

APDF General Assembly and Conference October 17-18, 2010

Background

The formation of APDF (Asia Pacific Disability Forum) was recommended by members of Regional NGO (RNN) Campaign Conference held in Osaka in 2002, the Ending Year of the first A/P Decade to promote the second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons 2003-2012 adopted by UNESCAP and its policy document, BMF. APDF was officially founded in 2003 in Singapore. Over the past ten years we have witnessed significant developments in the disability field in the world. The most important one is, of course, the adoption of the Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2008. Other important international landmarks include the adoptions of ICF in 2001, and the joint position paper of CBR in 2004.

There are also various developments among DPOs/NGOs in this region including the growing activeness of the Pacific area, ASEAN and South Asian countries.

Purpose of APDF General Assembly and Conference 2010

APDF has a tradition to organize its General Assembly and a Conference every two years since its inauguration in 2003. Considering that UNESCAP' Social Development Commission will meet from October 19-21, 2010 on a new post 2012 Regional Strategic Policy, APDF will take the golden opportunity to meet before the ESCAP meeting, so that outcome of APDF meetings will be fed into the meeting.

Therefore APDF 2010 Assembly and Conference participants will also be asked to deliberate on the future roles of APDF in a disability regional environment which is moving fast towards diversity and inclusion; -and what and how the new forum of non-governmental organizations should become .

We acknowledge with gratitude that APCD (Asia Pacific Development Center on Disability) agrees to provide its facility, with a nominal fee for the APDF meetings on October 17 - 18.

Program

October 17, Sunday at APCD

10:00-12:00 APDF Executive Committee meeting

11:30 - Registration of General Assembly and Conference

12:00-13:00 Lunch for all participants

13:00-16:00 General Assembly

Observers are most welcome.

Provisional Agenda items

1. Election of officers
2. Application for the membership of IDA and the related Revision of APDF Constitution

Whether APDF should apply for the membership of IDA formally or not.

If the majority of APDF members agree to be a formal member of IDA, the Constitution should be amended so that more than half of its members as well as its executive committee members should be DPOs.

3. Action plan until the end of the 2nd AP Decade in 2012 and beyond
4. Other matters

16:00-18:00 Joint Executive Committee meeting with the participation of old and new members

18:00-19:30 Dinner for all participants

Conference, October 18, 2010 at APCD

Theme : “Innovations and Good Practices on CRPD : Accelerating Ratification, Effective Implementation and Monitoring “

8:30-9:00 Registration of the Conference

9:00 -10:30 Paper presentation (activity report)

<Tea break>

10:45-12:15 Round Table Panel Discussion

“New developments in the disability field in and outside the region”

1. Representative from UN Committee on CRPD
2. IDA and GPDD by Mr. Khadaker Jafurul Alam, Chair of the APDF
3. APCD by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director of APCD
4. An overview of progress from a Southeast Asian perspective by Ms. Saowalak Thongkuay, Regional Development Officer, DPI AP
5. PDF by Mr. Setareki Macanawai, Chair, PDF
6. The end year Conference in Korea 2012 by Dr. II-Yung Lee, Representative of 2012 APDF Conference in Korea at the end year Of AP Decade

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:30 Paper Presentation

<Tea Break>

14:45-16:30 Round Table Discussion on how APDF can contribute to regionally and globally toward the end of the second AP Decade and beyond

Panelists :

Representative from UN Committee on CRPD

Mr. Kandaker Jafurul Alam , Chair of APDF

Mr. Akiie Ninomiya, Executive Director of APCD

Ms. Saowalak Thongkuay, Regional Development Officer of DPI AP

Mr. Setareki Macanawai, Chari of PDF

Dr. II- Yung Lee, Representative of 2012 APDF Conference at the end year of AP Decade in Korea

Facilitators:

Dr. Joseph Kwok, Vice Chair

Mr. Ryosuke Matsui, Secretary General

(for 30 minutes) Adoption of a Statement which is to be submitted to the ESCAP Social Development Division Commission from October 19-21.

Participants: 60

Participation fee for APDF Conference :US\$100 per person

Participation fee for APDF Assembly Conference : US\$100 per person to be collected on site.

Note: The fee covers conference facilities, tea breaks for two days, lunch for two days, dinner on 17 October. Participants who only take part in General Assembly and not taking the lunch and dinner will be admitted free of charge.

Paper presentation

Participants who wish to make a presentation during the Paper Presentation sessions at the Conference are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 150 words focusing on the Conference Theme.

Deadline: August 31, 2010

Submission to APDF Secretariat (e-mail: eueno@dinf.ne.jp)

Participants who are selected as presenters and submitted a full paper of no more than 1,500 words before the meeting will be offered complimentary registration.

Deadline : September 24, 2010

Submission to APDF Secretariat (e-mail: eueno@dinf.ne.jp)

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