

**Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Sixty-Eighth Session
of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68)**

Priority Theme: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective

6 February 2024 from 9:30-15:30 Hours

7 February 2024 from 9:00-15:30 Hours

(Thailand Standard Time)

United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 3, Bangkok, Thailand

DAY 1: 6 February 2024 9:30 Hrs – 15:30 Hrs. (Thailand Standard Time)

Time	Details
9:10-9:30	Log-in for online participants Registration for in-person participants
Opening of the Meeting	
9:30-9:35 (5 min)	Welcome and overview of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jessica Murphy, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP
9:35-10:10 (35 min)	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lin Yang, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme, ESCAP Ms. Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific Ms. Khay Ann Borlado, Deputy Executive Director, Philippine Commission on Women CSO representative <i>Group photo</i>
10:10-10:40 (30 min)	COFFEE BREAK
Session 1: <i>Developing economic and social policies to address gendered poverty</i>	
10:40- 12:30 (1hr 50 min)	Session 1: Panel discussion (50 min) Moderator:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP <p>Introductory speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Taylor Hana, Associate Director of Development Analysis, Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures (online) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Khishigbayar Amarsaikhan, Director General of the Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Government of Mongolia (online) Mr. Kamal Chetty, Chief Executive Officer, Investment Fiji, Government of Fiji (online) Mr. Nam Nguyen, Climate Advisor and CEO, KLINOVA Climate Innovation Consulting & Services, Viet Nam Ms. Pramila Rijal, President, South Asia Women Development Forum, Nepal <p>Plenary Discussions (60 min)</p>
<p>12:30-14:00 (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>
<p>Session 2: <i>Fiscal Space and Mobilizing Financing for Strategies to End Women's Poverty</i></p>	
<p>14:00-15:30 (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p>Session 2: Panel Discussion (50 min)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam, Director, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, Malaysia <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Joselito Basilio, Principal Economist, Department of Budget and Management, Government of the Philippines Ms. Dakshita Das, Board member of National Stock Exchange Indices & SMFG India Credit Co.Ltd. and former Additional Secretary, Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (online) Ms. Yumiko Yamamoto, Associate Professor of Economics, Okayama University, Japan (online) Ms. Radhika Lal, SDG Finance Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <p>Plenary Discussions (40 min)</p>
<p>15:30</p>	<p>END OF DAY 1</p>

DAY 2: 7 February 2024 9:00-15:30 Hrs. (Thailand Standard Time)

Time	Details
8:40-9:00	Log-in for online participants
9:00-9:10 (10 min)	<p>Welcome and overview of agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jessica Murphy, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP
Session 3: <i>New development strategies: Towards Caring, Green Economies</i>	
9:10-10:40 (1 hr 30 min)	<p>Session 3: Panel Discussion (50 min)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maria Holtsberg, Humanitarian, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Portfolio Lead, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lok Nath Bhusal, Program Director, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal Ms. Sayema Haque Bidisha, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka (online) Ms. Olga Djanaeva, ALGA Rural Women's NGO, Kyrgyzstan Ms. Zonibel Woods, Senior Social Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank (online) <p>Plenary Discussions (40 min)</p>
10:40-11:10 (30 min)	COFFEE BREAK
11:10-12:00 (50 min)	<p>Session 4: Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action +30 Review: Presentation and overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Channe Lindstrøm Oguzhan, Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP Ms. Catarina Carvalho, Chief, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women (online)
12:00--13:30 (1.5 h)	LUNCH BREAK
13:30-15:10 (1 hr 40 min)	<p>Session 5: Review of suggested actions by session (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP Mr. Jamshed M. Kazi, Country Representative and Liaison to ASEAN, UN Women Indonesia

	Plenary contributions to suggested actions (70 min)
15:10-15:30 (20 min)	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP● Ms. Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
15:30	END OF CONSULTATIONS