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Annotated provisional agenda

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

I. Provisional agenda

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 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific:
 - (a) Review of social development issues and challenges in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (b) Consideration of building institutional capacity and adopting innovative approaches to strengthen the social dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Consideration of regional trends regarding the transition from school to work.
4. Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme.
5. Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session.
8. Closing of the session.

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

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

(b) Election of officers

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

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CSD(4)/L.1)

Annotation

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

2. Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific

(a) Review of social development issues and challenges in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals

Documentation

Challenges in implementing the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (E/ESCAP/CSD(4)/1)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a background document that provides an overview of key social development issues and challenges in the Asian and Pacific region, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, which were recently adopted by the General Assembly. The document will focus on priority issues where progress has been slow, including health, gender equality and the integration of vulnerable groups, with specific consideration of challenges facing countries with special needs.

Delegations will be expected to deliver short and succinct country statements highlighting national challenges with regard to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. The outcomes of the deliberations are intended to increase understanding of country needs, especially with regard to the most excluded segments of society.

(b) **Consideration of building institutional capacity and adopting innovative approaches to strengthen the social dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals**

Documentation

Innovative approaches and modalities to enhance the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (E/ESCAP/CSD(4)/2)

Annotation

The document will propose a set of innovative actions to be taken by countries in the region to effectively address the Sustainable Development Goals related directly to social development, including gender equality, and the support that could be provided by ESCAP in this regard, including through strengthening institutions and the promotion of South-South cooperation. Taking into consideration the complex interlinkages among the social, economic and environmental dimensions, the document will also propose multisectoral development strategies so as to address the Sustainable Development Goals in a holistic manner.

Delegations will be expected to deliver short and succinct country statements highlighting national perspectives on preparedness to address the Sustainable Development Goals through comprehensive policies and frameworks, and strengthening the social dimension of sustainable development, including its gender dimension. The outcomes of the deliberations are intended to provide policy recommendations on how to most effectively integrate the social dimension with the economic and environmental dimensions in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

3. Consideration of regional trends regarding the transition from school to work

Documentation

Regional trends regarding education and employment, particularly the challenges arising from the transition from school to work (E/ESCAP/CSD(4)/3)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a background document that provides an overview of key trends and challenges in the Asian and Pacific region, with regard to Goals 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) and 8 (Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all), particularly focusing on education and first-time entry into the labour market.

Delegations will be expected to deliver short and succinct country statements highlighting national experiences in addressing Goals 4 and 8, with a focus on ensuring smooth transitions from school to work. The outcome of the deliberations is intended to provide policy recommendations on the means of strengthening education systems and labour market policies as part of advancing progress towards achieving the related Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to provide guidance on the work of the subprogramme and the focus of the short- and longer term work of the secretariat in the area of social development, taking into account the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues relating to social development for the consideration of the Commission at its seventy-second session, to be held in 2016.

6. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to consider any other matters brought to its attention.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/CSD(4)/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will be invited to consider the draft report of the Committee's fourth session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session, in 2016.

8. Closing of the session

Closing statements will be delivered.
