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Mandates and objectives of the Midterm Review

**Mandate:** “to conduct a regional intergovernmental review meeting ...” (Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development”), paragraph 218c

**Objectives:**

a) To review progress

b) To identify success indicators, lessons learned, priority actions and emerging trends

c) Prepare a regional input to the global review
Achievement: People in the Asia-Pacific region live longer and have fewer children, leading to an ageing population.

Achievement: Success in poverty reduction

Headcount ratio (percentage of population)

Achievement: Moving towards gender parity in secondary education

Gender parity index in secondary school net enrollment (1999-2016)

Ratio of net female-to-male enrolment rates for secondary level

ESCAP Online Statistical Database Version 1.6.3., accessed 19 November 2018
But there are remaining challenges ...

• Rising inequalities
• Vulnerable employment
• Youth unemployment and underemployment
• Most countries without universal access to healthcare
• Access to skilled birth assistance still limited in some areas
• Women’s participation in decision-making still low
• Population ageing
• Limited opportunities for safe, orderly, and regular migration
Further efforts required ...

• Reach the furthest behind through targeted interventions
• Provide sound and disaggregated data to identify those left behind
• Enhance decent work opportunities
• Further invest in access to quality health care and education
• Invest in social protection
• Enhance labour market opportunities for women
• Work towards universal access to healthcare
• Design policies for active and healthy ageing
THANK YOU.

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