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Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
adoption of the agenda**

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

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* Reissued for technical reasons.



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Annotations

1. Opening of the Conference

In its decision 2004/304 of 23 July 2004, the Economic and Social Council endorsed its recommendation that the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific be convened for five working days in 2006, with a primary focus on the continued and strengthened contribution of cartography and geographic information in support of the implementation of Agenda 21. The Conference will be held in the Conference Centre of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok from 18 to 22 September 2006. The official opening will be on Monday, 18 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in Conference Room 2.

2. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference

Rule 5 of the provisional rules of procedure (E/CONF.97/2) provides that the Conference shall elect a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the States participating in the Conference.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

(a) Consideration and adoption of the rules of procedure

The Conference will have before it for consideration and adoption the provisional rules of procedure.

Documentation

Provisional rules of procedure (E/CONF.97/2)

(b) Adoption of the agenda

The Conference will have before it for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda for the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, which was adopted by the Sixteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific in July 2003 in Okinawa, Japan.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CONF.97/1)

(c) Establishment of technical committees and election of chairmen and other officers

Rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference may establish such committees as may be necessary for the performance of its functions. It is proposed that the Conference establish three technical committees:

Technical committee I: Geographical Information System and remote sensing for disaster management;

Technical committee II: Spatial data infrastructure capacity-building and their development in Asia and the Pacific;

Technical committee III: Geospatial fundamental data, including their collection, management and dissemination.

Following their meetings, the committees are expected to submit draft resolutions to the Conference plenary for consideration and adoption. In accordance with the proposed organization of work, all three technical committees are scheduled to meet on Thursday, 21 September 2006, in the afternoon.

In accordance with rule 38 of the provisional rules of procedure and the established practice of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific, the Conference shall elect the Chairman of each technical committee, and shall authorize the committees to elect other officers, as may be required. It is recommended that the Conference follow the practice of United Nations conferences whereby an agreement is reached on the slate of candidates for the posts so that the Chairmen and other officers may be elected by acclamation, without a vote.

(d) Organization of Conference work

The proposed organization of work for the Conference has been prepared to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated. The timetable should be considered indicative; the Conference may make adjustments to it, as required. The Conference shall meet from Monday, 18, to Friday, 22 September 2006, with interpretation services in Chinese, English, French and Russian, and meetings facilities available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. In order to ensure the most efficient use of available conference resources, it is essential that meetings start promptly at the scheduled time.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CONF.97/1)

(e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the President and the Vice-Presidents shall examine the credentials of the representatives and shall report to the Conference without delay. It had been the practice in previous Conferences to establish a Credentials Committee, which examined the credentials of the representatives and reported to the plenary.

4. Objectives of the Conference

The primary objective of the Conference is to provide a regional forum where governmental decision makers, planners, scientists and experts from Asia and the Pacific and other regions can meet to report on the efforts being made in the development and implementation of national spatial data infrastructures in Asia and the Pacific, and to address the common needs, problems and experiences in the field of surveying and mapping, remote sensing, land and geographic information systems, and other geo-spatial technologies and applications, including educational and training aspects, scientific and technological requirements, implementation issues and benefits.

5. Report of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific

A report on activities of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific will be submitted to the Conference.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/___)

6. Conference reports

(a) Reports on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific

A report summarizing the follow-up actions taken on the resolutions adopted at the Sixteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, held in Okinawa, Japan, from 14 to 18 July 2003 will be presented to the Conference.

Documentation

Report on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific prepared by the Secretariat and the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/___)

(b) Country reports

The Conference will have before it country reports for information.

Documentation

Country reports (E/CONF.97/CR.1-___)

7. Invited papers

The invited papers will focus on the development and contributions of spatial data infrastructures in support of the implementation of Agenda 21, assess the efforts being made in the development of national spatial data infrastructures, and address technical and economic geographic information issues as well as institutional and other non-technical problems.

Documentation

Invited papers (E/CONF.97/IP.1-___)

8. Reports of the technical committees of the Conference

The technical committees will report to the Conference and recommend draft resolutions for adoption.

9. Review of the achievements of the Conference

The Conference will review the achievements of its current session.

10. Provisional agenda for the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

The Conference will have before it for adoption the provisional agenda for the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/L. __)

11. Adoption of the report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

The Conference will adopt its report.

Documentation

Draft report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/L. __).

Proposed organization of work*

Week of 18-22 September 2006

Monday, 18 September

9.30 a.m.-noon	Item 1	Opening of the Conference
2-5 p.m.	Item 2	Election of the President and other officers of the Conference
	Item 3	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
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	Item 6	Conference reports
		(a) Reports on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific
		(b) Country reports

Tuesday, 19 September

9 a.m.-noon	Item 7	Invited papers
2-5 p.m.		Invited papers

Wednesday, 20 September

9 a.m.-noon	Item 7	Invited papers
2-5 p.m.		Invited papers

* The proposed organization of work is only indicative and is subject to change. The actual programme of work will be announced daily in the Journal of the Conference.

Thursday, 21 September

9 a.m.-noon

Item 7 Invited papers

2-5 p.m.

Parallel meetings of the technical committees (no plenary meeting scheduled)

Technical committee I: GIS and remote sensing for disaster management

Technical committee II: Spatial data infrastructure capacity-building and their development in Asia and the Pacific

Technical committee III: Geospatial fundamental data, including their collection, management and dissemination

Friday, 22 September

9 a.m.-noon

Item 8 Reports of the technical committees of the Conference

(Action on draft resolutions recommended for adoption by the technical committees)

2-5 p.m.

Item 8 Reports of the technical committees of the Conference

(Action on all remaining draft resolutions before the Conference)

Item 9 Review of the achievements of the Conference

Item 10 Provisional agenda for the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

Item 11 Adoption of the report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
