Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
Committee on Social Development  
Eighth session  
Bangkok, 8–10 October 2024

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Committee on Social Development (sect. I) and the annotations thereto (sect. II).

I. Provisional agenda

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

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II.   Annotations

1.   Opening of the session

(a)   Opening addresses

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

(b)   Election of officers

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

(c)   Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/CSD(8)/1/Rev.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CSD(8)/1/Add.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

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

The list of participants and the programme for the session will be available online at https://unescap.org/events/2024/committee-social-development-eighth-session.

2.   The future of social protection systems in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Summary of Protecting Our Future Today: Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD(8)/2)

Annotation

In the document, the secretariat provides a summary of the forthcoming publication Protecting Our Future Today: Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific. It provides analyses of key social development indicators and reviews the status of social protection systems in Asia and the Pacific. It identifies opportunities to strengthen social protection in view of key megatrends, including demographic trends, climate change and digitalization, in order to address vulnerabilities and support sustainable social development. It also reviews the cost of inaction, as well as financing gaps in social protection. It proposes strategies and policy recommendations in support of overcoming challenges and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver statements highlighting national experiences and policies that have contributed to strengthening social development outcomes in view of emerging trends and challenges.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance for the future work of the secretariat on this topic and on strategies to strengthen social development outcomes to reduce poverty and existing inequalities, with an emphasis on
gender concerns and groups in vulnerable situations and in light of the 2030 Agenda, the outcome document of the Summit of the Future entitled “A Pact for the Future” and the expected outcome of the Second World Summit for Social Development, to be held in 2025.

3. Strengthening regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Regional actions to support the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD(8)/3)

Annotation

The document contains an overview of the activities of the secretariat and measures implemented by member States to support the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific, which was endorsed by the Committee at its sixth session in October 2020.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver statements highlighting progress made in moving towards more inclusive and comprehensive social protection systems in view of emerging challenges, as well as measures taken to implement the Action Plan.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance and indicate areas where the secretariat can support further national and regional efforts to accelerate progress on the Action Plan and broaden social protection coverage, including measures to address the gender concerns and the needs of population groups in vulnerable situations.

4. Assessing demographic trends and intergenerational relations in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Demographic trends and intergenerational relations in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD(8)/4)

Annotation

In the document, the secretariat provides an overview of demographic trends in Asia and the Pacific and the effects on intergenerational relations, and it discusses the needs of future generations in the context of building sustainable and inclusive societies for all.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver statements highlighting actions taken to address social and economic challenges and opportunities associated with slower population growth and the demographic shift characterized by a rising number and share of older persons (older women in particular) and a high number of young people in Asia and the Pacific.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance and indicate areas where the secretariat can support member States in addressing such fundamental demographic changes in a forward-looking way, in light of the 2030 Agenda, the outcome document of the Summit of the Future entitled “A Pact for the
Future” and the expected outcome of the Second World Summit for Social Development.

5. **Implementation of the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032**

**Documentation**

Accelerating the implementation of the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032 (ESCAP/CSD(8)/5)

**Annotation**

The document contains an overview of regional actions and measures taken by member States to implement the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032, including actions and measures to implement the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver statements highlighting the progress made towards strengthening disability-inclusive development and disability rights, including for women and girls living with disabilities.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance on advancing regional efforts to implement the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032.

6. **Other matters**

The Committee may wish to consider any other matters brought to its attention.

7. **Adoption of the report of the Committee on Social Development on its eighth session**

**Documentation**

Draft report (ESCAP/CSD(8)/L.1)

**Annotation**

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its eighth session for submission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its eighty-first session.