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Population and Development

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**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting:
  - (a) Opening statements;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of 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.
3. Thematic discussion on emerging issues and gaps in 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:
  - (a) Population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific;
  - (b) Advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights;
  - (c) Population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters.
4. Indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.
5. Consideration of the Chair's summary.

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\* Reissued for technical reasons on 31 October 2018.

6. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
7. Closing of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

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

The tentative programme for the opening of the meeting will be available online in due course at [www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/MTR-APPC](http://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/MTR-APPC).

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

The list of participants will be available online at [www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/MTR-APPC](http://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/MTR-APPC).

The meeting will elect a chair and vice-chairs.

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

##### **Documentation**

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

##### **Annotation**

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

### **2. Review of 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**

##### **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)

##### **Annotation**

The meeting will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region 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.

As a basis for its deliberations, the meeting will have before it a note by the secretariat that provides a summary of major demographic trends in the Asia-Pacific region, challenges and lessons learned regarding the implementation of the review documents, and the results of the national reports

that have been conducted in preparation for the review (ESCAP/APPC/2018/1).

Meeting participants may wish to share their experiences, lessons learned and gaps in implementing the Programme of Action, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. The review and presentations should be conducted in the context of the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in an enhanced understanding of good practices, regional priorities and challenges associated with the implementation of the Programme of Action, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.

**3. Thematic discussion on emerging issues and gaps in 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**

The meeting will review emerging issues and identify areas for further attention to provide recommendations to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the of Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development through moderated panel discussions followed by an open discussion with members and associate members.

**(a) Population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

Population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC/2018/2)

**Annotation**

The meeting will review progress in the Asia-Pacific region regarding linkages between population dynamics and inequalities and how these linkages affect and are affected by megatrends in the region, such as population ageing, international migration and urbanization.

As a basis for its deliberations, the meeting will have before it a note by the secretariat that provides an overview of key dimensions of inequality in the region and how these interact with and are driven and reinforced by key demographic megatrends (ESCAP/APPC/2018/2). Recommendations for consideration by the meeting are also highlighted in the note.

**(b) Advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights**

**Documentation**

Advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (ESCAP/APPC/2018/3)

**Annotation**

The meeting will review progress with regard to advancing sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, with a particular focus on the gender dimensions.

As a basis for its deliberations, the meeting will have before it a note by the secretariat outlining key trends in health and well-being, with a focus on women, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights in the Asia-Pacific region (ESCAP/APPC/2018/3). Recommendations for consideration by the meeting are also highlighted in the note.

**(c) Population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters**

**Documentation**

Population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters (ESCAP/APPC/2018/4)

**Annotation**

The meeting will review progress with regard to addressing the nexus of population and sustainable development with a focus on the environmental perspective.

As a basis for its deliberations, the meeting will have before it a note by the secretariat focusing on the nexus of population and sustainable development with an emphasis on the interrelationships between population, environment and sustainable development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/4). In particular, there will be a discussion of the relation between population dynamics, and climate change and natural disasters. A gender and health-related perspective will inform the note, which will contain recommendations for consideration by member States.

**4. Indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development**

**Documentation**

Suggested indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/INF/1)

**Annotation**

The meeting will review and provide recommendations on appropriate indicators for measuring progress towards the priority actions outlined in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.

As a basis for its deliberations, the meeting will have before it an information document by the secretariat that provides suggestions for possible indicators for review and recommendation by member States (ESCAP/APPC/2018/INF/1). Member States may wish to provide their feedback on the indicator framework for further consideration by the meeting.

**5. Consideration of the Chair's summary****Documentation**

Draft Chair's summary (ESCAP/APPC/2018/WP.1)

**Annotation**

The meeting will review the draft Chair's summary, which will serve as the regional input for the global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, which will be held during the fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development. It will reflect the diverse positions of the States of the region to ensure that Asian and Pacific views are reflected effectively at a global level.

**6. Adoption of the report of the meeting****Documentation**

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

**Annotation**

The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the report.

**7. Closing of the meeting**

Closing statements will be delivered.

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