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**Group of Experts for Strengthening Regional Cooperation
on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific**

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United Nations Conference Centre, Meeting Room B, Bangkok

Programme	
09:00-10:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by ESCAP and ILO • Introduction of Chair and representatives to the Group of Experts • Overview of objectives and expected outcomes
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:15	<p>Session 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The modality for regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific and examples of existing frameworks [Presentation & Discussion] <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What are some possible options for designing a regional modality on social protection?</i>
11:15-12:30	<p>Session 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social protection gaps in the region [Presentation & Discussion] <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What gaps exist in social protection in your country and the region?</i> - <i>What should the regional modality encompass to help close these gaps?</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>Session 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of the draft modality [Discussion]
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:30	Session 3 continued
16:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of discussion and outcomes • Closing remarks