



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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Agenda item 3 (a)

**Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific**

**72/1. Statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through
Sustainable Agriculture**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982, 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,

Recalling also the agreement between the Government of Indonesia and the United Nations regarding the hosting of the Centre, signed on 29 April 1981,

Recalling further the support of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-sixth session, based on the recommendation of the Governing Council of the Centre, for the change of name from the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific to the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture,

Welcoming with appreciation the financial resources and facilities that have been provided by the Government of Indonesia and the support of other members and associate members,

Recalling its resolution 71/1 of 29 May 2015 entitled “Restructuring the conference structure of the Commission to be fit for the evolving post-2015 development agenda”,

Taking note of the report of the Governing Council of the Centre on its twelfth session,¹

1. *Adopts* the revised statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture, the text of which is annexed hereto;

2. *Calls upon* members and associate members to provide enhanced voluntary contributions, both financial and in-kind, to support the work of the Centre.

*6th plenary meeting
19 May 2016*

¹ E/ESCAP/72/10.

Annex

Statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture

Establishment

1. 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, which was established in April 1981 pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolution 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, its statute adopted by Commission resolution 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982, its name changed to the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific in May 2005 pursuant to Commission resolution 60/5 of 28 April 2004, its statute adopted pursuant to Commission resolution 65/4 of 29 April 2009, shall continue in existence under the title the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “CAPSA” or “the Centre”) under the terms of the present statute.
2. The membership of CAPSA is identical to the membership of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “ESCAP” or “the Commission”).
3. The Centre has the status of a subsidiary body of ESCAP.

Objective

4. The objective of CAPSA is to promote a more supportive policy environment in member countries to enhance the living conditions of rural poor populations in disadvantaged areas and to promote research and development related to sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture to alleviate poverty and improve food security in the Asian and Pacific region.

Functions

5. The Centre shall achieve the above objective by undertaking such functions as:
 - (a) Coordination of socioeconomic and policy research on sustainable agriculture and food security;
 - (b) Networking and partnership with other international organizations and key stakeholders;
 - (c) Research and analysis of trends and opportunities with regard to improving the economic status of rural populations;
 - (d) Production, packaging and dissemination of information and successful practices on poverty reduction;
 - (e) Dissemination of information and good practices on poverty reduction measures;
 - (f) Training of national personnel, particularly national scientists and policy analysts;
 - (g) Advisory services.

Status and organization

6. CAPSA shall have a Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) and a Director and staff.
7. CAPSA is located in Bogor, Indonesia.
8. The activities of CAPSA shall be in line with relevant policy decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission. CAPSA shall be subject to the Financial and Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the applicable administrative instructions. CAPSA shall engage actively with the host country in an open and transparent manner.

Governing Council

9. The Governing Council shall consist of a representative nominated by the Government of Indonesia and the representatives of eight members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission, from their respective relevant line ministries. The members and associate members elected by the Commission shall be elected for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Secretary of the Commission or his/her representative shall attend the meetings of the Council.
10. The Director of the Centre shall serve as Secretary of the Council.
11. Representatives of (a) States that are not members of the Council, (b) United Nations bodies and specialized and related agencies and (c) such other organizations as the Council may deem appropriate, as well as experts in fields of interest to the Council, may be invited by the Executive Secretary to attend meetings of the Council.
12. The Council shall meet at least once a year and may adopt its own rules of procedure. Sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, who may propose special sessions of the Council at his/her own initiative and shall convene such special sessions at the request of a majority of Council members.
13. A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be a majority of its members.
14. Each member of the Council shall have one vote. Decisions and recommendations of the Council shall be made by consensus or, when that is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.
15. The Council shall, at each regular session, elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council. The Chair or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside at the meetings of the Council. If the Chair is unable to serve for the full term for which he/she has been elected, the Vice-Chair shall act as Chair for the remainder of that term.
16. The Council shall review the administrative and financial status of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP shall submit an annual report, as adopted by the Council, to the Commission at its annual sessions.

Director and staff

17. CAPSA shall have a Director and staff, who shall be ESCAP staff members appointed under the appropriate United Nations regulations, rules and administrative instructions. The Director shall be appointed in a manner consistent with United Nations regulations and rules. The Council will be invited to nominate candidates for the position of Director, once the vacancy is announced, and provide advice, as appropriate. Other members and associate members of the Commission may also submit nominations for the post.

18. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work.

19. The Centre shall endeavour to develop its capacities and programme of work to assist member States in an efficient and effective manner.

Resources of the Centre

20. The Centre shall strive towards a funding structure that is primarily dependent on extrabudgetary resources.

21. All members and associate members of ESCAP should be urged to make a regular annual contribution on a voluntary basis to CAPSA, as contributions are essential to its operations. The United Nations shall administer a joint contribution trust fund in which those contributions shall be deposited.

22. The Centre will endeavour to mobilize sufficient resources to support its activities.

23. The United Nations shall maintain separate trust funds for voluntary contributions for technical cooperation projects or other extraordinary voluntary contributions for the activities of CAPSA.

24. The financial resources of CAPSA shall be administered in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules.

Amendments

25. Amendments to the present statute shall be adopted by the Commission.

Matters not covered by the present Statute

26. In the event of any procedural matter arising that is not covered by the present statute or rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council under paragraph 12 of the present statute, the pertinent part of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall apply.

Entry into force

27. The present statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Commission.