

# DETAILED GUIDE TO PARTICIPATION BY AGENDA ITEM

## Seventh Session of the Committee on Social Development 6-8 September 2022

This guide includes information to assist delegates attending the meeting with their preparations and to help facilitate their participation under each agenda item.

### Interventions by ESCAP member States, associate members, Permanent Observers and Other United Nations Observers, Intergovernmental Organizations, United Nations entities and stakeholders

The Committee will consider substantive and related procedural issues brought to it for action under agenda item 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the annotated provisional agenda. Country interventions focused on the substantive issues for consideration under these agenda items are welcome. Country statements shared for general information should be submitted in writing for uploading on the meeting website.

For the session to proceed as smoothly as possible, given time constraints, it is requested that interventions should be brief (3 minutes) and focus on the substantive agenda items only and directly address the specific issues for discussion.

To participate in deliberations, delegates are requested to complete the speaker request form:

Part I: KUDO virtually, delegates are requested to complete the speaker request form to identify which online delegates will have a speaking role during the session. The speaker list should be submitted to [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org) as soon as possible and no later than Monday, 15 August 2022. The secretariat will send a link to the KUDO session only to those accounts identified on the form. Please note that the KUDO link is not transferable.

Part II: Delegations wishing to deliver their country statement under agenda item agenda item 2, 3, 4 and 5, are kindly requested to inscribe on the speakers list as soon as possible but no later than Monday, 15 August 2022, using the speaker request form. Delegations attending in person may request to speak by raising their flag or informing the presiding conference room officers.

Delegations are also encouraged to provide statements to the secretariat prior to delivery in electronic format. Statements will be used to facilitate interpretation and drafting of the report of the Meeting. Statements will be posted to the meeting website after delivery unless requested otherwise.

### Agenda item 1: Opening of the session

#### Supporting document:

##### 1. Annotated Provisional Agenda (ESCAP/CSD/2022/L.1)

Agenda item 1 of the provisional agenda includes (a) opening statements; (b) election of officers; and (c) adoption of the agenda.

The session will be opened at 10:00 a.m. Bangkok time (GMT+7) by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP.

This will be followed by the election of officers of the seventh session.

Following the election of officers, the Chair of the seventh session will present the provisional agenda of the session before the Committee for adoption.

## **Agenda item 2: Strategies for building a healthy, protected and productive workforce in Asia-Pacific**

**Supporting document:**

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

Agenda item 2 of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation, highlighting the findings in the document ESCAP/CSD/2022/1. A keynote presentation will then follow, covering issues related to the focus of the ESCAP flagship publication *The Workforce We Need: Social Outlook in Asia and the Pacific 2022*.

The Chair will then open the floor for country statements highlighting national experiences and policies that have contributed to build a more healthy, protected and productive workforce. 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.

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

**Supporting document:**

- 1. Regional actions to support the implementation of the Action Plan on social protection (ESCAP/CSD/2022/2)**

Agenda item 3 of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation, highlighting the findings in the document ESCAP/CSD/2022/2. The panel discussion, *National Initiatives to Implement the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific*, will then follow to share country experiences and efforts to enhance institutional coordination and delivery mechanisms, as well as key bottlenecks to further strengthening social protection systems.

Following the panel discussion, the Chair will open the floor for country statements highlighting progress made in moving towards more inclusive and comprehensive social protection systems as well as measures taken to implement the Action Plan on Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific. The Committee is invited to take note of the regional measures discussed in the document ESCAP/CSD/2022/2, propose how action can be accelerated at the national level, and provide guidance on the future programme of work of the secretariat on social protection.

## **Agenda item 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**

**Supporting document:**

- 1. Review of progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CSD/2022/3)**

**2. 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)**

Agenda item 4 of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat, followed by a panel discussion of levels and trends in population ageing, the situation of older persons, the status of implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, and follow-up to the recently held Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing (ESCAP/CSD/2022/3).

Following the discussion, the Chair will open the floor for statements assessing progress made in implementing the Madrid Plan of Action in Asia and the Pacific, including actions required to build societies for all ages. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on implementing the outcome document of the Fourth Regional Review and Appraisal in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/MIPAA/IGM.3/2022/3/Add.1).

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

### **Supporting document:**

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

Agenda item 5 of the provisional agenda will start with a presentation by the secretariat on a review of progress in implementing the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific and the preparations for the High-level Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022), which will be hosted by the Government of Indonesia in Jakarta and online from 19 to 21 October 2022.

Following the presentation by the secretariat, the Chair will open the floor for statements highlighting the progress made toward 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.

## **Agenda item 6: Other matters**

Agenda item 6 of the provisional agenda provides the opportunity for members and associate members to raise other matters not covered under the items above.

Members or associate members wishing to raise other matters may request the floor using the online chat function.

## **Agenda item 7: Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session**

### **Supporting document:**

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

Under agenda item 7, the Committee will consider and adopt the report of its seventh session. In light of the streamlined proceedings of the Committee in this session, the report of the Committee will only focus on the matters calling for action by the Commission.

Following the adoption of the report, a closing statement will be delivered by the secretariat. The Chair may also deliver a closing statement before formally closing the session.