



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**Seventy-sixth session**

Bangkok, 21 May 2020

Agenda item 11

Adoption of the report of the Commission**Draft report****Organization of the seventy-sixth session of the Commission****A. Attendance and organization of work**

1. The seventy-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) was held on 21 May 2020 via videoconferencing owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
2. The session was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members:

Members

Afghanistan
Armenia
Australia
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Fiji
France
Georgia
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan
Kazakhstan
Kiribati
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands

Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nauru
Nepal
New Zealand
Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Samoa
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Tajikistan
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Viet Nam

Associate members

French Polynesia
Hong Kong, China
Macao, China

3. By virtue of rule 3 of the Commission's rules of procedure, representatives of Austria, Belgium, Germany, Israel, Italy, Portugal, San Marino and Switzerland attended.

4. The list of participants is available at www.unescap.org/commission/76/listOfParticipants.

5. The Commission decided, for the seventy-sixth session only and owing to the special circumstances, to waive rule 13 of its rules of procedure and elected Mr. Mohammad Nazmul Quaunine (Bangladesh) as Chair of the seventy-sixth session and Mr. Nadhavathna Krishnamra (Thailand) as Vice-Chair.

6. The Commission also expressed appreciation to Ms. Suzilah Binti Mohd Sidek (Malaysia) as Chair and to Mr. Rongvudhi Virabutr (Thailand) as Vice-Chair of the Informal Working Group on Draft Resolutions for having considered the draft resolutions submitted for the session.

B. Agenda

7. The Commission adopted the following agenda:
 1. Opening of the session:
 - (a) Opening statements;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
 2. General debate on the theme topic “Promoting economic, social and environmental cooperation on oceans for sustainable development”.
 3. Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries.
 4. Regional cooperation to address the socioeconomic effects of the global health crisis.
 5. Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific:
 - (a) Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development;
 - (b) Social development;
 - (c) Environment and development;
 - (d) Disaster risk reduction;
 - (e) Energy;
 - (f) Transport;
 - (g) Macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and financing for development;
 - (h) Trade and investment;
 - (i) Information and communications technology, science, technology and innovation;
 - (j) Statistics.
 6. Management issues:
 - (a) Proposed programme plan for 2021;
 - (b) Programme changes for the 2020 programme plan;
 - (c) Overview of partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development;
 - (d) Report on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the biennium 2018–2019 and outcomes of the evaluation/review of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization and the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management.
 7. Review of the conference structure of the Commission pursuant to resolution 73/1.

8. Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission.
9. Dates and venue of and theme topic for the seventy-seventh session of the Commission (2021).
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

C. Opening of the session

8. Mr. Mohammad Nazmul Quanine (Bangladesh) presided over the opening of the seventy-sixth session. Video messages from Mr. Omar Hilale (Morocco), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council; the Secretary-General; and Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand, were played. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP delivered welcome remarks and a policy statement. Video messages from Ms. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, and Mr. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji, were played. A video message from Mr. Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, as Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum, was also played.

D. Adoption of the report of the Commission

9. The report of the Commission was adopted at its 2nd plenary meeting on 21 May 2020.
