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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Second Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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10. Closing of the Session.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Second Session of the Working Group

The Session will be opened by the ESCAP secretariat.

A senior representative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, will deliver a welcome statement.

2. Election of officers

The Session will elect a chair and two vice-chairs.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (SDD/APDPD (3)/WG (2)/L.1)

Annotation

The Session will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to changes deemed necessary.

4. Review of the implementation of decisions and recommendations emanating from the First Session of the Working Group

Documentation

Report on the First Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea, 25-26 February 2014 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/5)

Proposal of the General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/4/Rev.1)

Draft Operational Guide on Disability-inclusive Meetings (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/2)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will review the implementation of decisions and recommendations emanating from the First Session of the Working Group, and will be informed on the final proposal by the General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. The Session will also review the draft Operational Guide on Disability-inclusive Meetings.

The First Session of the Working Group adopted two documents, namely the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group and the road map for the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. The Session also made three major decisions and 11 recommendations regarding function of the Working Group and the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. One of the decisions is to discuss at the present Session disability inclusion in the post-2015 development agenda, specifically through the work of the General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. A recommendation was also made for the ESCAP secretariat to produce an operational guide to ensure inclusive

participation of persons with disabilities in international meetings and to help any host governments of upcoming Working Group sessions to effectively organize and manage the sessions.

As a basis for its deliberations under this agenda item, the Session will have before it the secretariat's report on the First Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, Incheon, Republic of Korea, 25-26 February 2014 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/5), the Proposal of the General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/4/Rev.1) as well as the final draft of the Operational Guide on Disability-inclusive Meetings (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/2). The draft Operational Guide contains practical information considered helpful for planning, organizing and conducting international meetings, including Working Group sessions, to make them fully accessible for persons with disabilities in every aspect of their participation.

To facilitate discussions under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the above-mentioned documents with highlights of ESCAP action on the decisions and recommendations made by the First Session of the Working Group as well as the expected process towards the final adoption of the proposed sustainable development goals.

Working Group members are invited to comment on the presentations and review the draft Operational Guide. The outcome of deliberations will be reflected in the report on the Session, and the Operational Guide will be published after the Session.

5. Review of progress in the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

Documentation

Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities by Members of the Working Group, 2013-2014 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/1/Rev.1)

Road map for the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/6)

Report of the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, Bangkok, 17-20 November 2014 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/7)

Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/8)

Report on the ESCAP South-South Cooperation Programme on Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/9)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will review and discuss progress made in implementing the Incheon Strategy and the road map in the first two

years of the Decade, particularly by members of the Working Group and the ESCAP secretariat.

The First Session of the Working Group recommended that every Working Group member should prepare a structured and concise report on the Incheon Strategy implementation for the first two years of the Decade, using a standard format provided by the ESCAP secretariat. It was also decided that the secretariat should upload all reports received on the website of the Second Session together with an analysis of the reports.

In accordance with this recommendation, the ESCAP secretariat prepared two reporting templates to be used by Governments and civil society organizations (CSOs). The templates were aligned with the relevant actions outlined in the ESCAP road map for the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. They were distributed to all Working Group members as an attachment to the invitation letters for the Second Session sent out on 24 November 2014.

As a basis for its deliberations under this agenda item, the Session will have before it the secretariat's summary report based on the reports received from the Working Group members (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/1/Rev.1) and four other information documents which provide information on the road map and its implementation by the ESCAP secretariat.

To facilitate discussion under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the above-mentioned documents and its activities carried out in 2014.

Working Group members are invited to express their views and to share national and subregional experiences and lessons learned, including good practices. The Session, furthermore, is invited to exchange views on how to engage members States that are not members of the Working Group, and other stakeholders to promote the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and the road map.

The outcome of deliberations will be reflected in the report on the Session.

6. Consideration of preparations for the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities in 2017

Documentation

ESCAP resolution 69/13: Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/10)

Road map for the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/6)

Annotation

The agenda item arises from Commission resolution 69/13 of 1 May 2013 that decided to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review the

progress made during the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, at the midpoint of the Decade in 2017.

Under this agenda item, the Session will discuss the preparatory process for the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities in light of the road map for the implementation of the Incheon Strategy. Moreover, the Session will welcome any proposal from Working Group members for hosting the inter-governmental meeting for the midpoint review of the Decade in 2017.

As a basis for its deliberations under this agenda item, the Session will have before it the ESCAP road map for the implementation of the Incheon Strategy as endorsed by the Commission at its 70th session in 2014 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(2)/INF/6).

To facilitate discussion under this agenda item, the secretariat will make a presentation highlighting relevant actions in the course of preparations for the midpoint review of the Decade in 2017.

Working Group members are invited to exchange views and provide guidance to the secretariat in its preparations for the midpoint review.

7. Review of resource mobilization for Decade progress

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will review the status of resource mobilization for the Decade implementation. The ESCAP secretariat and the representative of the Government of the Republic of Korea will update Working Group members on resource mobilization for the ESCAP Multi-donor Trust Fund, and the Make the Right Real Fund established in the Republic of Korea, to support the successful implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Incheon Strategy. Working Group members may wish to make suggestions on how to strengthen fundraising for the Funds.

8. Discussion on the date and venue of the next regular session

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Session will welcome any proposal from Working Group members for hosting the Third Session of the Working Group in 2016, and discuss possible date and venue of the Third Session. The Session will also discuss inter-sessional networking arrangements.

9. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Session will discuss any other matters raised by Working Group members.

10. Closing of the session

Closing statements will be delivered.
