

Agenda item 3(a)

Monitoring progress in line with the document entitled “Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

- ESCAP/CST/2022/2
- ESCAP/CST/2022/INF/1

Background: *Commitments made by NSS leaders*

- **The Collective Vision (2016, CST5): Five action areas to strengthen statistical capacity to produce and disseminate official statistics**
Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: a collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community

- **The Declaration (2019, Commission): 12 commitments to strengthen statistical systems**

Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind



Background: Developing *Monitoring and Evaluation Framework*





The framework

- 20 performance indicators together with baseline and target values for 2030
- Aligns the performance indicators with 12 commitments and five action areas
- Uses existing information (mostly from PARIS21 and World Bank Group) to minimize burden on countries



Progress Results 2022: *Key findings*

- Sufficient progress on nearly **one-third** of the performance indicators
- Improvement or a breakthrough is needed on **nine out of 20** indicators
- Regressing in two areas: “*investing in statistical development*” and “*use of statistics in policy making*”

Online dashboard



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National Statistical Systems Performance

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Status

■ On Track
 ■ Off Track
 ■ Needs Improvement
 ■ Breakthrough Needed
 ■ No data

Action Area	Commitment	Indicator	Countries with data	2030 Target	Trend	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
A: Engaging users and investing in statistics	4(c) A high-level advisory body to NSS to represent users	c.1 Existence of an agency/board /institution that advises the Chief Statistician on National Statistical Organization activities (% of countries)	54	100%	→				52.4	45.5	56.6	55.6	
	4(g) Communication and statistical literacy	g.1 Whether the NSO issues press releases at least quarterly (% of countries)	52	100%	→				59.5	50.0	48.0	59.6	
		g.2 Whether the NSO uses social media (Facebook and/or Twitter) to disseminate data and information (% of countries)	50	100%	↗				27.1	46.4	53.8	60.0	
		g.3 ODIN overall data openness score (average score; target = average top 5 countries)	46	85	↗				22.9	37.3	42.5	44.9	50.5
4(h) Statistical advocacy and awareness raising		h.1 Whether the national statistical plan is fully funded (sustainable development goal 17.18.3) (%)	34	100%	↘				72.7	69.0	66.7	58.8	58.8

Committee is invited to ...

- Express its views on the summary of progress made to date as contained in ESCAP/CST/2022/2 and ESCAP/CST/2022/INF/1 documents
- Provide guidance and recommendations on priority areas for future work

Agenda item 3(a) (10:00-12:00): Monitoring progress in line with the document entitled “Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: a collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community” and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind

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Two important documents set out commitments by leaders of national statistical systems in the region for advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

1- a collective vision and framework for action endorsed by the Committee at its fifth session in 2016 to strengthen statistical capacity to produce and disseminate official statistics

2- The Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind, endorsed by ESCAP at its seventy-fifth session in 2019 to strengthen national statistical systems

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In 2019, ESCAP led the development of a draft monitoring and evaluation framework for the Collective Vision and the Declaration together with guidelines for implementation of the framework.

In its seventh session in 2020, the Committee reviewed the draft monitoring and evaluation framework and the baseline report and endorsed the framework, subject to the amendments suggested by member States

The secretariat, under guidance of the Bureau of the Committee and in consultation with the PARIS21, incorporated the proposed amendments to the draft monitoring and evaluation framework.

The revised framework was circulated among all members of the Committee for final review in October 2021 and final monitoring and evaluation framework was shared with members and associate members of the Committee on 4 May 2022.

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The framework provides a results matrix with 20 performance indicators for reporting on progress on statistical capacity development in the region, together with baseline values and target values for 2030.

The results matrix also aligns the performance indicators with 12 commitments (from the Declaration) and five action areas and 11 objectives (from Collective Vision).

The framework also provides metadata for each performance indicator to support production of the report and updating process.

As advised by the committee, framework is using existing data on international platforms to avoid any additional data collection burden on countries. Therefore, it is possible that some of the most recent data from your countries not being reflected yet due to the time lag.

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Summary of the findings of the analysis of indicators based on the most recent data is presented in document [ESCAP/CST/2022/2](#)

information paper [ESCAP/CST/2022/INF/1](#) also provides a more detailed analysis and results.

Here I only highlight key findings of the report

- Sufficient progress on nearly one-third of the performance indicators
- Improvement or a breakthrough is needed on nine out of 20 indicators
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ESCAP has created a dashboard of progress based on the Mentoring and Evaluation framework which is available on the Asia-Pacific SDG Gateway.

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