



Asia-Pacific High-level Meeting for CSW 62
“Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”

23 February 2018, CR-4, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

Detailed Programme

Time	Details
08:00-09:00	Registration
Opening of the Meeting	
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of United Nations and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) • Dr. Miwa Kato, Regional Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Dr. Kundhavi Kadiresan, Assistant Director General and Regional Director, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Ms. Alma Sinumlag, Cordillera Women's Education Action Research Center (CWEARC)
09:30-09:35	Group Photo
09:35-09:50	Coffee Break
<p>Session 1. Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Chair:</u> <i>Hon. Mr. Joeli Cawaki, Assistant Minister for Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Office, Fiji</i> 	
09:50-11:00	<p>High-level roundtable</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><u>Topic:</u> <i>Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls: good practices and key recommendations from the Asia-Pacific Region</i></p> <p><i>The high-level panel will reflect on good practices and recommendations related to</i></p>

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	<p><i>rural women and girls attaining food security and adequate nutritional standards, access to land, adequate housing, services (education, health, and protection), access to decent work and social protection, including in the context of climate change and natural disasters.</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Mr. James Marape, Minister for Finance and Rural Development, Papua New Guinea • H.E. Ms. Laura Menezes Lopes, Secretary of State for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Timor-Leste • Mr. Muhammad Mahmood, Secretary of Agriculture, Government of the Punjab, Pakistan • Ms. Mahmuda Sharmeen Benu, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Bangladesh • Mr. Toyam Raya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Nepal
11:00-12:00	<p>Country interventions</p> <p><i>Government representatives are invited to share national experiences and good practices in empowering rural women and girls. Representatives are requested to limit interventions to less than 3 minutes.</i></p>
12:00-13:00	<p>Working Lunch</p>
<p>Session 2. Multi-stakeholder approaches to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: <i>Misun Woo, Coordinator of Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)</i> 	
13:00 – 14:10	<p>Multi-stakeholder dialogue</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p> <p>Topic: <i>Effective means of implementation to address the challenges in:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Rural women’s land rights and land tenure security</i> <i>b) Violence and harmful practices against rural women and girls</i> <i>c) Health care and sexual and reproductive health and rights</i> <i>d) Resilience and preparedness to climate change and disaster</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Louise Lampon, Gender Advocate of Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA), a member of Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) • Ms. Israt Jahan Baki, Sexual and Reproductive Health Advisor, Plan International, Bangladesh

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Chanda Thapa Magar, Deputy Secretary General of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pack Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) Ms. Banamallika Chowdhury, Nething
14:10-15:00	<p>Country interventions (continued)</p> <p><i>Government representatives are invited to share national experiences and good practices in empowering rural women and girls. Representatives are requested to limit interventions to 1 minute.</i></p> <p>Perspectives from stakeholders</p> <p><i>All participants are invited to share experiences and good practices in empowering rural women and girls.</i></p>
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
<p>Session 3: Review of recommendations and closing of the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair: <i>H.E. Ms. Rhodora M. Bucoy, Chairperson of Philippines, Commission on Women, Philippines</i> 	
15:15 – 16:45	Review of recommendations
16:45-17:00	<p>Closing of the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by Ms. Aina Iiyambo, Executive Secretary, CSW & Policy Advisor, Intergovernmental Affairs, UN Women (New York) Closing remarks by Mr. Nagesh Kumar, Director of Social Development Division, ESCAP, and Co-Chair of the Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (TWG-GEEW)