

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV and AIDS
Bangkok, 28-30 January 2015

GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT DELEGATES

The purpose of this document is to assist delegates to prepare for their participation in the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV and AIDS.

The rules of the procedure of the Commission, including those pertaining to the decision-making process, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV and AIDS.

The plenary sessions of the Meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Chinese, French and Russian, which are the working languages of the Commission. All official documentation for the Meeting will be available in English, Chinese, French and Russian.

Meeting-related materials can be accessed from the following website:
<http://www.unescap.org/events/asia-pacific-intergovernmental-meeting-hiv-and-aids>.

Please note that, in accordance with the current efforts of the United Nations towards a digitized Secretariat, the ESCAP secretariat will be issuing only one set of printed Meeting documents per delegation.

Agenda items

Agenda item 4. Review of national progress in meeting the commitments contained in General Assembly resolution 65/277 on the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS, and ESCAP resolutions 66/10 and 67/9

Expected outcome: The Meeting will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and ESCAP resolutions 66/10 and 67/9, and related efforts to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support (please refer to document E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/1). The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of priorities to enhance national and regional actions to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia-Pacific region.

Requirements for intervention: A maximum of four minutes per country statement presenting, in a concise manner, national experiences and lessons learned, including good practices in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. Delegations may also wish to consider and identify key areas for regional cooperation that would contribute to the further realization of the internationally agreed goals and targets related to HIV by countries of the Asia-Pacific region. Longer versions of statements could be submitted to the secretariat for uploading on the website.

Representatives of United Nations organizations and intergovernmental organizations will be afforded the opportunity to make brief statements on measures and initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region to implement the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and ESCAP resolutions 66/10 and 67/9. A consolidated statement will be delivered by a designated representative of civil society to present the results of a civil society forum held on 27 January for the consideration of the Meeting.

<p>Agenda item 5. Assessment of the outcomes of the national reviews and multisectoral consultations on policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV services</p>
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Expected outcome: The Meeting will review national approaches and good practices in addressing policy and legal barriers that impede effective HIV responses, including measures to address stigma and discrimination (please refer to document E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/2). The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of measures to strengthen regional cooperation in order to enhance enabling legal, social and policy frameworks designed to address stigma, discrimination, social exclusion and gender-based violence related to HIV.

Requirements for intervention: The agenda item will be introduced through a panel discussion after which the floor will be opened for interventions by delegates. Delegations may wish to exchange information, experiences and lessons learned as a basis for regional cooperation and to enhance national efforts in the above-mentioned areas. As the discussions would be part of an interactive panel discussion, interventions are expected to be focused in the form of questions to the panellists or short comments focused on the agenda item.

<p>Agenda item 6. Review of the financing of national HIV and AIDS</p>

Expected outcome: The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of measures to be taken at the national level and through regional cooperation in enhance financing strategies in order to ensure universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly for key populations at higher risk of exposure to HIV (please refer to document E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/3).

Requirements for intervention: The agenda item will be introduced through a panel discussion after which the floor will be opened for interventions by delegates. Delegations may wish to share information on their efforts to ensure adequate and sustainable financing for HIV and AIDS responses in their country. As the discussions would be part of an interactive panel discussion, interventions are expected to be focused in the form of questions to the panellists or short comments focused on the agenda item.

Agenda item 7. Enhancing regional cooperation to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific beyond 2015

Expected outcome: Regional and international commitments made to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support will be reviewed with a view to reaching a consensus on a set of actions to be taken by Governments in order to intensify their national efforts and to support periodic, inclusive reviews of national efforts and progress made in the region to combat HIV, as called for in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS (please refer to document E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/4). The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to take the form of an agreed framework of actions to be taken at the national and regional levels beyond 2015.

Requirements for intervention: Delegations may wish to consider and identify key areas for regional cooperation that would contribute to the further realization by Asia-Pacific countries of the regionally and internationally agreed goals and targets related to HIV. Interventions under this agenda item are expected to be brief and focus on opportunities for regional cooperation.

Representatives of United Nations organizations and intergovernmental organizations will be afforded the opportunity to make brief statements. A consolidated statement will be delivered by a designated representative of civil society to present the results of a civil society forum held on 27 January for the consideration of the Meeting.

Agenda item 8. Other matters

Requirements for intervention: Governments and/or the secretariat may raise any other matters under this agenda item.

Agenda item 9. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

Agenda item 10. Closing of the Meeting

Expected outcome: The Meeting will adopt the report of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV and AIDS.

Under agenda item 10, closing statements will be delivered by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, the Executive Director of UNAIDS and the Chairman of the Conference.

Requirements for intervention: Governments shall consider the draft report of the Meeting for adoption, and propose amendments, as appropriate. During the closing of the Meeting, Governments may wish to express their final views regarding the outcome of the Meeting.