

## **Talking Points on the Outcome of the Seventeenth Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific**

The seventeenth session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific was held on 2 and 3 December 2021 via videoconferencing.

During the session, Council members expressed their views on development of e-learning training materials and methodologies by the Institute. The Council also considered its regular agenda items, including the report of the Director of the Institute on its achievements in 2021 and the proposed work programme and financial plan for 2022.

Even under the COVID-19 pandemic, training needs were strong. The Institute organized and delivered virtual interactive training courses. The number of participants was 3,102 in 2021, largest in history of the Institute. Delivery of e-learning courses was supported by a couple of webinars. The Council acknowledged the achievements of the Institute during the pandemic conditions.

The Council requested that additional good e-learning development methodologies be employed, including the utilization of hands-on sessions in web-based training, which can be actively shared among member States; the possibility of allocating resources for translation of e-learning courses into additional United Nations official languages be explored; and that training-of-trainers programmes be organized to build the capacity of staff at national statistical offices to enable them to conduct national-level training activities and for such programmes to include training on facilitation skills.

The Institute proposed 33 training courses including 23 e-learning courses as the work programme and financial plan for 2022. The Council reviewed and endorsed the work programme and financial plan of the Institute.

Thank you madam/mister Chair for this opportunity to present the outcome of the seventeenth session of the Governing Council of the Institute to the Commission today.