On behalf of Rosstat we would like to note that our country has always considered SIAP a very important institution that makes a lot of efforts in promotion of statistical literacy and development of professional skills of statisticians in the ESCAP region.

We would also like to commend the meaningful and useful work conducted by SIAP via implementing a number of programs and trainings in order to address the needs of the countries, including regional programs on economic statistics, internet-based training, strategies for modernization of national statistical systems, research-based training programs.

The statistics is transforming right now to meet modern challenges. Training of statisticians is becoming more important as the volume of information is constantly growing, and we must change to face new challenges. Digitalization, Big Data, Data Science and traditional statistical domains demands qualified staff with new competencies as well.

We need to develop regional and international training institutions for NSOs to evolve and have a staff with the new skills, and that is where SIAP might be of great help.

SIAP provides the major online learning platform that has been constantly promoted in cooperation with other institutions for the purposes of statistical training.

Furthermore the platform has served as a very useful and significant tool during the pandemic caused by COVID-19.

The functionality of the platform allows providing access to knowledge base for the largest number of statisticians from national statistical offices.

Russia is committed to continue to make contributions to the activities of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific providing financial support as well as facilitating knowledge sharing practice.

SIAP and Rosstat have successful experience of cooperation in the field of training statisticians. Rosstat experts actively participated as the lecturers and invited speakers on macroeconomic statistics and the use of information technology in the production of official statistics.

We endorse our further collaboration in conducting e-learning courses organized in different field of statistics, with the involvement of the leading Russian scientific institutions and experts.