
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture
Governing Council

Twelfth session
Bangkok, 19 February 2016

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Governing Council of the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

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* Reissued for technical reasons on 31 December 2015.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

Documentation

Tentative programme (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/INF/2)

Annotation

The detailed programme for the opening of the session will be made available after it has been finalized.

2. Election of officers

Documentation

List of participants (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/INF/1)

Annotation

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the revised statute of the Centre (see resolution 65/4, annex, of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)), the Governing Council will elect a chair and vice-chair, who will hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/1/Rev.1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Council, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

4. Activities and accomplishments of the Centre since the eleventh session of the Governing Council

Documentation

Report to the Governing Council on the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2)

Annotation

Based on the report, the Head of the Centre will present an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Centre since the eleventh session of the Council, for its review and guidance. The report contains, inter alia, information on the progress and achievements in implementing two extrabudgetary projects, namely (a) the Network for Knowledge Transfer on Sustainable Agricultural Technologies and Improved Market Linkages in South and Southeast Asia (SATNET Asia) and (b) the Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar.

5. Administrative and financial status of the Centre

Documentation

Report to the Governing Council on the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2)

Annotation

The report contains an overview of the administrative and financial situation of the Centre in 2015, including details of in-kind and cash contributions by member States and the host Government, and the status of the Centre's accounts. The Council may wish to review the administrative and financial status of the Centre and provide guidance on the matter.

6. Proposed focus of work of the Centre in 2016

Documentation

Report to the Governing Council on the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2)

Annotation

The report provides information on the overall outlook and highlights of the workplan for 2016, for review and guidance by the Council.

To facilitate the deliberation on agenda items 4, 5 and 6, a round-table discussion will be held. Based on the discussion, the Council may wish to endorse the workplan of the Centre, contained in document E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2.

7. Review and revision of the statute of the Centre

Documentation

Draft proposal on the revision of the statute of the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/3)

Annotation

In Commission resolution 71/1, it was requested that each Governing Council of the regional institutions, at its next session, to consider the statute of said regional institution to incorporate the following changes and to submit the revised statute for the endorsement of the Commission at its seventy-second session:

(a) Abolish the technical committees of the regional institutions that have them;

(b) Ensure that the members of the Governing Councils are represented by the relevant line ministries;

(c) Consider that the regional institutions will be primarily funded by extrabudgetary resources;

(d) Ensure that regional institutions develop their capacities to assist member States in an efficient and effective manner;

(e) Encourage all members and associate members of ESCAP to make the necessary regular annual contributions, on a voluntary basis, which is essential to the operation of the regional institutions.

The Council is invited to review the draft proposal on the revision of the statute of the Centre and to provide guidance on the subsequent process.

8. Date and venue of the next session of the Governing Council

The Council may wish to propose the date and venue of its thirteenth session.

9. Other matters

The Head of the Centre will inform the Council about the seventy-second session of the Commission, to be held in Bangkok from 15 to 19 May 2016. The Council may also wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

10. Adoption of the report

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/4)

Annotation

Document E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/4 contains the draft report of the Council, which features key decisions and recommendations to be submitted to the Commission at its seventy-second session for consideration.

The Council may wish to consider and endorse the report on its twelfth session.
