

Agenda item 4(a): Initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations in support of the collective vision and framework for action

Mr. Nassiri's Brief Statement:

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to thank the UNESCAP and UNSIAP for their initiatives on statistical capacity-building in the region, especially for their efforts in the development of register-based statistics in Asia and the Pacific region by holding events such as Stats Café webinars and high quality e-learning courses and workshops.

However, in order to fill the existing gap between the academic statistical education curricula and the actual needs of the NSOs and to train skilled personnel for the NSOs, statistical units of the government agencies and the public and private sectors of the member countries, it is suggested that the UNESCAP formulate a work plan for the development of a curriculum for academic education of official statistics in the universities of the countries in Asia –Pacific region. Moreover, adopting some measures by the ESCAP to share the best practices on the inclusion of education of official statistics in the academic curricula, particularly sharing successful experiences among the member countries of the Commission in this field, is recommended and seems necessary for further development of official statistics in the ESCAP region.

Thank you very much for your attention!