



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the
Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

Beijing, 27 November-1 December 2017

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 (section I), and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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Ministerial segment

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 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
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11. Adoption of the report of the Meeting.
12. Closing of the Meeting.

II. Annotations

A. Senior officials segment

1. Opening of the senior officials segment

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the opening ceremony will be announced in due course and will be available online at www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/programme-intergovernmental-meeting-disability-2017.pdf.

(b) Election of officers

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/list-of-participants-intergovernmental-meeting-disability-2017.pdf.

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

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

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

2. Interlinkages of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Documentation

Leveraging the Incheon Strategy to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/INF/1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will discuss how Governments can leverage the synergies among the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, for implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

As the basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it the information paper, and the secretariat will make a presentation on the substantive linkages among the Incheon Strategy, the 2030 Agenda and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities entered into force in 2008, and it is the key instrument for promoting the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities. The Convention underpins the Incheon Strategy. The 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals promote disability-inclusive development through their reference to persons with disabilities and to the goal of leaving no one behind. Furthermore, the Incheon Strategy’s progress-tracking mechanism could be effectively utilized to track the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals with regard to disability and of the Convention.

The Meeting may wish to share views on and discuss issues related to the linkages among the three instruments, as well as national experiences promoting disability-inclusive development through the integrated responses of members and associate members to the requirements of the Incheon Strategy, the 2030 Agenda and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item is expected to be used as an input for the report of the Meeting.

3. Review of progress in implementing the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Midpoint review of the implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/1)

Midpoint review of the implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific: the value of a multi-stakeholder approach (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/2)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the progress made and challenges identified in the implementation of the Incheon Strategy in Asia and the Pacific during the past five years, from 2013 to 2017.

As the basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it the note by the secretariat (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/1) which summarizes the responses of Governments to the regional midpoint survey conducted by the secretariat. The Meeting will also have before it the note by the secretariat (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/2) on the implementation of the Incheon Strategy from the perspective of civil society organizations, including disabled people's organizations, international organizations and development agencies. The document also contains a summary of the responses of those groups to separate surveys conducted by the secretariat.

The documents are intended to inform the draft Beijing declaration and action plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy, which will be considered under agenda item 6.

Delegates are invited to deliver their policy statements, which should highlight achievements and challenges related to the implementation of the Incheon Strategy during the period 2013 to 2017 and provide guidance on the work on disability of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item is expected to be used as an input for the report of the Meeting.

4. Generating reliable and comparable data to promote disability-inclusive development

Documentation

Midpoint review of the implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/1)

Leveraging the Incheon Strategy to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/INF/1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review issues and good practices relating to the generation of reliable and comparable data to promote disability-inclusive development. While both the Incheon Strategy and the 2030 Agenda contain requests that member States generate data to measure the extent of the social and economic participation of persons with disabilities, the lack of data, as well as the lack of reliability and comparability of existing data, is an ongoing challenge.

As the basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it the note by the secretariat and the information paper. Both documents contain discussions of reliable and comparable data on disability.

The Meeting will identify good practices and strategies to address the data gaps and explore how regional cooperation can enhance the technical capacities of member States and other stakeholders with regard to disability

statistics for the remaining five years, 2018-2022, of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities.

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item is expected to be used as an input for the report of the Meeting.

5. Report on the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and consideration of its membership for the next term

Documentation

Report on the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/3)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the activities of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, conducted from 2013 to 2017.

As the basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it the note by the secretariat, which contains information on the activities of the Working Group and recommendations to enhance its effectiveness for the period 2018-2022, the remaining five years of the Decade.

The Meeting is invited to share its views on how to enhance the effectiveness of the Working Group. Meeting participants are invited to express initial interest in becoming members of the Working Group for its second term, from 2018 to 2022. Information on the eligibility of members is contained in Commission resolution 69/13, annex, appendix II.

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item is expected to be used as an input for the report of the Meeting.

6. Consideration of the draft Beijing declaration and action plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Documentation

Draft Beijing declaration and action plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/4)¹

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the draft Beijing declaration and action plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy prior to its submission to the ministerial segment for final negotiation and adoption. The outcome document is expected to serve as a supplement to the Incheon Strategy for the period 2018-2022, with consideration given to the global development agenda, including such instruments as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

¹ Document E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/4 becomes E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/L.4 for the ministerial segment.

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda will be considered under agenda item 10.

B. Ministerial segment

7. Opening of the ministerial segment

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the opening ceremony will be announced in due course and will be available online at www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/programme-intergovernmental-meeting-disability-2017.pdf.

(b) Election of officers

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/list-of-participants-intergovernmental-meeting-disability-2017.pdf.

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

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

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

8. Ministerial panel on disability-inclusive sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

Under this agenda item, the ministerial panel, comprising ministers from Asia and the Pacific, will present good practices for promoting disability-inclusive sustainable development in their countries and areas and the enabling factors behind those practices.

The Meeting is invited to respond to the panel discussion by providing views on enabling factors leading to good practices and to share other good practices at the national and subregional levels.

The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item is expected to be used as an input for the report of the Meeting.

9. Forward-looking policies to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Under this agenda item, the Ministers and heads of delegations will be invited to deliver their policy statements, which should highlight issues, policies and initiatives that promote disability-inclusive development and accelerate the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region during the remaining years of the Decade. The policy

statements may also identify areas for regional cooperation, including South-South cooperation, to support the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and the outcome document of the Meeting. Representatives of the United Nations and intergovernmental organizations will be afforded an opportunity to make brief statements on measures and initiatives to support the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. A consolidated statement will also be delivered by a representative of civil society on perspectives on the remaining five years of the Decade.

10. Adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy

Documentation

Draft Beijing declaration and action plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/L.4)²

Annotation

The Meeting will consider for adoption the draft Beijing declaration and action plan to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. In the declaration, ESCAP member States reaffirm their commitment to accelerate the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in the remaining years of the Decade. The draft action plan, as annexed to the ministerial declaration, contains a set of actions Governments and other stakeholders can take to accelerate the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and identifies synergies with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

11. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/APDDP(4)/L.3)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider for adoption its draft report. The adopted Beijing Declaration and Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy will be annexed thereto. The report will be submitted to the Commission for its consideration and endorsement at its seventy-fourth session, which will be held in 2018.

12. Closing of the Meeting

Closing statements will be delivered.

² The final negotiated text will be annexed to the draft report of the Meeting.