

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Third Review and Appraisal of the
Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
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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 the Third Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

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 the Third Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

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://mipaa.unescapsdd.org/third-review/intergovernmental-meeting-bangkok-12-14-september-2017>.

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, upon request.

Agenda items

Agenda item 2. Review of progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, in Asia and the Pacific

Expected outcome: The Meeting will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (please refer to documents E/ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.2/1 and E/ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.2/2).

Requirements for intervention: The agenda item will be introduced through a presentation by the secretariat and a panel discussion on “Ageing and aged societies in the Asian and Pacific region: Towards an inclusive and sustainable future” after which the floor will be opened for interventions by delegates.

The panel discussion is expected to highlight emerging areas in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In the open and interactive discussion, delegations may wish to share experiences and findings related to the areas discussed in the panel discussion, including inequality, the rights of older persons and monitoring of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. 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 3. Consideration of key regional issues within the framework of the Madrid Plan of Action

Expected outcome: The Meeting will review key issues related to population ageing and regional priorities for future action under the three priority directions of the Madrid Plan of Action (please refer to documents E/ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.2/1 and E/ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.2/2) and may wish to consider and identify key areas for regional cooperation. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in a set of key priority issues for the next implementation cycle of the Madrid Plan of Action.

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in enhanced understanding of (a) the issues associated with the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action and (b) good practices and lessons learned in the national review and appraisal process.

Requirements for intervention: A maximum of five minutes per country statement presenting, in a concise manner, national experiences and lessons learned, including good practices in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). Longer versions of statements could be submitted to the secretariat for uploading on the website. Formal presentations using presentation software are not required.

Representatives of United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations will be afforded the opportunity to make brief statements on measures and initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region to implement the MIPAA.

Agenda item 4. Consideration of the draft outcome document

Expected outcome: The Meeting will review the draft outcome document (please refer to document E/ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.2/WP.1), which will serve as the regional input for the third global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, which will take place in 2018.

The draft outcome document reflects the comments received from member States and in the two preparatory Expert Group Meetings.

The Meeting may wish to consider the key issues under each priority direction of the Madrid Plan of Action for the next implementation cycle in the Asia-Pacific region, including a regional modality for further strengthening the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action. The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in a consensus in on the outcome document.

Requirements for intervention: Governments shall consider the draft outcome document and propose amendments, as appropriate.

Agenda item 5. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

Agenda item 6. Closing of the Meeting

Expected outcome: The Meeting will have before it the draft outcome document E/ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.2/L.2) and the report of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Third Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. The Meeting will adopt the outcome document and the report of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Third Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

Under agenda item 6, closing statements will be delivered by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and the Chairperson 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.