
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development

Third session
Bangkok, 1-3 December 2015

Tentative programme

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

0800-0900 hrs		Registration
0900-1000 hrs	Agenda item 1	Opening of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) • Keynote addresses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Vice-Chair, National Planning Commission, Nepal ○ Ms. Azeema Adam, Central Bank Governor, Maldives ○ Mr. Shamyray Mustayev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Development, Turkmenistan
	Agenda item 2	Election of officers
1000-1030 hrs		Break
1015-1030 hrs		Inauguration of Exhibition Hall
1030-1200 hrs	Agenda item 3	Adoption of the agenda
	Agenda item 4	Rethinking economic growth strategies and policies to achieve sustainable development goals: the role of productivity

Under this agenda item, delegates are invited to share their views on the recent macroeconomic performance, outlook and risks of the Asia-Pacific region against the backdrop of weak global economic recovery and renewed volatility in financial markets. Delegates may wish to discuss strategies and policies to revive growth and make it more inclusive and productivity-driven in view of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- Introductory statement by the Chief of the Macroeconomic Policy and Analysis Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division
- Brief presentations by high-level panellists:
 - Mr Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute
 - Mr. Jose Ramon Albert, Senior Research Fellow, Philippine Institute for Development Studies
 - Mr. Upali Wickramasinghe, Consultant, Agricultural Development and Food Policy
- Statements by country delegations

1200-1400 hrs

Lunch break

1400-1515 hrs

- (Continuation of discussion on agenda item 4)

Agenda item 5

Regional financial cooperation

Regional financial cooperation: recent developments and the way forward

Under this agenda item, delegates are invited to share their views on how to harness the potential of regional financial cooperation in enhancing the intermediation between regional savings and regional investment needs as well as achieving financial stability. Additionally, as follow up to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, July 2015), delegates may wish to discuss ways to enhance regional tax cooperation and strengthen national tax administrations.

- Introductory statement by the Officer-in-Charge of the Development Policy Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division
- Brief presentations by high-level panellists:
 - Mr. Anwar Shah, Director, Centre for Public Economics at Chengdu, China, and former Director, World Bank Institute Governance Program

- Mr. Vito Tanzi, former Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund
- Ms. Kim Jacinto-Hernares, Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines
- Mr. Shuanglin Lin, Professor, National School of Development and Director, China Center for Public Finance, Peking University

- Statements by country delegations

1515-1530 hrs

Break

1530-1700 hrs

- (Continuation of discussion on agenda item 5)

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

0900-1045 hrs

Agenda item 6

Countries with special needs

Supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in countries with special needs

Under this agenda item, delegates are invited to share their views on the unique challenges faced by least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries as well as ways in which synergy could be created between the implementation of the global programmes of action for these countries and the Sustainable Development Goals. Delegates may wish to identify specific ways in which the Goals can be integrated into national development plans and budget frameworks.

- Introductory statement by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division
- Brief presentations by high-level panellists:
 - Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
 - Mr. Kemueli Naiqama, Chief Economist, Ministry for Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics, Fiji
- Statements by country delegations

1045-1100 hrs

Break

1100-1200 hrs

- (Continuation of discussion on agenda item 6)

Agenda item 7 **Reducing poverty through sustainable agriculture**

Key areas of improvements and required actions to improve the efficiency of existing agricultural innovation systems and to foster technological transfer

Under this agenda item, delegates are invited to share their views and experiences in improving the efficiency of existing agricultural innovation systems, fostering technological transfer and operationalizing other broad-based policy interventions with a view to enhancing economic, social and environmental sustainability while increasing agricultural production for poverty reduction and food security. Delegates may wish to provide guidance on specific areas, priority actions and modalities for further regional cooperation on reducing poverty through sustainable agriculture that should be promoted by ESCAP, especially through its Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture.

- Introductory statement by the Head of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture
- Discussion and statements by country delegations

1200-1330 hrs

Lunch break

1330-1530 hrs

- (Continuation of discussion on agenda item 7)

Agenda item 8 **Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme**

- Presentation by the Strategy and Programme Management Division on intergovernmental processes leading to the preparation of the ESCAP strategic framework
- Discussion and statements by country delegations

Agenda item 9 **Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session**

- Introductory statement by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division
- Discussion and statements by country delegations

1530-1545 hrs

Break

1545-1630 hrs Agenda item 10 **Dates and venue of and provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee**

- Introductory statement by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division
- Discussion and statements by country delegations

Agenda item 11 **Other matters**

Thursday, 3 December 2015

0900-1030 hrs Side event: round table on least developed countries and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Presentation of *Least Developed Countries Report 2015: Transforming Rural Economies*, by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division

- Brief presentations by panellists:
 - Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative, Bangladesh
 - Mr. Ivo Sieber, Ambassador of Switzerland to Thailand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cambodia
 - Ms. Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa
 - Ms. Anuradha Rajivan, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank
 - Mr. Xuan Li, Senior Policy Officer, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - Mr. Sarba Raj Khadka, Senior Adviser, LDC Watch RRN

Discussion

1030-1100 hrs Break

1100-1300 hrs Side event: High-level Policy Dialogue on the Strategic Regional Partnership for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

Introductory statement by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division (Chair)

High-level panellists [to be confirmed]:

- Mr. Leonard Tampubolon, Deputy for Economic Affairs, Ministry for National Development Planning, Indonesia

- Mr. Abdul Haleem Abdul Ghafoor, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, Maldives
- Ms. Rosemarie G. Edillon, Assistant Director-General for Policy and Planning, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines
- Mr. Dasho Sonam Wangchuk, Secretary, Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan
- Ms. Faiane Susana Laulu, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of Samoa, Samoa
- Ms. Tri Mumpuni, Executive Director, IBEKA, Indonesia
- Mr. Uchita de Zoysa, Executive Director, Centre for Environment and Development, Sri Lanka

1300-1430 hrs

Luncheon

1430-1630 hrs

Agenda item 12

Adoption of the report

Closing remarks
