



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Committee on Emerging Social Issues

Third session
12-14 December 2006
Bangkok

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The programme for the opening ceremony will be announced in due course.

2. Election of officers

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

3. Adoption of the agenda

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

4. Regional follow-up to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

The Committee will have before it a document entitled "Regional challenges in managing migration for development" (E/ESCAP/CESI(3)/1), which will cover key issues related to international migration and its development impacts in Asia and the Pacific. It will also review the regional initiatives taken prior to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York on 14 and 15 September 2006, and the outcomes of the Dialogue. Committee members are invited to exchange views on ways and means to follow up the outcome of the Dialogue at the regional level.

5. Population and social integration

The Committee will have before it a document entitled "Selected emerging issues in population and social integration" (E/ESCAP/CESI(3)/2), covering key social issues in the Asian and Pacific region, such as population, youth, ageing, disability and the family, from the social integration perspective. The document will review the current situation and recent trends in each issue area, close attention being paid to the diversity of the issues within the region. It will also highlight key activities and programmes carried out by the ESCAP secretariat to tackle those emerging issues in support of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the

Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free, and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, as well as other global and regional mandates, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Committee members may wish to share their experiences in strengthening social integration, especially the development of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. The Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance in implementing the programme of work and recommend to the Commission any future work in the area of population and social integration.

6. Gender and development

The Committee will have before it a document entitled “Emerging issues and challenges related to gender and development” (E/ESCAP/CESI(3)/3), highlighting selected key activities and initiatives carried out by the ESCAP secretariat to promote women’s economic empowerment and to combat violence against women in support of the Beijing +10 commitments, the Millennium Development Goals and other related global and regional mandates. It will cover women’s economic empowerment, with a particular focus on the promotion of women’s entrepreneurship and on women and information and communication technology. The document will also draw attention to the report of the Secretary-General entitled “In-depth study on all forms of violence against women” and will address the issues related to violence against women that are of particular relevance to the ESCAP region.

Committee members may wish to share their experiences in promoting gender equality, in strengthening women’s economic empowerment and in combating violence against women in the region. The Committee may also wish to provide the secretariat with guidance in implementing the programme of work and recommend to the Commission any future work in the area of gender and development.

7. Health and development

The Committee will have before it a document entitled “Selected issues related to health and development” (E/ESCAP/CESI(3)/4), focusing on four sets of issues related to promoting health and development.

First, the document will provide an update on the high-level meeting and comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the targets set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, held in New York from 31 May to 2 June 2006, and review regional progress in implementing the Declaration. Second, it will address the challenges regarding emerging infectious diseases and the strengthening of regional cooperation to deal with those challenges in Asia and the Pacific. Third, it will discuss other issues of concern, including the emergence of non-communicable diseases as a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the region. Fourth, it will review the progress achieved by the countries of the region in strengthening health systems and achieving universal

coverage for their populations. It will also review the policy options available to the countries of the region for sustainable financing and other factors that contribute to the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals and the effective delivery of health services to the whole population.

Committee members are requested to share their experiences with the above-mentioned issues, and the Committee is requested to recommend to the Commission any future work in the area of health and development.

8. Programme planning and evaluation

(a) Review of the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

The Committee will have before it a document entitled "Review of subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues" (E/ESCAP/CESI(3)/5), detailing the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 in respect of subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues. The Committee is invited to review the document and to provide suggestions for the implementation of the proposed programme of work.

(b) Monitoring and evaluation

The Committee will have before it a document entitled "Review of the project on population, development and poverty: emerging challenges" (E/ESCAP/CESI(3)/6).

The document will assess progress in attaining the project objectives, analyse the lessons learned during project implementation and review the impact of the project activities on the target beneficiaries. The Committee is invited to review the implementation of the project and provide further guidance on future project planning and implementation in the area of social development, including emerging social issues.

9. Consideration of draft resolutions and decisions for submission to the Commission at its sixty-third session

Under this agenda item, Committee members are encouraged to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues relating to social development, including emerging social issues. The Committee will be invited to review the proposals and/or texts of these draft resolutions, from a technical perspective, for submission to the Commission at its sixty-third session.

10. Other matters

The Committee may raise any other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

The Committee will adopt the report on its third session for submission to the Commission at its sixty-third session.