

Options for the regional modality



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Outline

- Global commitments on social protection
- Regional and subregional commitments on social protection
- Types of ESCAP commitments and normative documents



Global commitments on social protection

With social protection as an integral part:

- ✓ **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** (Articles 22, 25)
- ✓ **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** (SDG 1.3, 3.8, 5.4, 10.4)
- ✓ **Addis Ababa Action Agenda** (Paragraph 12)

With social protection as the main focus:

- ✓ **ILO Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102)**
- ✓ **ILO Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)**



Regional and subregional commitments on social protection

- ✓ European Code of Social Security
- ✓ General Convention on Social Security of Member States of ECOWAS
- ✓ Social Policy Framework for Africa
- ✓ Social Protection Plan for the Informal Economy and Rural Workers
- ✓ ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection and Regional Framework and Action Plan



ESCAP commitments and normative documents

Binding Treaties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreements deposited with the UN Secretary General in New York• Requires ratification by individual member States• Strong compliance and reporting mechanisms• 5 Agreements in the trade and transport sector
Political Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolutions, Ministerial Declarations, Frameworks, Roadmaps, Action Plans, Strategies• Usually adopted by consensus among ESCAP member States• Focus on political commitment and persuasion; general reporting structures adaptable to national circumstances;• In several sectors/substantive areas, including cross-cutting ones



Example of ESCAP commitment

Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, accompanied by the **Incheon Strategy** to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific”

➤ **Ministerial Declaration**

- Preamble,
- Specific actions to be taken by member States,
- Other recommended actions

➤ **Strategy**

- General background/objective, guiding principles
- Goals and indicators for achieving the Ministerial Declaration,
- Modalities for implementation, clear responsibilities between member States and ESCAP



Discussion Question

Based on the array of normative documents,
what option do we want for the
regional modality on social protection?

