INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE
on the Work of the
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
on Social Development

30 April 2024
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Relevant Mandates to SDDs Work
Social Development in the Context of the 2030 Agenda

Emerging and frontier technologies

Demographic Trends

Climate change and environmental degradation

Urbanization

Inequalities

How does ESCAP work on social development?

* Youth is mainstreamed in the work of the Division
How does ESCAP work on social development?

Normative Support and Regional Dialogue

Technical support, advisory services and capacity-building

Knowledge products, research and analysis
Who do we collaborate with?

- Member States (53 members and 9 associate members)
- United Nations Entities
- Civil Society Organizations
- Private Sector
- Youth
- Academia
Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section:
Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Our Response

Catalyze Women's Entrepreneurship

Collect Gender Data and Statistics

Reduce of Unpaid Care Work
Our Work: Valuing and investing in unpaid care and domestic work

- Supporting the Framework for Action in Cambodia
- Collaborating with Oxfam on advocacy and capacity building in the Philippines
- Developing policy advice in China regarding the care economy in the context of declining fertility and population ageing.
- Research and knowledge products, country case studies evaluating the progression on care economy agenda
- Advocacy, regional and subregional forums on strengthening the care economy
Knowledge Products

The long road to equality: taking stock of the situation of women and girls in Asia and the Pacific for Beijing+25 (2020)

Asia-Pacific Beijing+25 declaration and report (2020)

How to invest in the care economy: a primer (2022)

Strengthening women’s entrepreneurship in national micro, small and medium enterprise policies and action plans: toolkit for policymakers (2022)
Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section:
Disability Inclusive Development
Our Response

Promote regional dialogue and cooperation in support of the Incheon Strategy and Beijing Action Plan

Enhance capacity through technical cooperation

Disability mainstreaming, including the system-wide efforts of the United Nations
Example of our Work: Regional Dialogue


The meeting culminated in the adoption of the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023-2032
Knowledge products

28 April 2023
Sign Language. What is it?
An ESCAP Guide towards Legal Recognition of Sign Languages in Asia and the Pacific

01 December 2021
The Shaping of Disability-Inclusive Employment in Asia and the Pacific

07 December 2022
A three-decade journey towards inclusion: assessing the state of disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific

17 October 2022
Harmonizing of national laws with the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities overview of trends in Asia and the Pacific
Sustainable Demographic Transition Section:
Population and Development
Our Response

Support capacity building in the area of population and development

Promote regional dialogue in support of regional and global mandates

Promote evidence-based policymaking

SDGs
Example of our Work: The Asian and Pacific Population Conference (APPC)

- Asian Population Conference, New Delhi, 10-20 December 1963
- Second Asian Population Conference, Tokyo, Japan, 1972
- Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 16-17 December 2002
- Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 16-20 September 2013
- Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 15-17 November 2023
Sustainable Demographic Transition Section: Ageing
Our Response

Promote regional dialogue in support of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Collect data and statistics and policies and national guiding documents on population ageing

Support governments and CSOs in building capacity on population ageing policies
Our Work: Data Collection

- Datasheets on Older persons in ASEAN in numbers provide up-to-date information on population ageing and older persons.

- Ageing policy dashboard: Interactive dashboard presenting policies on population ageing in Asia and the Pacific.

- e-learning course on 'Designing inclusive policies on population ageing using a bottom-up approach'
Knowledge Products

25 April 2023
A practical guide : developing and revising policy documents on older persons in Asia and the Pacific

16 December 2022
Promoting decent work opportunities for older persons in the Asia-Pacific region in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

30 September 2022
Asia-Pacific report on population ageing 2022 : trends, policies and good practices regarding older persons and population ageing

01 June 2022
Climate change and population ageing in Asia-Pacific region : status, challenges and opportunities
Sustainable Demographic Transition Section:
Migration
Our Response

Promote regional and sub-regional dialogue and cooperation in support of the Global Compact on Migration

Support data collection and produce research and evidence-based policy analysis

Enhance capacity through technical cooperation
Example of our Work: Migration

- Research studies on GCM priorities.
- Issue reports and papers on international migration in the region
- Maintain a database on annual migrant worker outflows
Sustainable Socioeconomic Transformation Section:
Leave No One Behind
The promise of UN Member States to Leave No One Behind lies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda and is fundamental to ensuring that the benefits of sustainable development are experienced by all.

In Asia and the Pacific, prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, an estimated 233 million people lived in extreme poverty, below the international poverty line of $1.90 a day.

Those living in extreme poverty as well as those who endure disadvantages or deprivations that limit their choices and opportunities relative to others in society are left behind.

- Access to key services and opportunities should be universal.
- Individual circumstances should NOT impact access.
Our Response

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Provide technical advice and capacity - building support to member States

Act as a knowledge platform, producing research and evidence-based policymaking
LNOB Platform is a diagnostic tool to help policy makers identify the most disadvantaged groups and to design policies that reduce inequality.

- Classification and Regress Trees (CART)
- Dissimilarity index (D-index)
- National and subnational data
Sustainable Socioeconomic Transformation Section: Social Protection
Our Response

SDGs

- Provide technical advice and capacity-building support to member States
- Support regional dialogue through servicing committee on social development
- Act as a knowledge platform, producing research and evidence-based policymaking
The simulator estimates how social protection can reduce poverty and inequality.

Users can explore different social protection policy options and their costs through simulating the impact of one scheme in one country.

Users can also combine multiple schemes in one country or compare similar schemes across different countries.
Knowledge Products

Social Protection Primers

Technical Papers

Flagship Publications

Video Primers
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