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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Third Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable  
Development in Asia and the Pacific

18-23 October 2007  
Kuala Lumpur

Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials  
18-20 October 2007

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

The opening session of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials will be presided over by a dignitary from the Government of Malaysia. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP will address the Meeting.

**2. Election of officers**

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

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/MCSA(3)/SO/L.1/Rev.1) will be considered and adopted with any changes deemed necessary.

**4. Review of the implementation of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific**

The senior officials will have before them document E/ESCAP/MCSA(3)/SO/1/Rev.1, which will describe the status of the implementation of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) and other recommendations of the Second Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific. The document will also analyse the impacts of RESAP as well as implementation gaps.

The senior officials are invited to exchange information on national activities and programmes that were implemented in the light of the recommendations contained in the Delhi Declaration on Space Technology Applications in Asia and the Pacific for Improved Quality of Life in the New Millennium and the contribution of RESAP to national capacity-building in space technology development and applications.

**5. Information, communication and space technology applications for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the goals of major world summits: trends, challenges and issues**

The meeting will have before it document E/ESCAP/MCSA(3)/SO/2/Rev.1, which will describe the technological trends, the challenges and the issues facing the region with regard to the application of space and related information and communication technologies in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and the goals and objectives set by the World Summit on the Information Society, the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the World Conference on Disaster Reduction. The document will identify priorities and relevant issues for the region, taking into account the commonality of the above-mentioned goals in the field of space-based information and communication technologies, which have a major role to play in socio-economic development.

The senior officials are invited to provide their views, in particular regarding the way in which their countries can both contribute to and gain from regional cooperation in space technology applications and other information and communication technologies for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals.

**6. Strategy and action plan on space technology applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific**

The meeting will have before it document E/ESCAP/MCSA(3)/SO/L.3/Rev.1, which will contain a draft strategy and action plan focused on future RESAP activities and cooperative mechanisms, in particular for disaster reduction, natural resources and environmental management, and the expansion of digital connectivity for tele-education and tele-health, which can be carried out at the regional and national levels. The document will identify the resource requirements.

The senior officials are invited to review the document and discuss the concrete actions, priority programmes and mechanisms for implementing the next phase of RESAP.

**7. Review of the draft ministerial declaration**

The draft declaration that will be placed before the senior officials for deliberation will be based on the initial draft circulated at the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on RESAP and the High-level Expert Group Meeting on the Preparations for the Third Ministerial

Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, held at Daejeon, Republic of Korea, from 17 to 19 October 2006, as well as the three hundred and seventh session of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, held in Bangkok on 8 December 2006. Once finalized, the draft declaration, which will include policy decisions and a clause for the adoption of the strategy and action plan on space technology applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, will be submitted to the Ministerial Conference for consideration and adoption.

**8. Other matters**

Other matters not covered under the foregoing agenda items may be raised for discussion.

**9. Adoption of the report of the Meeting**

The report of the Meeting will be considered and adopted. It will then be submitted for endorsement to the Ministerial Conference.

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