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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Assessment of Progress against Commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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5. Consideration of measures to promote multisectoral cooperation and build national capacity in addressing policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.
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7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closing of the Meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Meeting

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

2. Election of officers

The Meeting will elect a chair, two vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.1/L.1)

The Meeting will adopt the agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

4. Review of regional implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals and efforts to ensure universal access, including regional follow-up to the outcome of the 2011 General Assembly High-level Meeting on AIDS

Documentation

Overview of regional implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals and efforts to ensure universal access in Asia and the Pacific, including regional follow-up to the outcome of the 2011 General Assembly High-level Meeting on AIDS (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.1/1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals and related efforts to ensure universal access to prevention, care, treatment and support for people living with HIV.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it a secretariat document that outlines progress and identifies the gaps and challenges confronting the Asia-Pacific region in achieving universal access. The document will also highlight the key new targets appearing in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV/AIDS (General Assembly resolution 65/277, annex), which was adopted by Heads of State and Government and representatives of States and Governments at the General Assembly High-level Meeting on AIDS, held from 8 to 10 June 2011, including commitments “to redouble efforts to achieve, by 2015, universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support” and “to intensify national efforts to create enabling legal, social and policy frameworks in each national context in order to eliminate stigma, discrimination and violence related to HIV and promote access to

HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and non-discriminatory access to education, health care, employment and social services.”

The Meeting may wish to review national experiences and lessons learned, including good practices in the above-mentioned areas. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of priorities to enhance national and regional action to achieve universal access to prevention, care, treatment and support in the Asia-Pacific region for people living with HIV.

5. Consideration of measures to promote multisectoral cooperation and build national capacity in addressing policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support

Documentation

Overview of good practices in promoting multisectoral cooperation and enhancing national capacity in addressing policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia-Pacific region (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.1/2)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review national approaches and good practices in addressing policy and legal barriers that impede effective HIV responses, including measures to promote cooperation among key sectors, including justice, law and order, drug control, health and social welfare.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it a secretariat document highlighting good practices in addressing policy and legal barriers that hinder universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the region, particularly for key affected populations. The document will also outline areas in which legislation and other measures should be strengthened to address stigma, discrimination, social exclusion and gender-based violence, and in which meaningful partnerships should be promoted with all key stakeholders, including people living with HIV and key affected populations. In that regard, areas identified by the Asia-Pacific Regional Dialogue of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, which was jointly organized by the United Nations Development Programme, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, ESCAP and the Secretariat of the Global Commission (Bangkok, February 2011), will also be considered.

Meeting participants may wish to exchange information, experiences and lessons learned as a basis for regional cooperation and to enhance national efforts in the above-mentioned areas. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of measures to strengthen regional cooperation in order to enhance enabling legal, social and policy frameworks designed to address stigma, discrimination, social exclusion and gender-based violence related to HIV.

6. Promotion of regional cooperation to accelerate the implementation of the internationally agreed commitments to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Accelerating regional implementation of the internationally agreed commitments to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.1/3)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the internationally agreed commitments made to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support with a view to reaching consensus on a set of recommendations to assist Governments in intensifying their national efforts and to support periodic, inclusive reviews of national efforts and progress made in the region to combat HIV, as called for in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV/AIDS.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will have before it a secretariat document that provides an overview of the internationally agreed commitments on HIV/AIDS, including the commitment to encourage and support exchanges among countries of information, research, evidence and experiences for implementing the measures and commitments contained in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV/AIDS.

The Meeting may wish to consider and identify key areas for regional cooperation that would contribute to the further realization of the internationally agreed goals and targets related to HIV by countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to take the form of a set of recommendations for regional action.

7. Adoption of the report

Documentation

Draft report of the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Assessment of Progress against Commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.1/L.2)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider and adopt its report.

8. Closing of the Meeting
