The Kyrgyz Republic’s Candidature for Membership of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)

Everyone, everywhere nurtures data as a strategic asset for insight, impact and integrity

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As the first nomination from North and Central Asia to the Governing body of SIAP, I would bring valuable experience from working across the subregion to ensure that the SIAP recognises and responds to the diverse needs of all member states. In my professional career, I have represented governments and academia. Having held senior roles at the Kyrgyz Government and Academia over the past two decades, I have a thorough understanding of how the SIAP, statistical society constituents and international organizations operate. The Kyrgyz National Statistical Office had been representing subregion at IAEG SDG (two terms) and now active member of High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB). With these credentials and cognizant of the opportunities available, I am uniquely placed to address the challenges facing the world of work.

Vision

The role of official statistics dramatically increased due to reliable and timely data demand for monitoring progress towards the achievement of SDGs and COVID-19 pandemic made a wake up call to illustrate criticality of data use to protect our lives and livelihoods.

Today NSOs are big pressure on demands for new nontraditional sources of data for production of quick and reliable statistics and the role of SIAP as a regional training center is core and can serve as key center of excellence for statistical community.

Second, countries in the region are lack of capacity to produce even some of the most basic data for a wide range of core economic, agricultural, social and environment statistics, including country commitments to monitor SDGs.
Third, Data literacy is becoming core to ensure fair and sustainable policy decisions and requires to build capacity of policy makers, planners and decisions makers to understand what is the national data ecosystem that is enable to produce high-quality, timely, open, reliable and disaggregated data for evidence-based decision making.

Forth, to ensure comprehensive and integrated approach there is a time to link needs of NSOs reflected in NSDS and products of SIAP.

Within above it is important to show linkage of Global Agenda and SIAP that are rely on:

1) Agenda 2030
2) UNSG Data Strategy;
3) Cape Town Global Action Plan
4) Dubai declaration
5) Global Data communities’ Response to COVID
6) Bern Data Compact for the Decade of Action on the SDGs
7) Regional Road Map for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.
8) SIAP Strategic Plan 2020-2024
9) NSDS

To achieve above goals, it is proposed to support and focus on below areas:

- From People and Culture perspectives:
  o Build data literacy, skills, talent and cultures
  o Create subregional centres of excellence
- From Partnership perspectives:
  o Build strong partnerships for insight, impact and integrity and connect better with global data ecosystems
  o Cooperation with IFIs and engagement with public-public and public-private cooperation for the use of administrative records and new and innovative data sources by removing barriers to these sources, while ensuring full respect for privacy and confidentiality
- Governance perspectives:
  o Ensure data is governed at the right levels and with the right approaches everywhere, so that everyone is empowered to manage data as a strategic asset
- Technology perspectives:
  o Ensure that our technology tools and processes are aligned to empower everyone, everywhere in using data optimally
  o Deploy stronger tool sets for analytics, data management and governance – with a focus on self-service applications
- Empower different user types with diverse tool sets – consumers, explorers, experts and innovators
- Linkage of SIAP strategy with country NSDS