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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

Committee on Social Development

**Seventh session**

Bangkok and online, 6–8 September 2022

**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Social Development (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the session:
  - (a) Opening statements;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Strategies for building a healthy, protected and productive workforce in Asia and the Pacific.
3. Strategies for strengthening regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific.
4. Follow-up to the outcomes of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
5. Review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the session**

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

The programme for the session will be available online at [www.unescap.org/events/2022/committee-social-development-seventh-session](http://www.unescap.org/events/2022/committee-social-development-seventh-session).

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

The Committee will elect a chair, a vice-chair and a rapporteur for the session.

The list of participants will be available online at [www.unescap.org/events/2022/committee-social-development-seventh-session](http://www.unescap.org/events/2022/committee-social-development-seventh-session).

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

##### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CSD/2022/L.1)

##### **Annotation**

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

### **2. Strategies for building a healthy, protected and productive workforce in Asia and the Pacific**

##### **Documentation**

Strategies for building a healthy, protected and productive workforce in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD/2022/1)

##### **Annotation**

Document ESCAP/CSD/2022/1 contains analyses of key social development indicators, including solidarity and trust. The importance of renewing the social contract and building a resilient workforce to better respond to ongoing and emerging global trends is reviewed, as such an approach requires universal health care, a green and just transition towards decent employment and an extension of social protection to all. Proposed therein are strategies and policy recommendations in support of overcoming these challenges and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver succinct statements highlighting national experiences and policies that have contributed to strengthening the social contract, by deepening trust and solidarity. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on the future work of the secretariat on this topic as well as on strategies to enhance the resilience of the workforce, particularly in light of the 2030 Agenda and the Secretary General's report entitled "Our Common Agenda".

### **3. Strategies for strengthening regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific**

#### **Documentation**

Regional actions to support the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD/2022/2)

#### **Annotation**

Document ESCAP/CSD/2022/2 contains an overview of initial activities and measures of the secretariat to support the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific, endorsed by the Committee in October 2020.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver succinct statements highlighting progress made in moving towards more inclusive and comprehensive social protection systems as well as measures taken to implement the Action Plan. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance and indicate areas where the secretariat can support further national and regional efforts to accelerate progress on the Action Plan and broaden social protection coverage.

### **4. Follow-up to the outcomes of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing**

#### **Documentation**

Review of progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD/2022/3)

Accelerating implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, to build a sustainable society for all ages in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.3/2022/3/Add.1)

#### **Annotation**

Document ESCAP/CSD/2022/3 provides an overview of trends in population ageing and the situation of older persons in Asia and the Pacific. Emerging issues affecting older persons, such as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, environmental degradation, including climate change, and digital technologies are reviewed. The document contains a summary of the findings and recommendations of national voluntary surveys on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, and stakeholder consultations held in preparation for the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver succinct statements underlining progress made towards the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action in Asia and the Pacific, as well as additional actions required to accelerate implementation for building societies for all ages. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on implementing the outcome document of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal (ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.3/2022/3/Add.1).

**5. Review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific**

**Documentation**

Review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD/2022/4)

**Annotation**

Document ESCAP/CSD/2022/4 contains a review of progress in implementing the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific. It provides a summary of key findings of the responses to the national surveys, which were conducted to capture the status of disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific, with a view to informing the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022.

Members and associate members are encouraged to deliver succinct statements highlighting the progress made towards the implementation of the Incheon Strategy, including measures taken to strengthen disability-inclusive development. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on advancing regional efforts in promoting disability rights and inclusion.

**6. Other matters**

The Committee may wish to consider any other matters brought to its attention.

**7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session**

**Documentation**

Draft report (ESCAP/CSD/2022/L.2)

**Annotation**

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its seventh session for submission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-ninth session.

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