



Establishment of a Strategic Advisory Body for the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia and the Pacific and of a supporting network of experts

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Topic (iv): Collaboration



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Modernization of statistical production and services

- Background and recent regional discussions
- Possible regional priorities
- Collaboration: modalities of functioning



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Rapidly emerging regional concern



- Committee on Statistics (CST) in 2010
 - Decision by the CST to set as one of its overarching goals *“the creation of a more adaptive and cost-effective information management environment for National Statistical Institutions (NSIs) through stronger collaboration”*
- Committee on Statistics, December 2012
 - Decision by the CST to establish a high-level strategic body on the modernization of statistical information systems and a supporting network of experts



Strategic Advisory Body (SAB-AP)



- Develop a regional strategy to raise awareness and advocate on the importance and urgency of the modernization issue
- Mobilize resources to implement the regional strategy, including identifying relevant partners and other stakeholders.
- Represent the Asia-Pacific region in global mechanisms and strategic bodies such as the High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Statistical Production and Services
- Provide strategic directions to and overseeing the programme of work of the network of experts to be established



Regional context



- Very diverse in terms of level of development of national statistical systems
- Modernization concepts and tools still relatively new to many NSS
- Mostly decentralized NSS
- No transnational statistical legislation as driver for harmonization across countries
- Modernization as a way to apply standardized procedures or techniques
- More immediate benefits in quality improvement than longer term modernization benefits



Possible regional priorities



- GSBPM
 - Need for a better understanding of NSS work processes
 - As pre-requisite to next stages in modernization programmes
 - As basis for standardization of terminology and harmonization of production processes
 - Of interest to all NSIs in the region
 - From most advanced NSS as framework to develop modernization programmes
 - To less advanced: Improvement of data quality



Possible regional priorities



- Big data ?
 - One of rationale for modernization
 - Similar implications of big data for all national statistical systems
 - A more immediate interest of the region in using big data to address development issues
 - United Nations Global Pulse initiative

Modalities of functioning



- SAP-AP currently being established
 - Australia and Republic of Korea have indicated interest in becoming members
 - ESCAP seeking expression of interest from additional NSOs
- MSIS Bangkok 2013 as an opportunity to
 - Explore how the Network of Expert can best support the SAB-AP
 - Discuss substantive priorities
 - Discuss how best the network can function

Network of experts



- Facilitating knowledge / experience sharing
 - Within the region
 - Linking with works and initiatives in other regions
 - Participation in technical meetings
- Functioning as an informal group
 - Mostly through electronic means
 - Emails
 - Web platform, Wiki



Thank you.

