Annotated Provisional Agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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The convening of the seventh session of the Working Group is governed by the provisions of the “Rules of Procedure of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022”, adopted by the Working Group at its first session and further amended and adopted at its fifth session.\(^1\)

The webpage of the seventh session of the Working Group is (https://bit.ly/3knL7Yb)

ESCAP’s online platform for the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (https://www.maketherightreal.net/final-review)

1. Opening

The ESCAP secretariat will deliver opening statement.

2. Election of officers

In view of the COVID-19 situation and the ensuing need to conduct the seventh session via a virtual platform, the ESCAP secretariat proposes for the Chair and Vice-Chairs to be nominated in advance to ensure smooth conduct of the Meeting.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/L.1)

Annotated provisional agenda (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/L.2)

Annotation

The session will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to change as deemed necessary.

4. Review of the implementation of decisions and recommendations emanating from the sixth session of the Working Group

Documentation


Annotation

The ESCAP secretariat will brief the Working Group on the status of implementation of decisions and recommendations emanated from the


Working Group members are encouraged to comment on the implementation and share progress on the decisions and recommendations where these decisions and recommendations call for action on the part of Working Group members.

The presentations and deliberations, and decisions and recommendations to emanate from this agenda item will be reflected in the report on the session.

5. **Discussion on COVID-19 and persons with disabilities, including initiatives to protect and empower persons with disabilities in the context of the pandemic**

**Documentation**

Policy brief "Ensuring disability rights and inclusion in the response to COVID-19" (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/6)

Report of Webinar “Protecting and Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic” (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/7)

Briefing note on new ESCAP project “Protecting and Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic” (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/8)


**Annotation**

The agenda item sheds light on the impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities and explores disability inclusion in the context of the pandemic.

The session will review the implementation of the recommendations made for mainstreaming disability rights and inclusion into COVID-19 responses during the sixth session and update the project’s status on protecting and empowering persons with disabilities in COVID-19.

The session welcomes members to share their experiences, lessons learned, and challenges in developing disability-inclusive responses to the COVID-19. Members are also invited to comment on the progress made and provide inputs and feedback on ESCAP’s responses to the Covid-19 to support governments and organizations of persons with disabilities to ensure disability inclusion in COVID-19 responses.


**Documentation**
ESCAP resolution “Towards disability-inclusive sustainable development: implementation of the Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy.” 2 (ESCAP/RES/74/7)

Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(7)/INF/9)

Inclusive Political Participation of Person with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/10)

Early Intervention and Quality Education of Children with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/11)

Overview of Harmonization of National Laws with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/12)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Working Group will review recent progress made as related to the implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific and the Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy.

The implementation of three Incheon Strategy goals - Goal 2 (Promote participation in political processes and in decision making), Goal 5 (Expand early intervention and education of children with disabilities), and Goal 9 (Accelerate the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and harmonization of national legislation with the Convention) - will be addressed as issues in focus.

Following a presentation by the ESCAP secretariat/experts, members are expected to comment on the three goals and report on recent progress in implementing the Asia-Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and share experiences, good practices, lessons learned, and challenges faced in the implementation of the Incheon Strategy goals.

The ESCAP secretariat will provide three information papers in advance of the Seventh session as a basis for deliberations on this agenda item.


Annotation

Under this agenda item, members will review the status of resource mobilization for the Asia-Pacific Multi-donor Trust Fund in 2021.

2 https://www.unescap.org/commission/74/document/E74_RES7E.pdf
The ESCAP secretariat will present the status of resource mobilization for the Asia-Pacific Multi-donor Trust Fund.

Members are invited to make suggestions on how to mobilize resources for the Fund to further support ESCAP member States in enhancing disability-inclusion in the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2012-2022. Members may also take the opportunity to pledge financial contributions to the Asia-Pacific Multi-donor Trust Fund.


**Documentation**

ESCAP resolution “Towards disability-inclusive sustainable development: implementation of the Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy” (ESCAP/RES/74/7)

Beijing Declaration, including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (7)/INF/9)

Regional Road Map for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (6)/INF/8)

**Annotation**

Under this agenda item, the Working Group will discuss the preparatory process and timeline towards the review and conclusion of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.

The ESCAP secretariat will present the plan for the final review of the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022. Members are expected to provide feedback on the topic, as well as offer inputs and suggestions on how to facilitate the final review and promote participation across the region in the process of the final review.

9. **Any other matters**

Under this agenda item, the Working Group will discuss any other matters raised by its members or the Secretariat.

10. **Conclusion**

Under this agenda item, the Working Group will discuss key recommendations on the way forward.

The Chair will deliver closing statement.