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Annotated provisional agenda*

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012 (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Consideration of the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.
4. Consideration of the membership of an Asia-Pacific working group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
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* Reissued for technical reasons on 11 June 2012.

Ministerial segment (1-2 November 2012)

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 - (a) Opening addresses;
 - (b) Launching of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022;
 - (c) Election of officers;
 - (d) Adoption of the agenda.
7. Review of forward-looking policies to promote disability-inclusive development and substantive enhancement of the rights of persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific during the new Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.
10. Adoption of the report of the Meeting.
11. Closing of the Meeting.

II. Annotations

A. Senior officials segment

1. Opening of the senior officials segment

(a) Opening statements

The Meeting will be opened by a senior dignitary from the Government of the Republic of Korea.

(b) Election of officers

The Meeting will elect a chair, two vice-chairs and a rapporteur for the senior officials segment.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/L.1)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider and adopt the annotated provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Review of the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Overview of regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the progress made during the past decade, 2003-2012, in the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific. It will also exchange lessons learned as a basis for regional cooperation.

Delegations are invited to deliver concise statements on: (a) specific country achievements, including good practices, and lessons learned during the past decade, 2003-2012, in the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five; and (b) remaining and emerging challenges to the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it a secretariat document on the regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five prepared on the basis of inputs received from member States in response to a regional survey conducted by the secretariat. The document will also draw upon the views and perspectives of civil society organizations, including disabled people's organizations, which were obtained through a separate survey.

The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to feed into the finalization of the draft Incheon strategy to "make the right real" for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, which will be considered under agenda item 3.

3. Consideration of the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to "make the right real" for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to "make the right real" for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/WP.1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, a draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to "make the right real" for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, will be considered by the senior officials prior to their

submission to the ministerial segment for adoption. The initial version of the draft was reviewed by government experts and stakeholders at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, which was convened in Bangkok from 14 to 16 March 2012. Comments and suggestions received at the Regional Preparatory Meeting were incorporated into a second version of the draft, which is presented for the consideration of the senior officials.

The declaration reaffirms the commitment of ESCAP member States to accelerate the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in the new decade, 2013-2022. The draft Incheon strategy, as annexed to the draft ministerial declaration, contains a set of priority goals and targets with measurable indicators to help guide regional and national action during the new decade.

It is expected that the outcome of deliberations, under this agenda item, will be the endorsement of the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, for onward submission to the ministerial segment for adoption.

4. Consideration of the membership of an Asia-Pacific working group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

Documentation

Terms of reference of the proposed working group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/2)

Annotation

On the expectation that the senior officials will have endorsed the establishment and terms of reference of an Asia-Pacific working group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, as proposed in the draft Incheon strategy, the Meeting will consider the composition of the membership of the working group. It is suggested that the working group be comprised of representatives of interested ESCAP members and associate members as well as civil society entities operating in Asia and the Pacific at the regional and subregional levels.

Interested members and associate members of ESCAP are invited, under this agenda item, to express their intention to join the working group. Similarly, civil society entities that fulfil the criteria, as set out in the terms of reference of the working group, are also invited to express their interest in joining the working group.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting may wish to refer to the terms of reference of the working group, as proposed in the draft Incheon strategy.

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item will be a recommendation to the Commission at its sixty-ninth session for a decision regarding the size and composition of the working group.

5. Adoption of the report of the senior officials

Documentation

Draft report of the senior officials (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/CRP.1)

Annotation

The senior officials will consider and adopt a report on the agenda items allocated to them for consideration by the ministers.

B. Ministerial segment

6. Opening of the ministerial segment

(a) Opening addresses

The Meeting will be inaugurated by a senior dignitary of the Government of the Republic of Korea, who will deliver the keynote address. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP will deliver an opening address. A statement will also be delivered by a representative of civil society. The programme for the opening of the Meeting will be made available once it is finalized.

(b) Launching of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

The Meeting will launch the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, which was proclaimed by the Commission in its resolution 68/7 of 23 May 2012.

(c) Election of officers

The Meeting will elect a bureau, which will comprise a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

(d) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/L.1).

Annotation

The Meeting will consider and adopt the annotated provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

7. Review of forward-looking policies to promote disability-inclusive development and substantive enhancement of the rights of persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific during the new Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will consider forward-looking policies to promote disability-inclusive development and substantive enhancement of the rights of persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific during the new Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities.

The ministers and heads of delegations will be invited to deliver their policy statements, which may highlight issues, policies and initiatives that will promote disability-inclusive development and accelerate the full

realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region during the new Decade. The policy statements may also identify areas for regional cooperation, including South-South cooperation, to support the new Decade. Representatives of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations will be afforded an opportunity to make brief statements on measures and initiatives to support the new Decade. A consolidated statement will also be delivered by a representative of civil society on its perspectives on the new Decade.

8. Other matters

Any other matters raised by delegations and/or the secretariat will be considered under this item.

9. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/L.2)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider for adoption the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific. The declaration reaffirms the commitment of ESCAP member States to accelerate the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in the new Decade. The draft Incheon strategy, as annexed to the ministerial declaration, contains a set of priority goals and targets with measurable indicators to help guide regional and national action during the new Decade. Through its adoption of the above-mentioned document, the Meeting will chart the course of regional cooperation among ESCAP member States during the new Decade with a view to improving the lives of the 650 million persons with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region.

10. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/L.3)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider for adoption the draft report (E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/L.3), which will be submitted for the consideration and endorsement of the Commission, at its sixty-ninth session, in 2013.

11. Closing of the Meeting

Closing statements will be delivered.