

ESCAP Strategy for Technical Cooperation in Statistics Development

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Statistics sub-programme: Under new mandate

➤ **ESCAP Commission Resolution 62/10
(2006)**

**Strengthening statistical capacity in Asia
& the Pacific**

➤ **Three areas of sub-programme**

- **Statistics development**
- **Information services**
- **Statistical analysis**

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Agenda Item 1: Terms of reference and functioning of the Committee on Statistics

Statistics development

- Responsibility of *Statistics Division*, supported by *Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific*
- Complementary roles
 - SD** Promote development & implementation of international standards through technical cooperation, focusing on emerging areas
 - SIAP** Provide training on practical applications, focusing on established areas

Technical cooperation: New strategy

- Link to global initiative and reflect country needs
- Strategic priority: policy relevance and need for standards
- Integrated approach: from advocacy to measurement development to targeted training/advisory services to knowledge management/regional network
- Internal capacity and close partnership
- From target countries to “spill-over” effect

Recent applications

- **Building capacity through population census**
- **Measuring informal sector & informal employment**
- **Improving disability measurement and statistics**
- **Facilitating microdata documentation and dissemination**
- **Supporting strategic planning for statistical development**
- **Improving data for measuring the MDGs**

Strategic mix of activities

Raising awareness: workshops—from regional to in-country; combine users and producers

Developing standards: measurement development through pilot tests and results analyses

Improving national capacity: targeted training; advisory services

Knowledge sharing: training manual and guidelines; website; regional network of experts

Relying on partnership: with all key players

So far ...

- **Created interest/momentum among target countries**
- **Brought users and producers together**
- **Contributed to standard development with empirical evidence**
- **Established strong partnerships**
- **Project approach recognized as a model**

Defining future directions

- **Balance between supportive role and core functions**
- **Balance support in different areas of statistics**
- **Engaging NSOs and other statistical offices**
- **Partnership and coordination**
- **Resources and sustainability**
- **Evaluation of impact**

The Committee may wish to

- Express view on the impact of secretariat current programmes and expectations for its future work
- Guide secretariat on strategic priorities
- Advise on specific role of ESCAP in each area
- Advise on need to engage national statistical systems
- Express view on cooperation and coordination among statistics development partners in the region

THANK YOU!