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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Third 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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Note: The convening of sessions 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 at the First Session of the Working Group (Incheon, Republic of Korea, 25-26 February 2014). The full text of the Rules of Procedure can be accessed at:

<http://www.unescapsdd.org/events/first-session-working-group-asian-and-pacific-decade-persons-disabilities-2013-2022>

1. Opening of the Third Session of the Working Group

The Session will be opened by the ESCAP secretariat.

Representatives of the Royal Government of Thailand will deliver welcome statements.

2. Election of officers

The Session will elect a chair and two vice-chairs.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

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

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 Second Session of the Working Group

Documentation

Report on the Second Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, New Delhi, 2-3 March 2015 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/INF/4)

ESCAP publication “Disability Inclusive Meetings: An Operational Guide” (<http://www.unescap.org/resources/disability-inclusive-meetings-operational-guide>)

ESCAP website for the Third Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (<http://www.unescap.org/events/third-session-working-group-asian-and-pacific-decade-persons-disabilities-2013-2022>)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will review the implementation of decisions and recommendations emanating from the Second Session of the Working Group.

The Working Group at its Second Session made four major decisions and seven recommendations regarding function of the Working Group and the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. One of the decisions was for the Government of India to establish an e-taskforce among Working Group members to serve as an online platform to exchange good practices on the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and support the preparatory process towards the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the midpoint review of the Decade. Another decision concerned the finalization of the Operational Guide on Disability-inclusive Meetings. A recommendation was made for Working Group members to contact national civil aviation authorities in their respective countries to obtain information on their policies and rules regarding passengers with disabilities, including issues regarding batteries used for motorized wheelchairs.

To facilitate discussion under this agenda item, the ESCAP secretariat will present the status of implementation of decisions and recommendations and Working Group members will be invited to comment on the presentation.

5. Review of progress in the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

Documentation

Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities: Summary of reports submitted by Working Group members (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/1)

Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities: Summary of road map actions taken by ESCAP (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/2)

Road map for the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/INF/5)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will review and discuss recent progress made and gaps in implementing the Incheon Strategy and the road map actions for 2015, particularly by members of the Working Group and the ESCAP secretariat.

The Second Session of the Working Group recommended that Working Group members should prepare and submit to ESCAP 60 days in advance of the Third Session their reports on the implementation of the Incheon Strategy, particularly on road map actions, based on the reporting templates created by the ESCAP secretariat. It was also recommended that the implementation status of the regional road map action by the secretariat be uploaded on the ESCAP and Make the Right Real websites.

In accordance with these recommendations, the ESCAP secretariat circulated two reporting templates to be used by Government and civil society organization members respectively. The templates were aligned with the relevant actions outlined in the ESCAP road map for the implementation of the Incheon Strategy.

As a basis for its deliberations under this agenda item, the Session will have before it the secretariat's summary report based on the reports received from the Working Group members (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/1) and an ESCAP report on the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and road map actions at the regional level (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/2).

To facilitate discussion under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the above-mentioned documents, and will underscore the value of the Incheon Strategy implementation within the context of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and other international mandates on disability.

Working Group members are expected to share their experiences, good practices, lessons learned and challenges faced on the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. In addition, representatives of other UN entities and development partners will be invited to introduce their work programme on disability matters.

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

6. Consideration of preparations for the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities in 2017

Documentation

Road map for the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific
(SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/INF/5)

Annotation

The agenda item arises from Commission resolution 69/13 of 1 May 2013 that decided to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review the progress made during the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, at the midpoint of the Decade in 2017. Accordingly, the road map for the implementation of the Incheon Strategy requires that ESCAP initiates preparations for the midpoint review of the Decade in 2016.

Further to the discussion that took place during the Second Session, the Third Session will review, under this agenda item, the details of the preparatory process for the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, including the objectives and expected outcomes.

To facilitate discussion under this agenda item, the secretariat will make a presentation highlighting relevant actions in the course of preparations for the midpoint review of the Decade in 2017.

Working Group members will be invited to exchange views and provide guidance to the secretariat in its preparations for the midpoint review.

The subsequent discussion will focus on how to elicit a high response rate from member States and civil society organizations in Asia and the Pacific to the upcoming ESCAP midpoint review surveys. The Session will also solicit Working Group members' guidance in terms of enhancing synergies between the ESCAP midpoint review activities and disability-inclusive development efforts made by other UN entities.

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

7. Review of resource mobilization for Decade progress

Documentation

Brochure of the ESCAP Multi-donor Trust Fund for the Asian and the Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (to be distributed in hard copies)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will review the status of resource mobilization for the ESCAP Trust Fund for the Decade in 2015. The secretariat will make a presentation on the status of funds and activities implemented. Working Group members will be invited to make suggestions on how to mobilize resources for the Fund.

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

8. Discussion on the date and venue of the Fourth Session of the Working Group

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will welcome any proposal from Working Group members for hosting the Fourth Session of the Working Group. In addition, it may discuss possible date(s) and venue(s) of the Session as well as inter-sessional networking arrangements.

Decisions and recommendations to emanate from this agenda item will be reflected in the report on the Session.

9. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Session will review the decisions and recommendations emanating from the Third Session and discuss any other matters raised by Working Group members.

10. Closing of the Session

Closing statements will be delivered.
