

5. Adoption of the report on the Conference.
II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Conference

(a) Opening addresses

Opening addresses will be delivered by the Executive Secretary, other senior officials and government representatives.

(b) Election of officers

The Conference will elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for the Conference.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/APPC(7)/1/Rev.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/APPC(7)/1/Add.1)

Annotation

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

The list of participants and the programme for the Conference will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2023/seventh-asian-and-pacific-population-conference.

2. Review of progress made towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Review of progress made towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC(7)/2)

Impacts of climate change on population and development in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC(7)/3)

Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific: a summary of the outcomes of stakeholder consultations (ESCAP/APPC(7)/INF/1)

Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific: a summary of the results of voluntary national surveys reported by member States (ESCAP/APPC(7)/INF/2)
Gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC(7)/INF/3)

Universal health care in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC(7)/INF/4)

Data and statistics to monitor the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC(7)/INF/5)

Annotation

Participants will review the status of implementation of the priority actions identified in the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, including those pertaining to: poverty eradication and employment; health; sexual and reproductive health, services and rights; education; gender equality and women’s empowerment; adolescents and young people; ageing; international migration; urbanization and internal migration; population and sustainable development; and data and statistics. They will also reflect on the related objectives and actions contained in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific. Participants will focus on any additional actions that may be required given emerging and ongoing issues, such as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, climate change and digital transformation, and their impacts on population and development.

Under the agenda item, participants may wish to share experiences and findings with regard to policies and programmes, including in response to the aforementioned issues. Participants are invited to relate their findings to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, in particular since 2023 marks the midpoint in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Participants are further invited to share their findings related to the Asia-Pacific Indicator Framework for Voluntary Monitoring of Progress towards the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the Commitments Contained in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, endorsed by the Committee on Social Development at its sixth session.

The discussions under the agenda item are expected to result in an enhanced understanding of the progress, good practices, challenges and emerging issues associated with the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific in the context of the 2030 Agenda. Member States, in partnership with all relevant stakeholders, are invited to consider the proposed conclusions and recommendations contained in the documents submitted for consideration under the agenda item.
3. **Thematic discussion on achievements, challenges, gaps and emerging issues in the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

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**Annotation**

Discussions under the agenda item will be informed by four round tables structured around clusters of the priority actions identified in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, with due regard to the intersectionality of the priority actions. Participants are invited to share experiences, good practices and lessons learned. Interventions, based on past and current experiences, should be forward-looking.

(a) **Population dynamics, sustainable development and climate change**

The first round-table discussion will be focused on the linkages between population dynamics, sustainable development and climate change. The discussion will be centred on changes in fertility, mortality and migration, including the effects of those changes on sustainable development, both now and in the future. Gender considerations, as well as reflections regarding technology and the availability of data and statistics, will be mainstreamed in the discussion.
(b) Health, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights

The second round-table discussion will be focused on health, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. The discussion will be centred on different dimensions of health and health-care services and on how population dynamics affect the demand for such services. Gender considerations, as well as reflections regarding technology and the availability of data and statistics, will be mainstreamed in the discussion.

(c) Inequalities and social exclusion, and rights

The third round-table discussion will be focused on inequalities and social exclusion, and rights. The discussion will be centred on persons in vulnerable situations with regard to education, work and overall living conditions. Gender considerations, as well as reflections regarding technology and the availability of data and statistics, will be mainstreamed in the discussion.

(d) Partnerships and regional cooperation

The fourth round-table discussion will be focused on partnerships and regional cooperation. The discussion will be centred on the importance of intergenerational solidarity, multi-stakeholder partnerships, political commitment and the aspirations of individuals and society in general. The topics of discussion will also include the institutional and political mechanisms to strengthen common interest, monitor commitments and advance the population and development agenda at subnational, national, subregional and regional levels. Gender considerations, as well as reflections regarding technology and the availability of data and statistics, will be mainstreamed in the discussion.

4. Other matters

The Conference may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

5. Adoption of the report on the Conference

Documentation

Draft report (ESCAP/APPC(7)/L.1)

Annotation

The Conference will consider and adopt its report, which will serve as the regional input for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development, to be held in 2024. The report will also be submitted to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for its consideration at its eightieth session.