



Asia-Pacific High-level Meeting for CSW 62
“Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”

23 February 2018, CR-4, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

Tentative Programme

Time	Details
08:00-09:00	Registration
Opening of the Meeting	
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) • United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • CSO representative
09:30-09:35	Group Photo
09:35-09:50	Coffee Break
Session 1. Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls	
09:50-11:00	<p>High-level roundtable</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><u>Topic:</u> <i>Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls: good practices and key recommendations from the Asia-Pacific Region</i></p> <p><i>The high-level panel will reflect on good practices and recommendations related to rural women and girls attaining food security and adequate nutritional standards, access to land, adequate housing, services (education, health, and protection), access to decent work and social protection, including in the context of climate change and natural disasters.</i></p>
11:00-12:00	<p>Country interventions</p> <p><i>Government representatives are invited to share national experiences and good</i></p>

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	<i>practices in empowering rural women and girls. Representatives are requested to limit interventions to less than 3 minutes.</i>
12:00-13:00	Working Lunch
Session 2. Multi-stakeholder approaches to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls	
13:00 – 14:10	<p>Multi-stakeholder dialogue</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><u>Topic:</u> <i>Effective means of implementation to address the challenges in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Rural women’s land rights and land tenure security</i> <i>b) Violence and harmful practices against rural women and girls</i> <i>c) Health care and sexual and reproductive health and rights</i> <i>d) Resilience and preparedness to climate change and disaster</i>
14:10-15:00	<p>Country interventions (continued)</p> <p><i>Government representatives are invited to share national experiences and good practices in empowering rural women and girls. Representatives are requested to limit interventions to 1 minute.</i></p> <p>Perspectives from stakeholders</p> <p><i>All participants are invited to share experiences and good practices in empowering rural women and girls.</i></p>
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
Session 3: Review of recommendations and closing of the Meeting	
15:15 – 16:45	Review of recommendations
16:45-17:00	<p>Closing of the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Executive Secretary of CSW • Closing remarks by the Co-chairs of the Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (TWG-GEEW)