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**PROGRAMME PLANNING: TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS,
APRIL 1998-MARCH 1999**

Note by the secretariat

1. The tentative calendar of meetings for the year 1998/99, covering the period April 1998-March 1999, has been prepared on the basis of the programme of work, 1998-1999, as endorsed by the Commission at its fifty-third session. It is now submitted for the review of the Commission.
2. The 1998/99 calendar lists only meetings for which sources of funding for implementation have been identified. Such sources of funding are indicated in the last column under the heading "Participation financed by".
3. In accordance with Commission resolution 53/1 of 30 April 1997 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, the following legislative meetings have been scheduled for the meeting calendar year 1998/99:

Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries

Fifth session

Bangkok, 14-15 April 1998

Commission

Fifty-fourth session

Bangkok, 16-22 April 1998

Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas

First session

Bangkok, 15-17 September 1998

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Steering Group of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation
Tenth meeting
Bangkok, September 1998 (3 days)

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development
First session
Bangkok, 21-23 October 1998

Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development
First session
Bangkok, 18-20 November 1998

Committee on Statistics
Eleventh session
Bangkok, 24-26 November 1998

Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation
Seventh session
Bangkok, 10-12 March 1999

4. Since the number of meetings in the category "Other group activities" are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, more meetings can be added to the calendar at a later stage. Similarly, for various reasons, such as the availability of funds and services and the ability to accommodate the schedule, some of the meetings planned to be held abroad may have to be shifted to Bangkok. The calendar is updated regularly and the revised version will be distributed periodically to members and associate members and specialized agencies.
5. The table preceding the calendar of meetings shows the number of proposed meetings for 1998/99 as compared with the number of meetings actually convened since the meeting calendar year 1980/81, by categories established under the conference structure of ESCAP.
6. The Commission may wish to give its views on the meeting calendar as a whole, or on any specific aspect of it.

ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
ASPAT	Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair
BIMST-EC	Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri Lanka-Thailand Economic Cooperation
CCA	Christian Conference of Asia
GIS	geographic information systems
GTZ	German Agency for Technical Cooperation
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
IMO	International Maritime Organization
NASDA	National Space Development Agency of Japan
NGOs	non-governmental organizations
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
POPIN	Population Information Network
RCCAP	Regional Collective Consultation of Youth NGOs in Asia and the Pacific
RESTEC	Remote Sensing Technology Centre of Japan
RICAP	Regional Inter-agency Committee for Asia and the Pacific
SIAP	Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific
SNA	System of National Accounts
TCDC	technical cooperation among developing countries
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund

NUMBER OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY ESCAP SINCE 1980, BY CATEGORY

Commission year	Legislative bodies	Ad hoc conferences	Ad hoc intergovernmental meetings	Major regional projects and institutions	Other group activities	ACPR	Total
1980/81	5	1	8	23	119	11	167
1981/82	5	-	10	24	115	9	163
1982/83	7	-	13	21	105	9	155
1983/84	6	-	15	13	111	8	153
1984/85	5	1	14	13	94	11	138
1985/86	7	1	4	15	137	11	175
1986/87	6	-	6	9	151	10	182
1987/88	6	1	2	10	136	10	165
1988/89	3	-	2	8	195	10	218
1989/90	4	-	2	8	184	9	207
1990/91	4	-	4	9	206	10	233
1991/92	1	1	11	5	238	10	266
1992/93	5	-	10	5	177	10	207
1993/94	9	-	4	6	151	11	181
1994/95	6	-	3	9	206	10	234
1995/96	7	1	-	8	237	9	262
1996/97	7	1	4	4	207	21 ^a	244
1997/98 ^b	5	2	3	1	169	17 ^c	197
1998/99 ^d	8	-	5	1	127	12 ^e	153 ^f

^a Consisting of 10 regular sessions (203rd-212th), 1 special session and 10 informal meetings.

^b Indicating those meetings held in 1997 and scheduled up to March 1998.

^c Consisting of 12 regular sessions (213th-224th) and 5 informal meetings.

^d Representing meeting proposals for meeting calendar year April 1998-March 1999.

^e Estimated.

^f Estimated at the time of compilation of the calendar. However, the number will increase when funding for additional meetings becomes available.

TENTATIVE ESCAP CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, 1998/99

(April 1998-March 1999)

Meeting category ^a	Title of meeting	Date or duration	Venue	Language ^b	Participation financed by
APRIL 1998					
LEG	Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries, fifth session	14-15	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
LEG	Commission, fifty-fourth session	16-22	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
MAY 1998					
GOV	Fourth session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development	22-23	Cebu, Philippines	E	Participating governments
JUNE 1998					
GOV	Second Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on Human Resources Development for Youth	1-5	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
GOV	Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement, seventeenth session	Open (2 days)	Bangkok	E	Participating governments
GOV	Third Round of Negotiations under the Bangkok Agreement	Open (3 days)	Bangkok	E	Participating governments

^a LEG - Legislative
GOV - Ad hoc intergovernmental

CON - Ad hoc conference
REG - Regional projects and institutions

^b C - Chinese F - French
E - English R - Russian

SEPTEMBER 1998

LEG	Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas, first session	15-17	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
LEG	Steering group of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation, tenth meeting	Open (3 days)	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments

OCTOBER 1998

LEG	Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development, first session	21-23	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
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NOVEMBER 1998

LEG	Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development, first session	18-20	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
REG	Governing Board of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific	18-20	Bangkok	E	Participating governments
LEG	Committee on Statistics, eleventh session	24-26	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments

DECEMBER 1998

GOV	Typhoon Committee, thirty-first session	Open (8 days)	Open	E	Participating governments
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MARCH 1999

LEG	Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation, seventh session	10-12	Bangkok	CEFR	Participating governments
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OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES

Training courses, seminars, study tours, symposia, expert group and other small group meetings financed mainly from external sources

Activity	Date or duration	Venue	Division or unit concerned	Participation financed by
APRIL 1998				
Second meeting of the working party on the application of new technology to population data	1-3	Singapore	Statistics Division	UNFPA
ESCAP human resources development course for youth development	1-6	Hanoi	Social Development Division	CCA
Seminar on quality control circle activity for energy efficiency in industry	2	Moscow	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Informal consultation meeting of the Bangkok Agreement	10	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Participating governments
Working committee meeting on the Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair, ASPAT'99, Seoul (first session)	22-23	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Republic of Korea
National workshop on the implementation of Commission resolution 48/11 on road and rail transport modes in relation to facilitation measures	22-24	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	ADB
National workshop on the implementation of Commission resolution 48/11 on road and rail transport modes in relation to facilitation measures	27-29	Yangon	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	ADB
Workshop on private sector involvement in water supply and sanitation	28-30	New Delhi	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands
Training of trainers for capacity-building for sustainable transport development	30 Apr.-5 May	Amsterdam	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Netherlands
Pilot project on the promotion of non-handicapping environments: review and evaluation workshop	Open (5 days)	New Delhi	Social Development Division	Japan

MAY 1998

National workshop on attracting foreign direct investment in Vanuatu	4-5	Port Vila	Industry and Technology Division	Japan
Joint OECD-ESCAP meeting on national accounts: the 1993 SNA five years on	4-8	Bangkok	Statistics Division	Participating governments
Second meeting of principal investigators for Advanced Earth Observation Satellite (ADEOS) applications	6-8	Phuket, Thailand	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	NASDA/RESTEC
Training of trainers on industrial project preparation and management for selected Pacific island developing countries	6-16	Port Vila	Industry and Technology Division	Netherlands
Expert group meeting on growth with equity	7-8	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Republic of Korea
Regional seminar on the implications of the General Agreement on Trade in Services for Asian and Pacific economies	18-19	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
Meeting of the regional working group on remote sensing, GIS and satellite-based positioning	18-20	Cebu, Philippines	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Participating governments
Expert group meeting on the improved management of the financial sector for its enhanced stability and support to trade and investment flows	19-22	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Netherlands
Expert group meeting on the development of a standard unified maritime information format on the Internet	19-22	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Republic of Korea
Workshop on plant nutrition concepts in Viet Nam	19-22	Hanoi	Rural and Urban Development Division	GTZ
Fourth meeting of the inter-agency subcommittee on space applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific	21	Cebu, Philippines	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Participating governments

MAY 1998 (continued)

ESCAP/RCCAP consultations on youth development	25-26	Bangkok	Social Development Division	Participating committee members
Regional conference on public involvement in natural resources projects	25-28	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	UNDP
Regional expert group meeting on capability-building to alleviate rural poverty under economic adjustments	25-28	Bangkok	Rural and Urban Development Division	Netherlands
Regional seminar on developing ecotourism in the Asian region - the role of governments and the media	26-28	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Japan
Regional workshop on preparations for the International Year of Older Persons	26-29	Beijing	Social Development Division	China, Macau
Asia-Pacific meeting of youth organizations in preparation for the third session of the World Youth Forum	27-29	Bangkok	Social Development Division	Regular budget
Regional expert group meeting on integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making processes: institutional arrangements and mechanisms	27-29	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Japan
Second meeting of the Boards of Investment in the Asian and Pacific region	27-29	Goa, India	Industry and Technology Division	Chambers of commerce
ESCAP/APEC regional workshop on human resources development for the food industries in Asia and the Pacific	Open (3 days)	Jakarta	Industry and Technology Division	Japan
Final review meeting on technical assistance for environmental co-operation in North-East Asia	Open (2 days)	Open	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	ADB
National workshop on indicators of sustainable development in Pakistan	Open (2 days)	Islamabad	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands
Pilot project on the promotion of non-handicapping environments: final workshop	Open (5 days)	Beijing	Social Development Division	Japan

JUNE 1998

Regional expert group meeting on integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making processes: modalities for environmental assessment	1-3	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Japan
Subregional workshop on the implementation of the 1993 SNA	1-12	Jakarta	Statistics Division	Netherlands
Ad hoc expert group meeting on integration of water resources management into economic and social development plans	2-4	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Regular budget
Country-level capacity-building seminar on integrated planning and sustainable transport development	3-5	Pattaya, Thailand	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Netherlands
Seminar on policy challenges of multi-track trade liberalization	3-5	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Netherlands
RICAP Subcommittee on Water for Asia and the Pacific, forty-first session	4	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Participating committee members
First meeting of the Executive Committee of the Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism	8-9	Bangsaen, Thailand	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Participating institutes
Country-level seminar on the development of shipping policies	10-12	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Japan
Training course for energy managers (phase II)	10-12	Trivandrum, India	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Country-level seminar on the development of shipping policies	15-17	Mumbai, India	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Japan
Seminar to launch the pilot project on the promotion of non-handicapping environments	17-18	Bangkok	Social Development Division	Japan

JUNE 1998 *(continued)*

The year 2000 (Y2K) problem in computers and strategic issues for national statistical offices	18-19	Bangkok	Statistics Division	SIAP
Asia-Pacific symposium on sustainable food production, income generation and consumer protection	23-26	Beijing	Rural and Urban Development Division	China
National training workshop on promoting economies: lessons from the experiences of Thailand and ASEAN	24-26	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam	Industry and Technology Division	Republic of Korea
Workshop of specialists on the preparation of the report on the state of the environment in Asia and the Pacific, 2000	29 June-3 July	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Consultative meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Group, Indo-China Development Forum	Open (1 day)	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
National seminar on maximizing benefits from ASEAN	Open (1 day)	Phnom Penh	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
National seminar on maximizing benefits from ASEAN	Open (1 day)	Yangon	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
RICAP Subcommittee on Poverty Alleviation, third session	Open (1 day)	Bangkok	Population Division	Participating committee members
Regional expert group meeting on the promotion of women in small businesses in Indo-China	Open (3 days)	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam	Rural and Urban Development Division	Japan

JULY 1998

Working committee meeting on the Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair, ASPAT'98, Almaty, fourth session	7-8	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
National training workshop on promoting privatization and deregulation in selected least developed countries and transitional economies: lessons learned from the experiences of Thailand and ASEAN	15-17	Phnom Penh	Industry and Technology Division	Republic of Korea

JULY 1998 *(continued)*

Regional symposium on inland water transport development and the safety of inland navigation	20-22	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Japan, IMO
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Regional training workshop on the development of a meteorological disaster database and applications in disaster management	20-24	Beijing	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Australia
Country-level capacity-building seminar on integrated planning and sustainable transport development	27-29	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Netherlands
Regional workshop on energy-environment planning	28-30	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Republic of Korea
Seminar on the facilitation of travel in the Asian region	28-30	Phuket, Thailand	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Japan
Ad hoc expert group meeting on appropriate technology for accessing population information	Open (3 days)	Bangkok	Population Division	Regular budget
Demonstration energy audit-cum-training on energy efficiency in the cement industry	Open (2 weeks)	Tehran	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
ESCAP/UNCTAD/ADB meeting of senior officials on approaches for a positive trade agenda to the year 2000 and beyond for developing countries of the ESCAP region	Open (2 days)	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	ADB
Enhancing cooperation in trade and investment between Pacific island countries and economies of East and South-East Asia	Open (3 days)	Bangkok/Singapore	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	UNDP
National seminar on maximizing benefits from ASEAN	Open (1 day)	Vientiane	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
National seminar on maximizing benefits from ASEAN	Open (1 day)	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan

JULY 1998 *(continued)*

National workshop on indicators of sustainable development	Open (2 days)	Beijing	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands
Pacific POPIN workshop	Open (3 days)	Suva	Population Division	UNFPA

Regional expert group meeting on the impact of globalization on women	Open (3 days)	Bangkok	Rural and Urban Development Division	Japan
Regional symposium on AFTA	Open (2 days)	Jakarta	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
Seminar on trade and investment information networking in the South-Western subregion of ESCAP	Open (4 days)	Tehran	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Netherlands

AUGUST 1998

Meeting on TCDC and tripartite cooperation in trade and investment between North-East and South-East Asia	18-20	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
Expert group meeting on options for exchange rate policies in least developed countries	19-21	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Japan
Consultative group meeting of senior officials and high-level experts in preparation for the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific	25-27	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Participating governments
Regional expert group meeting on empowering women in poverty	Open (3 days)	Dhaka	Rural and Urban Development Division	Netherlands
Working committee meeting on the Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair, ASPAT'99, Seoul (second session)	Open (3 days)	Seoul	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Republic of Korea

SEPTEMBER 1998

Policy seminar on women in development in South-East Asia	1-4	Bangkok	Population Division	UNFPA
Training of trainers on industrial project preparation and management for selected least developed countries and economies in transition of the Asian and Pacific region	8-25	Kathmandu	Industry and Technology Division	Netherlands
Workshop on integrated coastal zone management and non-living marine resources development	9-11	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands
Third meeting of the working party on the application of new technology to population data	21-23	Bangkok	Statistics Division	UNFPA
Training on GIS and remote sensing applications through long-term fellowships of the Government of China	25 Sep.-31 Dec.	Wuhan, China	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	China
Policy seminar on the family	29 Sep.-2 Oct.	Bangkok	Population Division	UNFPA
First subregional training workshop on environment statistics	Open (2 weeks)	Macau	Statistics Division	Netherlands
RICAP Subcommittee on Poverty Alleviation, fourth session	Open (1 day)	Bangkok	Population Division	Participating committee members
Regional expert group meeting on strengthening credit institutions for rural poverty alleviation	Open (5 days)	Bangkok	Rural and Urban Development Division	Japan
Regional meeting on a plan of action on ageing for Asia and the Pacific	Open (4 days)	Macau	Social Development Division	Macau
Regional policy-level meeting on the sustainable development of inland water transport	Open (4 days)	Nanjing, China	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	China
Workshop on the implementation of a national action plan for desertification control	Open (3 days)	Open	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands

OCTOBER 1998

Workshop on the integrated assessment and development of mineral resources within the Greater Mekong subregion	6-8	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Expert group meeting on integrated pest management	7-9	Bangkok	Rural and Urban Development Division	Republic of Korea
Working committee meeting on the Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair, ASPAT'98, Almaty (fifth and final session) and holding of the Trade Fair	20-21	Almaty	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan
Consultative meeting among executive heads of subregional organizations and ESCAP, fourth meeting	26-27	Kathmandu	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Participating organizations
Seventh regional seminar on earth observation for tropical ecosystem management	26-31	Dhaka	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	NASDA/RESTEC
Workshop on review of the application of indicators of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific	27-29	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands
Policy seminar on the impact of globalization on population change and poverty in rural areas	27-30	Bangkok	Population Division	Netherlands
Regional seminar on the upgrading of Asian Highway routes	27-30	Bangkok	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Japan
Ad hoc expert group meeting on institutional issues for trade facilitation	Open (2 days)	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Regular budget
Asia-Pacific POPIN executive committee meeting	Open (2 days)	Beijing	Population Division	UNFPA
Expert group meeting on enhancing income-generating opportunities for rural women in selected Central Asian republics	Open (3 days)	Almaty	Rural and Urban Development Division	Netherlands

OCTOBER 1998 *(continued)*

Expert group meeting on establishing a social development management information system	Open (4 days)	Bangkok	Social Development Division	Japan
National policy-level seminar on the sustainable development of inland water transport	Open (3 days)	Dhaka	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	India
National policy-level seminar on the sustainable development of inland water transport	Open (3 days)	New Delhi	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	India
Subregional seminar on inland water transport development and co-operation in South Asia	Open (4 days)	New Delhi	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	India
Subregional workshop on the 1993 SNA	Open (10 days)	Beijing	Statistics Division	China
Subregional workshop on the promotion of co-generation	Open (3 days)	Jakarta	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Training workshop on selected population topics and information technology for population professionals	Open (5 days)	Beijing	Population Division	China

NOVEMBER 1998

Regional workshop on social development information exchange through the Internet	2-5	Bangkok	Social Development Division	Netherlands
Seminar on national policies and technological capability-building in developing countries	17-19	New Delhi	Industry and Technology Division	Japan
Enhancing regional economic cooperation in promoting industrial complementarities among subgroups of countries in the Asian and Pacific region	17-20	New Delhi	Industry and Technology Division	Netherlands
Regional seminar on approaches to enhanced government-NGO cooperation for poverty alleviation	17-20	Bangkok	Population Division	Netherlands
Container port development and management seminar	Open (5 days)	Hong Kong, China	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Hong Kong, China

NOVEMBER 1998 *(continued)*

Expert group meeting to review and adopt the guidelines and manual for the protection and rehabilitation of contaminated rivers	Open (5 days)	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Netherlands
Subregional (South Asia) seminar on the transport of dangerous goods	Open (3 days)	New Delhi	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	India
Subregional workshop on the promotion of co-generation	Open (3 days)	Dhaka	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Third meeting of principal investigators for Advanced Earth Observation Satellite (ADEOS) applications	Open (3 days)	Open	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	NASDA/RESTEC
Training workshop on improving national capacity for monitoring reproductive health programmes	Open (2 weeks)	Bangkok	Population Division	Netherlands

DECEMBER 1998

Regional seminar on promoting a society for all ages	1-4	Bangkok	Social Development Division	Japan
Expert group meeting on development issues and policies	2-4	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Regular budget
Regional seminar on options for exchange rate policies in least developed countries	9-11	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Japan
Consultative meeting on the final review of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	16-18	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Netherlands
Working committee meeting on the Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair, ASPAT'99, Seoul (third session)	Open (3 days)	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Republic of Korea

JANUARY 1999

Regional workshop of national focal points for the report on the state of the environment in Asia and the Pacific, 2000	19-22	Bangkok	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Japan
Regional symposium on the integration of Indo-China into the regional and global trading environment	Open (2 days)	Singapore	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Japan

FEBRUARY 1999

High-level expert group meeting on the final review of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	9-12	Bangkok	Development Research and Policy Analysis Division	Netherlands
Country-level seminar on the transport of dangerous goods	Open (3 days)	Kuala Lumpur	Transport, Communications and Tourism Division	Germany
Meeting of the regional working group on space science and technology applications	Open (4 days)	Open	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Participating governments

MARCH 1999

Meeting of the regional working group on satellite communication applications	Open (4 days)	Open	Environment and Natural Resources Management Division	Participating governments
Seminar on skills formation and capacity-building in trade promotion in the transitional economies of Central Asia and Trans-Caucasus	Open (2 days)	Bangkok	International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division	Netherlands
