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**Consideration of the future focus of the statistics
subprogramme of the ESCAP secretariat**

**Intended outputs of the programme of work for
2014-2015 for the Statistics subprogramme****

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This document contains the intended outputs of the programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme of the ESCAP secretariat for the biennium 2014-2015. Taking into account the programme direction and priorities outlined in the document, the Committee may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat to enable the full integration of the outcome of deliberations at the present session into the planning and implementation of the work programme of the ESCAP secretariat.

I. Introduction

1. The present document contains a set of intended outputs in the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 for subprogramme 7, Statistics, to be proposed to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-ninth session.

2. The main thrust of the Statistics subprogramme is to improve the use of statistics for evidence-based decision-making and develop and disseminate quality statistics for inclusive, sustainable and resilient societies in the ESCAP region.

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II. Outputs of the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015

3. The Commission at its sixty-eighth session endorse¹ the following strategic framework for the Statistics subprogramme for the biennium 2014-2015:

Expected accomplishment (a): Enhanced understanding among decision-makers and members of the public of development trends and emerging issues to promote inclusive, sustainable and resilient societies

Expected accomplishment (b): Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce, disseminate and use statistics in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices in support of progress towards inclusive, sustainable and resilient

4. The Committee may wish to consider the following related outputs for each expected accomplishment and recommend their endorsement at the sixty-ninth session of the Commission:

Expected accomplishment (a): Enhanced understanding among decision-makers and members of the public of development trends and emerging issues to promote inclusive, sustainable and resilient societies

Related outputs:

Multisectoral Outputs: The expert group meeting on data analysis for SDGs and post-2015 development agenda, including gender equality will be organized between SD and SDD.

Ad hoc statistical information on the region, including on least developed and landlocked developing countries; regional database on socio-economic and environmental indicators, including gender and poverty indicators will be developed by SD. The information services and indicator development will be created in close collaboration with all divisions. The studies on development indicators, including the Millennium Development Goals and quality of growth, will be produced in collaboration with EDD and other divisions as required.

Multisectoral Outputs and Subregional focus: The field project improved knowledge base for decision makers in support of the achievement of the MDGs and the post-2015 development agenda will be conducted in collaboration with MPDD (CSN) and SROs as required.

Statistics Division: The production of the Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific will be led by SD in collaboration with all divisions.

¹ See *Economic and Social Council Official Records, 2012, Supplement No. 19 (E/2012/39-E/ESCAP/68/24)*, paras. 250-253.

Outputs that promote gender equality and women's empowerment:
(Please indicate in a narrative text the outputs that aim to promote gender equality and women's empowerment (e.g. The project on disaster risk reduction will mainstream gender concerns into DRR strategies, including through enhancing women's participation in disaster risk assessment and management)

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP):
 - a. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to statistics (2014, 2015) (2);
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Statistics:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (2014) (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Statistics (2014) (1); reports on issues related to the development, analysis and use of official statistics (2014) (1);
 - (iii) The expert group meeting on data analysis for SDGs and post-2015 development agenda, including gender equality issues (2015) (1)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (2014, 2015) (2);
 - (ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: *Statistical Newsletter* (quarterly) (2014, 2015) (2);
 - (iii) Technical material: Ad hoc statistical information on the region, including on least developed and landlocked developing countries; Studies on development indicators, including the Millennium Development Goals and quality of growth (2014, 2015) (2); regional database on socio-economic and environmental indicators, including gender and poverty indicators (2014, 2015) (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Field projects: improved knowledge base for decision makers in support of the achievement of the MDGs and the post-2015 development agenda (2014, 2015) (1).

Expected accomplishment (b): Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce, disseminate and use statistics in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices in support of progress towards inclusive, sustainable and resilient

Related outputs:

Multisectoral outputs: The field project strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate economic statistics, including agriculture statistics and informal sector and informal employment, will be conducted in collaboration with SRONCA, TID, MPDD, CAPSA and APCAEM.

The field project improved capacity of the national statistical system (NSS) of selected Countries with Special Needs to produce basic statistics will be conducted in collaboration with MPDD (CSN).

The field project strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate environmental statistics will be conducted in collaboration with IDD and EDD.

All training courses by SIAP will be conducted with inputs from, and in collaboration with, relevant divisions.

Multisectoral Outputs and Subregional focus: The field project strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate population and vital statistics will be conducted in collaboration with SDD and EPO.

Statistics Division: The expert group meeting on development of recommendations and guidance for the Asia-Pacific region in emerging areas of economic, social or environment statistics will be organized by SD.

The expert group meeting on strengthening regional cooperation in support of the modernization of official statistics will be organized by SD.

The field project increased capacity of NSS to modernize their statistical systems to fully meet client needs will be conducted by SD.

Outputs that promote gender equality and women's empowerment:

The field project strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate social statistics, including gender, disability and informal sector and informal employment will be conducted in collaboration with SDD and EPO.

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP):
 - a. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) (2014, 2015) (2);
 - (ii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on the development of recommendations and guidance for the Asia-Pacific region in emerging areas of economic, social or environment statistics (2015) (1);
 - (iii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) (2014, 2015) (2);

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- (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on strengthening regional cooperation in support of the modernization of official statistics (2014) (1)
 - (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Technical material: Web-based knowledge-sharing facilities, including e-learning instructional design and management systems, related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops developed by SIAP (2) (2014, 2015)
 - (ii) Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific (2014, 2015) (2)
 - (iii) Workshops on forging partnerships in statistical training in support of improving regional coordination of training (30 participants) (2014, 2015) (1)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: Country-focused training courses and workshops to strengthen statistical systems of countries with special needs (240 participants) (2014, 2015) (1) ; Seminars for heads of NSOs and senior managers of statistical units in the NSS on leading and managing changes demanded in modernizing and assuring quality in statistical business processes (80 participants) (2014, 2015) (1) ; Training courses on statistical research in support of improving cost-effectiveness of data collection methods and applying new measurement procedures for increasing availability and quality of official statistics (30 participants) (2014) (1) ; Regional and subregional training courses and workshops in support of regional programmes to improve availability and quality of economic statistics, agricultural statistics, vital statistics, social statistics, gender statistics, and environment statistics (600 participants) (2014, 2015) (1) ; Basic training courses on statistical frameworks, standards and classifications and statistical methods for modernizing the collection, compilation processing, analysis and dissemination of official statistics (150 participants) (2014, 2015) (1) ;
 - (ii) Field projects: improved capacity of national statistical systems (NSS) of selected countries with special needs to produce basic statistics (2014-2015) (1); increased capacity of NSS to modernize their statistical systems to fully meet client needs (2014-2015) (1); The field project strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate economic statistics, including agriculture statistics(2014-2015) (1); strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate population and vital statistics (2014-2015) (1); strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate social statistics, including gender (2014-2015) (1); strengthened capacity of NSS to produce and disseminate environmental statistics (2014, 2015) (1).
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