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Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality  
and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review

Bangkok, 17-20 November 2014

### Annotated Provisional Agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review (Section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (Section II).

#### I. Provisional agenda

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  - (a) Opening statements;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of the progress and remaining challenges in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Asia and the Pacific.
3. Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review.

##### B. Ministerial segment (19-20 November 2014)

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  - (a) Opening addresses;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
5. Review of forward-looking policies to address challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment in Asia and the Pacific, and opportunities for accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the post-2015 era.
6. Other matters.

7. Adoption of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, including the Asia-Pacific regional input for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the 20-year review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
8. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
9. Closing of the Conference.

## **II. Annotations**

### **A. Senior officials segment (17-18 November 2014)**

#### **1. Opening of the senior officials segment**

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

The Conference will be opened by a senior dignitary of the Government of Thailand.

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

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

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

###### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/GEWE/L.1)

###### **Annotation**

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

#### **2. Review of the progress and remaining challenges in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Asia and the Pacific**

##### **Documentation**

Review of the progress and remaining challenges in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GEWE/1)

##### **Annotation**

Under this agenda item, the Conference will review the progress made in the past 20 years, as well as remaining challenges, in the Asia-Pacific region in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Conference will consider a secretariat document that outlines the progress and remaining challenges in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action in the Asia-Pacific region. The document is based on the outcomes of the national reviews undertaken in accordance with the "*Global Guidance Note*", as well as government

responses to the ESCAP regional survey of the 12 “Critical Areas of Concern” of the Beijing Platform for Action.

Delegations will be invited to deliver brief and concise statements on progress made and remaining challenges in achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of the Beijing Platform for Action. The outcome of the deliberations under this agenda item is expected to feed into the finalization of the outcome document for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review. The deliberations will also identify critical issues relating to gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015.

**3. Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review**

**Documentation**

Draft Asian and Pacific ministerial declaration on advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment (E/ESCAP/GEWE/WP.1)

**Annotation**

Under this agenda item, the Conference will review the draft Asian and Pacific ministerial declaration on advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment, which provides a forward-looking framework to accelerate the implementation of international and regional commitments in achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment in the Asian and Pacific region. The draft declaration would also serve as the regional input to the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2015 on the 20-year review of implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

The initial version of the draft outcome document was reviewed by Governments at the third session of the Committee on Social Development, which was held in Bangkok from 18 to 20 August 2014. Comments and suggestions received at that meeting were incorporated, as appropriate, into the second version of the draft, which is presented for the consideration of the senior officials.

It is expected that, under this agenda item, the outcome of deliberations will be the endorsement of the draft Asian and Pacific declaration on gender equality and women’s empowerment, for submission to the ministers for adoption during the ministerial segment.

**B. Ministerial segment (19-20 November 2014)**

**4. Opening of the ministerial segment**

**(a) Opening addresses**

The Conference will be inaugurated by a senior dignitary of the Government of Thailand, who will deliver the keynote address. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP will deliver an opening address.

**(b) Election of officers**

The Conference will elect a bureau, which will comprise a chair, a vice-chair and a rapporteur.

**(c) Adoption of the agenda**

**Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/GEWE/L.1)

**Annotation**

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

**5. Review of forward-looking policies to address challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment in Asia and the Pacific, and opportunities for accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the post-2015 era**

**Documentation**

Review of the progress and remaining challenges in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/GEWE/1)

**Annotation**

Under this agenda item, the Conference will consider forward-looking policies to consolidate gains and accelerate implementation of international and regional commitments in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Ministers and heads of delegations will be invited to deliver their policy statements, which may highlight achievements, future challenges and policy responses in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. The policy statements may also identify opportunities and areas for regional cooperation, including South-South cooperation, to advance the gender equality and women's empowerment agenda in the post-2015 era.

Representatives of United Nations organizations and intergovernmental organizations will be afforded the opportunity to make brief statements on measures and initiatives on gender equality and women's empowerment. A consolidated statement will be delivered by a representative of civil society, conveying the recommendations made by civil society organizations for the information of the Conference.

**6. Other matters**

Any other matters raised by delegations and/or the secretariat will be considered under this agenda item.

**7. Adoption of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, including the Asia-Pacific regional input for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the 20-year review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**

**Documentation**

Draft Asian and Pacific ministerial declaration on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment (E/ESCAP/GEWE/L.3)

**Annotation**

The Conference will consider for adoption, inter alia, the draft Asian and Pacific ministerial declaration on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment which, if adopted, will serve as the Asia-Pacific input for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the 20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

**8. Adoption of the report of the Conference**

**Documentation**

Draft report of the Conference (E/ESCAP/GEWE/L.2)

**Annotation**

The Conference will consider the draft report for adoption, which will be submitted for the consideration and endorsement of the Commission at its seventy-first session in 2015.

**9. Closing of the Conference**

Closing statements will be delivered.

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