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Regional Consultation on Strengthening Income Support for Vulnerable Groups
in Asia and the Pacific

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Incheon, Republic of Korea

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
08:15 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by ESCAP • Welcome statement by Donghyun Park, Principal Economist, ADB • Opening address by Mingkyu Kang, Director, Division of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea • Overview of the workshop (presentation by ESCAP)
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda item 2: Review of income support schemes in Asia and the Pacific: Key findings from an ESCAP study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by KIHASA • Analytical commentary by ESCAP • Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Group photo & Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Agenda item 3: Consideration of income support schemes for older persons in Asia and the Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of contributory and non-contributory pension schemes in the Asia and the Pacific region (Donghyun Park, Principal Economist, ADB) • Discussion
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

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13:00 – 14:30	Agenda item 3: Consideration of income support schemes for older persons in Asia and the Pacific (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion on contributory pension schemes in rapidly ageing societies: China, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam • Discussion
14:30-15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00 – 16:30	Agenda item 3: Consideration of income support schemes for older persons in Asia and the Pacific (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion on pensions in an environment with a large informal sector, including the perspective of older persons: India (with discussant), Sri Lanka, Mongolia • Discussion
16:30-17:00	Wrap-up

Thursday, 27 March 2014

09:00 – 12:00 (with 15 min break, as appropriate)	Agenda item 4: Review of the pension system in the Republic of Korea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pension system in the Republic of Korea (Suk-myung Yun, KIHASA) • Discussant presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial challenges of the pension system in the Republic of Korea, Haesik Jung, KIHASA • The pension system in the Republic of Korea from a gender perspective, Ms. Meesok Kim, KIHASA • Income support for older persons in the Republic of Korea: the perspective of older persons (Ms. Soo-Wan Kim) • Discussion • Identifying research needs on income support for older persons in the Republic of Korea
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

13:00 – 16:30 (with 20 minutes break, as appropriate)	Agenda item 5: Identifying research gaps in income support for older persons 2 Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learnt • Research gaps Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group Presentations: lessons learnt and research gaps • Identifying a way forward (areas for further research)
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda item 6: Closing of the Regional Consultation