

(d) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session a report on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
29 April 2009*

Resolution 65/2

Regional technical cooperation and capacity-building in statistics development in Asia and the Pacific³⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 61/2 on the statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolution 62/10 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling further its resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure of the Commission, by which it re-established the Committee on Statistics as the highest-level intergovernmental body concerned with statistics in Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing that the Committee on Statistics, which brings together all the chief statisticians from the countries and areas in Asia and the Pacific, is the recognized and appropriate regional forum to discuss and coordinate all matters related to statistics development,

Welcoming the revitalization of the Committee on Statistics,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its first session³⁸ and the report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;³⁹

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to assist members and, as appropriate, associate members in strengthening their statistical capacity, in accordance with Commission resolution 62/10;

3. *Takes note* of the appreciation of members and associate members for technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in statistics development in Asia and the Pacific carried out by the secretariat and the training services delivered by the Statistics Division and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in promoting national statistical capacity-building in the region;

4. *Expresses* appreciation to the members and associate members that have provided financial support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

5. *Encourages* members and associate members to implement paragraph 20 of the annex to Commission resolution 61/2 and, where appropriate, to increase financial support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

6. *Notes* that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in 2010 and encourages members and associate members to contribute to the preparations for this celebration;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session.

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Resolution 65/3

High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012⁴⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008 on the regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action⁴¹ and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific,⁴² in which, inter alia, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five in 2012, the concluding year of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Recalling also its resolution 59/3 of 4 September 2003 on regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific during the Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Welcoming the adoption of Biwako Plus Five, which was aimed at enhancing the effective implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action over the remaining five years of the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction that, following ratification by the twentieth Government, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities⁴³ entered into force on 3 May 2008, which is the most significant development achieved so far during the second Decade, 2003-2012, and that, as of 29 April 2009, many Governments that have ratified the Convention are from the Asia-Pacific region,

³⁷ See paras. 130 to 138 above.

³⁸ E/ESCAP/65/13.

³⁹ E/ESCAP/65/26.

⁴⁰ See paras. 115 to 129 above.

⁴¹ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1.

⁴² E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.

⁴³ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.

Recognizing that, at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, held in Bangkok from 19 to 21 September 2007, the Government of the Republic of Korea expressed its willingness to host a meeting for the final review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons in 2012, in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Asia and Pacific Disability Forum and the World Congress of Rehabilitation International,

Welcoming the establishment of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in October 2008, to review the implementation of the Convention,

1. *Decides* that the venue of the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, should be decided by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session;

2. *Welcomes* the offer of the Republic of Korea to host the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Asia and Pacific Disability Forum and the World Congress of Rehabilitation International;

3. *Calls* upon other members and associate members that may wish to host the high-level intergovernmental meeting to present their offers as soon as possible and no later than October 2009;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to examine all offers to host the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the implementation of the Second Decade, and to report the results of the examining process to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session.

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Resolution 65/4

Strengthening of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific⁴⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 and 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982 on the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolutions 60/5 of 28 April 2004 and 61/5 of 18 May 2005 on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific,

Taking note of the Outcome Document⁴⁵ of the High-level Regional Policy Dialogue on “The food-fuel crisis and climate change: Reshaping the Development Agenda”, organized by ESCAP and the Government of Indonesia and held in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2008, which urged, inter alia, greater technical cooperation efforts to support capacity-building aimed at strengthening national food security programmes, research and development on sustainable agriculture, and regional cooperation in preventing and coping with food crises and ensuring that all people have access to food,

Noting with appreciation the significant financial resources that have been provided to the Centre, since its establishment, by member States,

Noting also with appreciation the allocation of a regular-budget P-5 post to the Centre for a senior economic affairs officer,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Governing Council at its fifth session, held in Bangkok on 4 March 2009, as contained in the report of the Centre,⁴⁶

Welcoming the commitment of the Executive Secretary and the Governing Council to strengthen the Centre and increase its relevance for the countries in the region through a focus on policy and action research,

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Governing Council, within the existing statute⁴⁷ of the Centre, to turn the Centre into a coordinating research institute and a regional member-driven centre of excellence that focuses on poverty alleviation through secondary crops development with special attention to addressing food security, hunger and malnutrition;⁴⁸

2. *Decides* that the new position and focus of the Centre should take into account the following aspects:

(a) The membership of the Technical Committee should include heads of national agricultural research centres of member countries;

(b) The research carried out by the Centre should be focused on sustainable secondary crop farming systems and agribusiness development in the context of inclusive agricultural and rural development for food security and poverty alleviation;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions of the Governing Council at its fifth session that the Centre’s primary focus is on networking with national agricultural research centres in the region and beyond; promoting and coordinating research; highlighting and disseminating their research findings; and converting the results of primary research into relevant policy options for the region;⁴⁹

⁴⁵ E/ESCAP/65/15/Add.1.

⁴⁶ E/ESCAP/65/25.

⁴⁷ Commission resolution 60/5 of 28 April 2004, annex.

⁴⁸ See E/ESCAP/65/25, para. 1.

⁴⁹ Ibid., para. 3.

⁴⁴ See paras. 39 to 48 above.