

Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)

Priority Theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls

8 February 2023 from 9.30 – 16.00 Hours

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(both days, Thailand Standard Time)**

ESCAP Conference Room 3, Bangkok, Thailand

Programme

DAY 1: 8 February 2023 9:30 Hrs – 16:00 Hrs. (Thailand Standard Time)

Time	Details
09:10-09:30	Log-in for on-line participants
Opening of the Meeting	
09:30-09:35 (5 min)	Welcome and overview of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jessica Murphy, Associate Social Affairs Officer, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP (in-person)
09:35-10:00 (25 min)	Opening Remarks (5 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Cai Cai, Officer in Charge, Social Development Division, ESCAP (in-person) Ms. Sarah Knibbs, Regional Director a.i., UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific Representative of Civil Society Organizations (TBD)
Session One: Ensuring meaningful connectivity to close the gender digital divide and promoting gender transformative technology design, development and deployment	
10:00-10:45 (45 min)	Panel Session 1 Discussion Introductory speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anju Mangal, Head of Asia Pacific, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership (online) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (online) Panellists:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Jack, Deputy Chief Information Officer, OGCI, Vanuatu Government (online) Ms. Aisha Humera Chaudhary, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology, and Telecommunication Pakistan (online) Dr. Genius Umar, Mayor of Pariaman City, West Sumatera, Indonesia (online)
10:45-11:15 (30 min)	BREAK
11:15-12:00 (45 min)	Moderated Plenary Discussions Session 1 Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Koh Miyaoi, Asia-Pacific Gender Advisor and Gender Team Leader, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau (in-person)
12:00-14:00 (2 hrs)	LUNCH BREAK <i>Log-in for on-line participants (13:50 Hrs)</i>
Session Two: Fostering inclusive education in the digital age and promoting women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and careers	
14:00-14:45 (45 min)	Panel Discussion Session 2 14.00 -14.05: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome panel: Upala Devi, Regional Gender Advisor, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office Introductory speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Veronica Kamanga Njikh, Regional Gender Advisor, UNICEF South Asia Regional Office (in-person) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shreyasi Jha, UNICEF Regional Office for East Asia and the Pacific (in-person) Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Khwanchanok Paka-Akaralerdkul (JiaJia), High school student, Member, UNICEF's Young People's Action Team (YPAT) (in-person) Ms. Yosephine Stella, Digital Sexuality Educator, DSE Asia-Pacific Community (in-person) Ms. Shubha Sarma, Women and Child Development (WCD) commissioner cum Secretary, Government of Orissa, India (online) Ms. Aiesha Adnan, Co-Founder, Women in Tech Maldives (online)
14:45-15:00 (15min)	BREAK
15:00-15:45 (45 min)	Moderated Plenary Discussions Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shreyasi Jha, UNICEF Regional Office for East Asia and the Pacific (In-person)
15:45-16:00 (15 min)	Wrap up on Day 1, expectations for Day 2
16:00	END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: 9 February 2023 9:30 Hrs – 16:30 Hrs. (Thailand Standard Time)

Time	Details
09:10-09:30	Log-in for on-line participants
Session Three: Implementing economic, labour and social policies that ensure women are not left behind in the digital age and leveraging financing for inclusive digital development and gender transformative innovation	
09:30-10:15 (45 min)	<p>Panel Discussion Session 3</p> <p>Introductory speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Leota Laki Lamositele, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, Samoa (online) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Channe Lindstrøm Oguzhan, Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP (in-person) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Nazeem Hassan Satter, General Manager, Small and Medium Enterprise Foundation, Bangladesh (online) Ms. Carolyn Chin-Parry, Digital Innovation Leader, PwC Singapore (in-person) Ms. Aurora Geotina-Garcia, President, Mageo Consulting Inc., Philippines (online) Ms. Sarai Tevita, President of Samoa Information Technology Association and ICT Director for National University of Samoa (online) <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Trinh Thi Huong, Deputy Director General, Agency for Enterprise Development, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam (online)
10:15-11:00 (45 min)	Moderated Plenary Discussions Session 3
11:00-11:30 (30 min)	BREAK
Session Four: Addressing online and technology-facilitated gender-based violence and discrimination and protecting the rights of women and girls online	
11:30-12:15 (45 min)	<p>Panel Discussion Session 4</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Melissa Alvarado, Programme Manager at Ending Violence against Women, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Julie Inman Grant, Australia eSafety Commissioner (online) Mr. Towhidul Islam, Special Superintendent of Police, Cyber Crime and Operations Branch, Bangladesh (online) Ms. Nighat Dad, Executive Director at Digital Rights Foundation (online) Ms. Dhyta Caturani, Founder, Purple Code Collective (online)
12:15-13:00 (45 min)	<p>Moderated Plenary Discussions Session 4</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Galanne Deressa, Regional Programme Adviser a.i., UNFPA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>

13:00-14:30 (1.5 hrs)	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Log-in for on-line participants (14:15 Hrs.)</p>
Session Five: Review of recommendations and closing of consultations	
14:30-15:00 (30 min)	<p>Review of the recommendations by session</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: Ms. Koh Miyaoi, Asia-Pacific Gender Advisor and Gender Team Leader, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau • Session 2: Ms. Upala Devi, Regional Gender Advisor, UNFPA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Session 3: Ms. Channe Lindstrøm Oguzhan, Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP • Session 4: Ms. Melissa Alvarado, Programme Manager at Ending Violence against Women, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
15:00-16:15 (75 min)	<p>Plenary contributions to the recommendations (each intervention should not exceed 2 mins)</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cai Cai, Officer in Charge, Social Development Division, ESCAP • Ms. Sarah Knibbs, Regional Director a.i., UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
16:15-16:30 (15 min)	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cai Cai, Officer in Charge, Social Development Division, ESCAP • Ms. Sarah Knibbs, Regional Director a.i., UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">END OF CONSULTATIONS</p>