
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture

Governing Council

Fourteenth session

Bangkok, 13 December 2017

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Governing Council of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the opening of the session will be made available upon finalization.

* Reissued for technical reasons on 20 November 2017.

(b) Election of officers

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the revised statute of the Centre (see resolution 65/4, annex, of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), the Governing Council will elect a chair and vice-chair, who will hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(14)/L.1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Governing Council, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Activities and accomplishments of the Centre since the thirteenth session of the Governing Council

Documentation

Report to the Governing Council on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(14)/1)

Annotation

Based on the report, the Head of the Centre will present an overview of its activities and accomplishments since the thirteenth session of the Governing Council. The report contains, inter alia, information on progress on and achievements in addressing regional cooperation in areas related to sustainable agriculture, food security and rural development in Asia and the Pacific, through the delivery of the following sets of outputs: (a) parliamentary meetings; (b) analytical research; (c) capacity-building; (d) knowledge-sharing and networking; and (e) partnership and outreach.

The Governing Council may wish to review the report and provide guidance on the Centre's activities and accomplishments.

3. Administrative and financial status of the Centre

Documentation

Report to the Governing Council on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(14)/1)

Annotation

The report contains an overview of the administrative and financial situation of the Centre in 2017, including details of cash and in-kind contributions by member States and the host Government, and the status of the Centre's accounts and human resources.

The Governing Council may wish to review the report and provide guidance on the administrative and financial status of the Centre.

4. Consideration by the Governing Council of the Centre's future

Documentation

Report to the Governing Council on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(14)/1)

Analysis on the possible transformation of the Centre from a United Nations regional institute to an independent intergovernmental organization outside the United Nations system (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(14)/WP.1)

Annotation

The report provides the plan of work for the first half of 2018, as proposed in accordance with estimated financial and human resources for 2018, for review and guidance by the Governing Council. For the subsequent period, the Council is invited to consider the following options for the Centre's future: (1) transformation of the Centre into an intergovernmental organization, outside the United Nations system, or (2) discontinuation of the Centre.

The working paper presents an analysis of the first option. It was prepared by the secretariat, as requested by the Governing Council at its thirteenth session.

The Governing Council is invited to take a decision on the Centre's future, for endorsement by the Commission at its seventy-fourth session, and to advise on necessary actions to facilitate the subsequent process.

5. Date of and venue for the next session of the Governing Council

The Governing Council may wish to propose a process for determining the date of and venue for its future sessions during and after the transition period.

6. Other matters

The Head of the Centre will inform the Governing Council about the seventy-fourth session of the Commission, which is proposed to be held in Bangkok from 13 to 18 May 2018.

The Governing Council may also wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

7. Adoption of the report

The Governing Council will consider and adopt the report on its fourteenth session. The report will be composed of the Council's decisions and recommendations. The draft record of proceedings of the session, prepared by the secretariat, will be circulated to Council members for comments within 15 days after the conclusion of the session.

The report of the Governing Council will be submitted to the Commission at its seventy-fourth session.