



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the
Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012

19-21 September 2007
Bangkok

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be inaugurated by a dignitary from the Government of Thailand, with the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and a dignitary of the Government of Japan welcoming the delegation. Keynote addresses will be delivered by prominent speakers from the region.

2. Election of officers

A chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Meeting.

4. Review of progress made and challenges faced in the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, 2003-2012

The Meeting will consider the achievements and challenges regarding the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action. The Meeting will have before it the following documents:

- Review of the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action (E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/1)
- Partnership: key to the successful implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, 2003-2012 (E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/INF/1)
- Strengthening the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action in the Pacific subregion (E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/INF/2)

Selected speakers from Governments, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and related organizations, and civil society will present their assessments on each of the seven priority areas and four strategies of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action.

5. Rights-based development for all: the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and its convergence with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Millennium Development Goals

The Meeting will consider the comparison between the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action with the two international instruments: the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Millennium Development Goals. The Meeting will have before it the following documents:

- Rights-based approach to development for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific: Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and its linkage to the Millennium Development Goals and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/INF/3)

6. Adoption of supplemental strategies for the further implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action

The Meeting will consider and adopt supplemental strategies aimed at providing members and associate members of the Commission with further impetus for creating an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based society during the second half of the Decade from 2008 to 2012.

- Biwako Plus Five: Further efforts towards an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based society for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/L.3)

7. Adoption of the report of the meeting

The Meeting will consider and adopt its report.

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