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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

Committee on Social Development

**Fifth session**

Bangkok, 28–30 November 2018

**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Committee on Social Development (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the session:
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  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Key social development challenges to and policies in Asia and the Pacific for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
3. Strategies for advancing women's economic empowerment in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific.
4. Strategies for leaving no one behind, including persons with disabilities, older persons and other vulnerable groups.
5. Review of the progress of the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the Regional Framework for Action on HIV and AIDS beyond 2015.
6. Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme.
7. Consideration of possible draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-fifth session.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifth session.
10. Closing of the session.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the session**

#### **(a) Opening statements**

The tentative programme for the opening of the session will be available online at [www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-social-development-fifth-session](http://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-social-development-fifth-session).

#### **(b) Election of officers**

The list of participants will be available online at [www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-social-development-fifth-session](http://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-social-development-fifth-session).

The Committee will elect a chair, a vice-chair and a rapporteur.

#### **(c) Adoption of the agenda**

##### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CSD/2018/L.1)

##### **Annotation**

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

### **2. Key social development challenges to and policies in Asia and the Pacific for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

##### **Documentation**

Social development trends and opportunities in Asia and the Pacific: confronting persistent poverty and multiple deprivations (ESCAP/CSD/2018/1)

##### **Annotation**

The Committee will have before it the note by the secretariat containing an overview of how the region is performing in social development as well as in the eradication of poverty and deprivation. The note contains the suggestion that countries need to invest more in the areas of social protection, health care and education to eradicate extreme poverty and to lift more people out of moderate poverty.

The Committee may wish to encourage members and associate members to deliver succinct country statements highlighting national policies that have contributed to reducing the income and non-income dimensions of poverty and inequality. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on the future work of the secretariat in the areas of poverty, inequality and social protection, particularly in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**3. Strategies for advancing women's economic empowerment in the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

Strategies for advancing women's economic empowerment in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (ESCAP/CSD/2018/2)

**Annotation**

The Committee will have before it the note by the secretariat containing an analysis of the trends and challenges concerning women's economic empowerment in the Asia-Pacific region. Proposed therein are strategies and policy recommendations to address those challenges in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Committee may wish to encourage members and associate members to deliver succinct country statements highlighting national experiences and policies that have contributed to advancing women's economic empowerment and gender equality. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on the future work of the secretariat on the topic, particularly in light of the 2030 Agenda.

**4. Strategies for leaving no one behind, including persons with disabilities, older persons and other vulnerable groups**

**Documentation**

Leaving no one behind: supporting vulnerable groups in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (ESCAP/CSD/2018/3)

**Annotation**

The Committee will have before it the note by the secretariat containing an analysis of the key trends and challenges related to vulnerable groups in the Asia-Pacific region. Proposed therein are strategies and policy recommendations to address those challenges in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Committee may wish to encourage members and associate members to deliver succinct country statements highlighting national experiences and policies that have contributed to supporting and empowering vulnerable groups. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on the future work of the secretariat on the topic.

**5. Review of the progress of the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the Regional Framework for Action on HIV and AIDS beyond 2015**

**Documentation**

Progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/1)

Draft report of the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/L.2)

Draft Chair's summary of the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/WP.1)

**Annotation**

The agenda item will be informed by document ESCAP/APPC/2018/1 containing highlights of the progress towards the implementation of the commitments contained in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the draft report and draft Chair's summary of the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/L.2 and ESCAP/APPC/2018/WP.1).

The Committee is invited to take note of the report and the Chair's summary.

In addition, the outcomes of the expert group meeting on the progress of Asia and the Pacific towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the Regional Framework for Action on HIV and AIDS beyond 2015 will be presented.

**6. Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme**

The Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance on the work of the subprogramme and on the focus of the short- and long-term work in the area of social development, taking into account the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

**7. Consideration of possible draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-fifth session**

Committee members may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals for and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues related to social development for the consideration of the Commission at its seventy-fifth session, to be held in 2019.

**8. Other matters**

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to consider any other matters brought to its attention.

**9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifth session**

**Documentation**

Draft report (ESCAP/CSD/2018/L.2)

**Annotation**

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its fifth session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-fifth session.

**10. Closing of the session**

Closing statements will be delivered.