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 Commission on the Status of Women: Transformative financing for the  
 achievement of the gender equality by 2030**

**18 and 19 February 2016  
 United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 18 February 2016 - Day 1 (Meeting Room A)**

Time	Session
08:00-08:30	Registration
<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>	
08:30-08:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening statements by:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Ms Laura Lopez, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> <li>(b) Ms Caitlin Wiesen, Chief, Regional Programme and Policy Support, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub</li> <li>(c) Ms Roberta Clarke, Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: Setting the Stage</b>	
08:50-09:05	Overview of the Seminar Programme (Ms. Yamini Mishra, GRB Specialist, UN Women)
<b>Session 2: Financing the 2030 Agenda</b> Chair: Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP	
09:05-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the Asia-Pacific macroeconomic context <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Anuradha Rajivan, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Financing the 2030 Agenda <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Michaela Prokop, SDGs Programme Advisor, UNDP</li> <li>• Critical Reflections on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Marina Durano, Senior Program Officer, Women’s Rights Program, Open Society Foundations</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:30-10:50	<b>Group Photo and Coffee Break</b>

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	<p><b>Session 3: Transparency, accountability and participation: fundamentals of financing</b></p> <p>Chair: Mr. A.H. Monjurul Kabir, Head, Asia and the Pacific Section, UN Women Headquarters</p>
10:50-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency in budgets: Open Budget Index <i>Speaker:</i> Mr Ravi Duggal, Country Coordinator / Senior Program Officer, International Budget Partnership</li> <li>• Integrating gender in participatory budgeting processes: The experience of gender responsive participatory budgeting in Penang, Malaysia <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Cecilia Ng, Director, Penang Women’s Development Corporation, Malaysia</li> <li>• The role of International Financial Institutions in promoting accountability for gender equality and women’s empowerment <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor (Gender Equity), Asian Development Bank (<i>via videolink</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:30-13:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
	<p><b>Session 4: Expenditure for gender equality</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Hannie Meesters, Programme Specialist, SDGs, UNDP</p>
13:30-14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenditures on gender equality and women’s empowerment reflected through Gender Budget Statements/Reports <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Yamini Mishra, GRB Specialist, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>• Funding of women’s organizations <i>Speaker:</i> Ms. Nerea Craviotto, Resourcing Women’s Rights Lead Advocacy Coordinator, Association for Women’s Rights in Development (<i>via videolink</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
14:45-15:00	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
	<p><b>Session 5: Official Development Assistance: key trends, challenges and opportunities</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</p>
15:00-16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel comprised of representatives of bilateral donor agencies <i>Panellist:</i> Ms Helen McDermott, Assistant Director of the Gender Equality Section, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>Panellist:</i> Ms. Anne-Charlotte Malm, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden, Bangkok</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
16:15-16:45	<p><b>Reflections from participants on Sessions 2 to 5</b></p> <p>Chair: Mrs. Oyuntsetseg Oidov, Advisor, National Committee on Gender Equality, Mongolia</p>
16:45-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up</li> </ul>

**Friday, 19 February 2016 - Day 2 (Meeting Room A)**

Time	Session
<p><b>Session 6: Gender, taxation and climate financing</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms Sarah Knibbs, Deputy Representative, UN Women Cambodia</p>	
09:00-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender and taxation <i>Speaker:</i> Professor Kathleen Lahey, Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Canada</li> <li>• Applying gender budgeting frameworks to climate financing <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Lekha Chakraborty, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:15-10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<p><b>Session 7: Private sector financing for gender equality</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Koh Miyaoi, Regional Gender Advisor, UNDP</p>	
10:30-11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trends in private sector financing: Watering the leaves, Starving the roots <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Nishtha Satyam, Head, Monitoring &amp; Evaluation and Partnerships, UN Women India Multi-Country Office</li> <li>• Partnering for success <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Georgette Tan, Group Head Communications, Mastercard Asia-Pacific</li> <li>• Delivering development justice? Private financing and PPP <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Kate Lappin, Regional Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
11:45-13:00	<b>Lunch</b>

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<p><b>Session 8: Regional integration and gender equality – challenges and opportunities</b>  Chair: Mr. Francisco Cos Montiel, Policy Advisor WEE, UN Women</p>	
13:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN economic integration and women’s empowerment <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Shreyasi Jha, Research Fellow, WSD HANDA Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Stanford University</li> <li>• Regional co-operation for financing for development <i>Speaker:</i> Ms Yumiko Yamamoto, Policy Specialist, Inclusive Growth, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub</li> <li>• Trade and gender equality <i>Speaker:</i> Mr Rajan Ratna, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
14:30-14:50	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>Session 9: Identification of common strategies and ways forward</b>  Chair: Ms. Brigitte Leduc, Gender Equality Adviser, Pacific Community</p>	
14:50-16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women’s Major Group statement (represented by Ms. Kate Lappin, Regional Coordinator, APWLD)</li> <li>• Presentation of the recommendations (Sessions 2 to 8) by Ms Yamini Mishra, GRB Specialist, UN Women</li> <li>• Reflection on recommendations</li> <li>• Wrap up</li> </ul>
<p><b>Closing of the Meeting</b></p>	
16:15-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Ms Laura Lopez, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> <li>(b) Ms Caitlin Wiesen, Director and Chief Regional Policy and Programme for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP</li> <li>(c) Ms Roberta Clarke, Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ol> </li> </ul>