

Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for CSW 63

“Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls”

13-14 February 2019, CR-4, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

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Day 1: 13 February 2019

Time	Details
08:00-09:00	Registration
Segment 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Ms. Anna-Karin Jafors, Regional Director, a.i., United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific Ms. Erwiana Sulistyarningsih, Representative of Civil Society Organizations
09:30-09:35	Group photo
09:35-09:50	Coffee break
Segment 2: 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: Preparation for Beijing+25 Regional Review	
<i>Chair: Ms. Hou Nirmita, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia</i>	
09:50-10:30	<p>Presentations</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of 25th anniversary and review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, highlighting national, regional and global guidelines, events and processes. It will also reflect on outcomes of the 2014 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.</i></p>

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	<p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women <i>Overview of the Beijing+25 process and key global and regional events</i> Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, UNESCAP <i>From Beijing+20 to Beijing+25: Asia and Pacific High-level Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</i> <p><u>Q&A</u></p>
10:30-12:00	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <p><i>Participants are invited to share national experiences on: a) national review process and good practices in aligning the Beijing Platform for Action with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and b) priorities or key drivers for accelerating gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, including in the context of the SDGs.</i></p> <p>Participants are requested to limit their intervention to 3 minutes.</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
Segment 3: Priority Theme for the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women	
<p>Session A: Interlinkages between Systems of Social Protection, Public Services and Sustainable Infrastructure</p> <p><i>Chair: H.E. Ms. Yohana Susana Yembise, Minister, Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia</i></p>	
13:00-14:15	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Strengthening the policy and legislative frameworks to enhance interlinkages between systems of social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure</p> <p><i>The panel will discuss the linkages between social protection and the broader landscape of development policies and programmes, particularly public services and sustainable infrastructure and the implications for gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. The discussion will reflect the importance of coherent policy and legislative frameworks to enhance these linkages to ensure that the most disadvantaged and marginalized populations, particularly women and girls benefit from comprehensive systems of social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure.</i></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shahra Razavi, Chief, Research and Data Division, UN Women (Video) <i>Interlinkages between systems of social protection, public services and sustainable development and implications for gender equality</i> Mr. Nuno Cunha, Senior Social Protection Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO) <i>Overview of social protection systems in the Asia-Pacific region</i> Ms. Datuk Norma Mansor, Director of Social Security Research Centre, Malaysia <i>Malaysia social protection blueprint</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tsogtbaatar Mangalsuren, Head of Social Welfare Division, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Mongolia <i>Maternity and child money programme in Mongolia</i> <p><u>Q&A</u></p>
14:15-15:00	Review of the recommendations under section A
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
<p>Session B: Gender-responsive Implementation of Social Protection <i>Chair: Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Member Secretary, National Commission for Women, India</i></p>	
15:30-16:45	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Gender-responsive design and implementation of social protection</p> <p><i>The panel will discuss how the design and implementation of social protection programmes can address gender vulnerabilities and women's empowerment, including multiple and intersectional discriminations. Discussion will highlight key issues/challenges and lessons learned from different countries in Asia and the Pacific region.</i></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Shamsul Alam, Senior Secretary, General Economic Division, Planning Commission, Bangladesh <i>Social protection, food security, nutrition and gender equality in Bangladesh</i> Ms. Davine Sengphal, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Health, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia <i>Universal health coverage and sexual reproductive health and rights in Cambodia</i> Mr. Piya Hanvoravongchai, Lecturer and Assistant Director, Thailand Research Center for Health Services System, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand <i>Justice in health: Thailand's experiences in extending social protection coverage to marginalised populations</i> Ms. Thi Thu Ha Nguyen, Senior Official, Gender Equality Department, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam <i>Social protection for women and girls in Viet Nam</i> <p><u>Q&A</u></p>
16:45-17:30	Review of the recommendations under section B

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<p>Session C: Promoting Quality Gender-responsive Public Services and Infrastructure Development <i>Chair: Mr. Armando Da Costa, Director General, Secretary of State for Equality and Inclusion, Timor-Leste</i></p>	
<p>08:30-10:00</p>	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Gender-responsive public services and infrastructure</p> <p><i>The panel will discuss and share good practices from different countries on gender responsive public services and infrastructure, and how to make the public services more gender responsive. The discussion will focus on availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality necessary for women and girls in the region. On infrastructure development, the panel will address the issues of safety and accessibility for women and girls as well as highlight the need to ensure consideration of women’s multiple roles both in public and domestic spheres.</i></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sisira Kodagoda, Chairman, National Council on Road Safety, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Sri Lanka <i>Sexual Harassment in Public Transport in Sri Lanka</i> • Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Member Secretary, National Commission for Women, India <i>Safe cities experiences from India</i> • Ms. Selai Cama Korovusere, Director Women, Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation, Fiji <i>Market for Change in Fiji</i> <p><u>Q&A</u></p>
<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p>Review of recommendations under section C & D</p>
<p>10.45-11.00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>Session D: Measures to Accelerate Implementation of Comprehensive System of Social Protection, Public Services and Infrastructure <i>Chair: Mr. Shamsul Alam, Senior Secretary, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Bangladesh</i></p>	
<p>11.00-12.15</p>	<p>Multi-stakeholder dialogue</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Effective means of implementation to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fiscal space for gender responsive social investment</i> • <i>Governance and partnerships to improve coordination and accountability</i> • <i>Gender-responsive monitoring and evaluation</i> • <i>Advocacy and awareness raising for gender-responsive social protection, public service and sustainable infrastructure</i> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Leituala Kuiniselani Toelupe Tago – Elisara, Director, Social Development Programme, the Pacific Community (SPC)

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	<p><i>Monitoring and Evaluation of social protection programmes in the Pacific</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rishfa Rasheed, Director, Social Affairs, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) <i>Kathmandu Declaration and regional cooperation to advance social protection: lessons learned from SAARC</i> • Ms. Sita Sumrit, Assistant Director and Head of Poverty Eradication and Gender Division, ASEAN Secretariat <i>ASEAN Smart Cities: Toward gender-responsive and sustainable cities</i> • Ms. Sanam Amin, Programme Officer, Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) <i>Participatory Budgeting and Energy Democracy</i> <p><u>Q&A</u></p>
12:15-13:00	Review recommendation under section E
13:00-14:30	Lunch
<p>Session E: Review of all recommendations (sections A to E) <i>Chair: Ms. Luzviminda Ilagan, Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines</i></p>	
14:30-17:00	Review of all recommendations (sections A to E)
<p>Segment 4: Closing of the Meeting</p>	
17.00-17:15	<p>Closing of the Meeting</p> <p><i>Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (TWG-GEEW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, UNESCAP • Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women