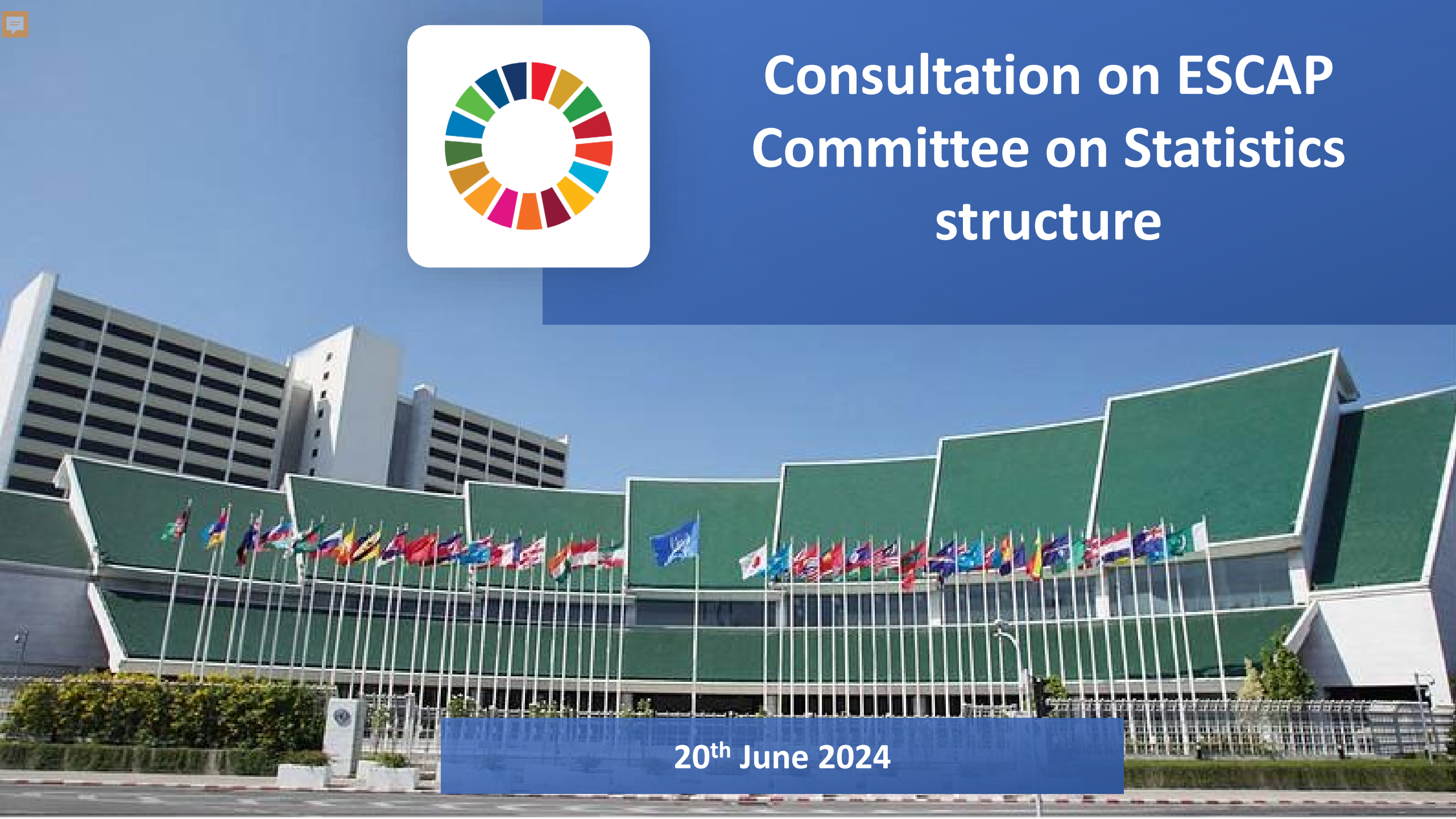
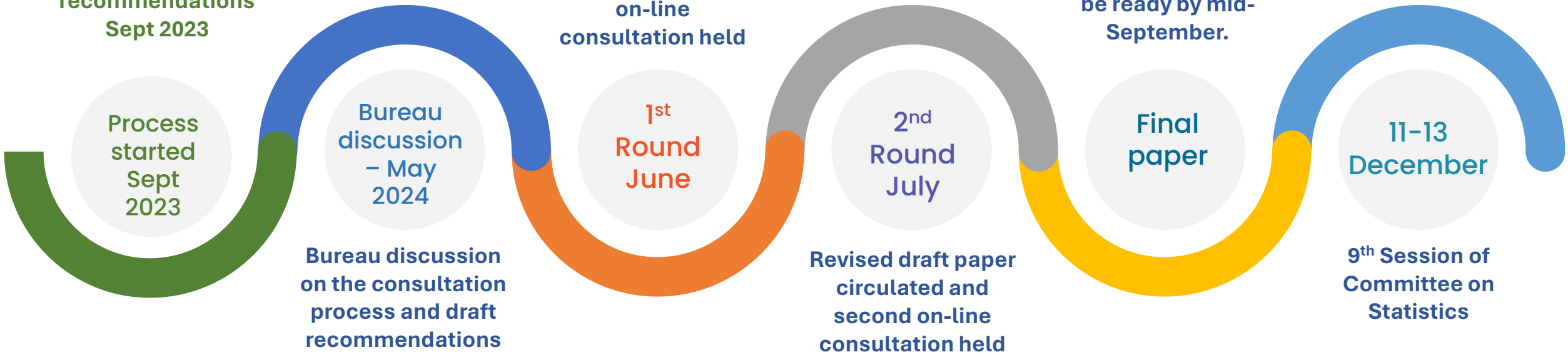
Consultation on ESCAP Committee on Statistics structure



20th June 2024

Consultation on committee structure

"The Committee decides that its Bureau shall, with the support of the secretariat, conduct a review of the groups and communities of practice supporting the Committee's work and propose recommendations to that end for consideration by the Committee to streamline, consolidate and improve those groups and communities to ensure that they continue to be fit for purpose."



ESCAP
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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Groups and Communities supporting the work of the Committee

Steering Group for Regional Programme for Improvement of Economic Statistics

Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics

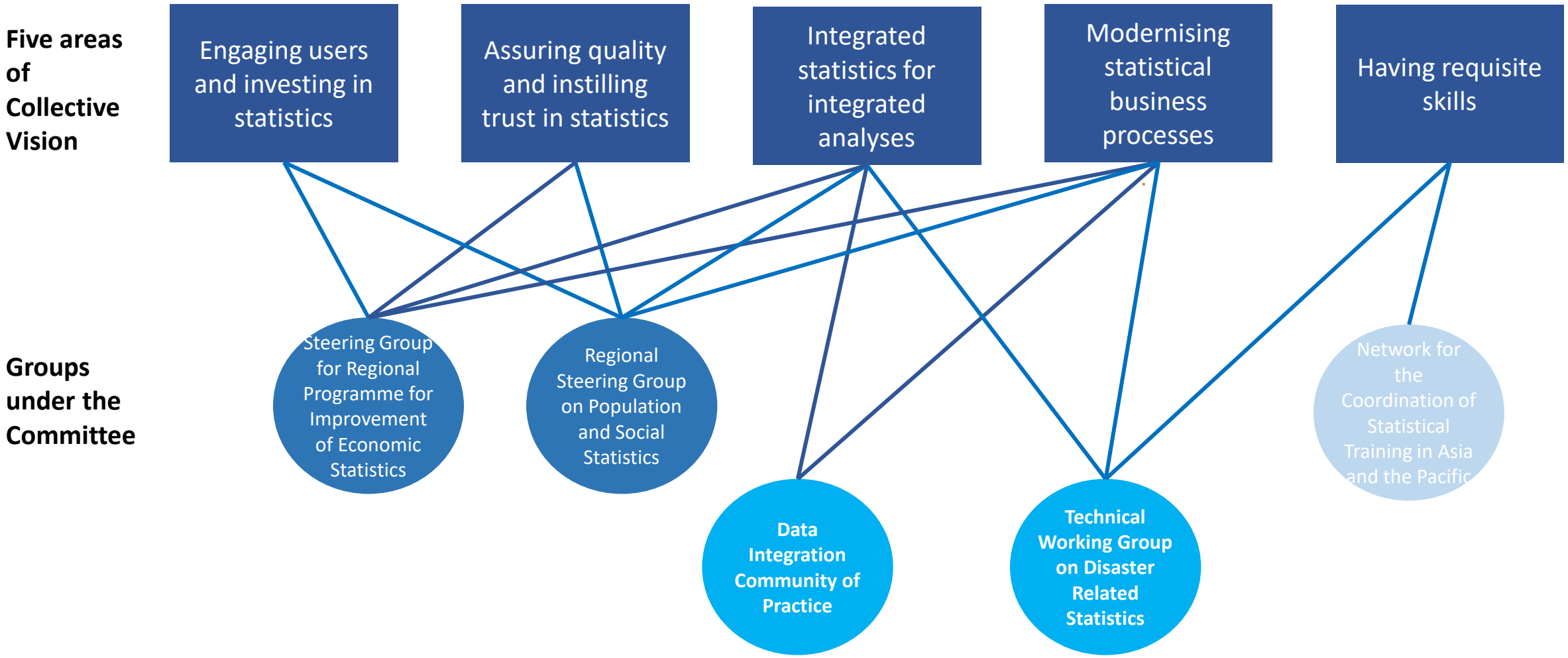
Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific

The Technical Working Group on Disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Data Integration Community of Practice



Committee Structure and links to collective vision



Key findings

- Formal groups work well where there are additional financial resources but challenging once these resources stop;
- Informal groups are able to respond quickly to the rapidly changing context, unlike formal groups;
- Online webinars provide a good mechanism to share information and experiences and are able to respond quickly to emerging issues;
- Communities of Practice, work well when they are open and inclusive;
- Increasing overlap between groups with growth of multi-domain topics such as data governance, environment statistics and big data
- Better for countries to engage with global groups to ensure there is a strong Asia and Pacific voice rather than duplicating global groups at regional level; and
- The Secretariat has limited resources, so can only support small number of groups.

New structure

Move away from formal discrete groups and communities to an integrated agile structure.

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Time-bound task focused Dash teams support the implementation of Committee decisions.

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Asia and Pacific Data and Statistics Online Forum

New online forum to engage statisticians on wide variety of topics and to identify topics and speakers for Stats Cafes and topics and staff to join Dash teams



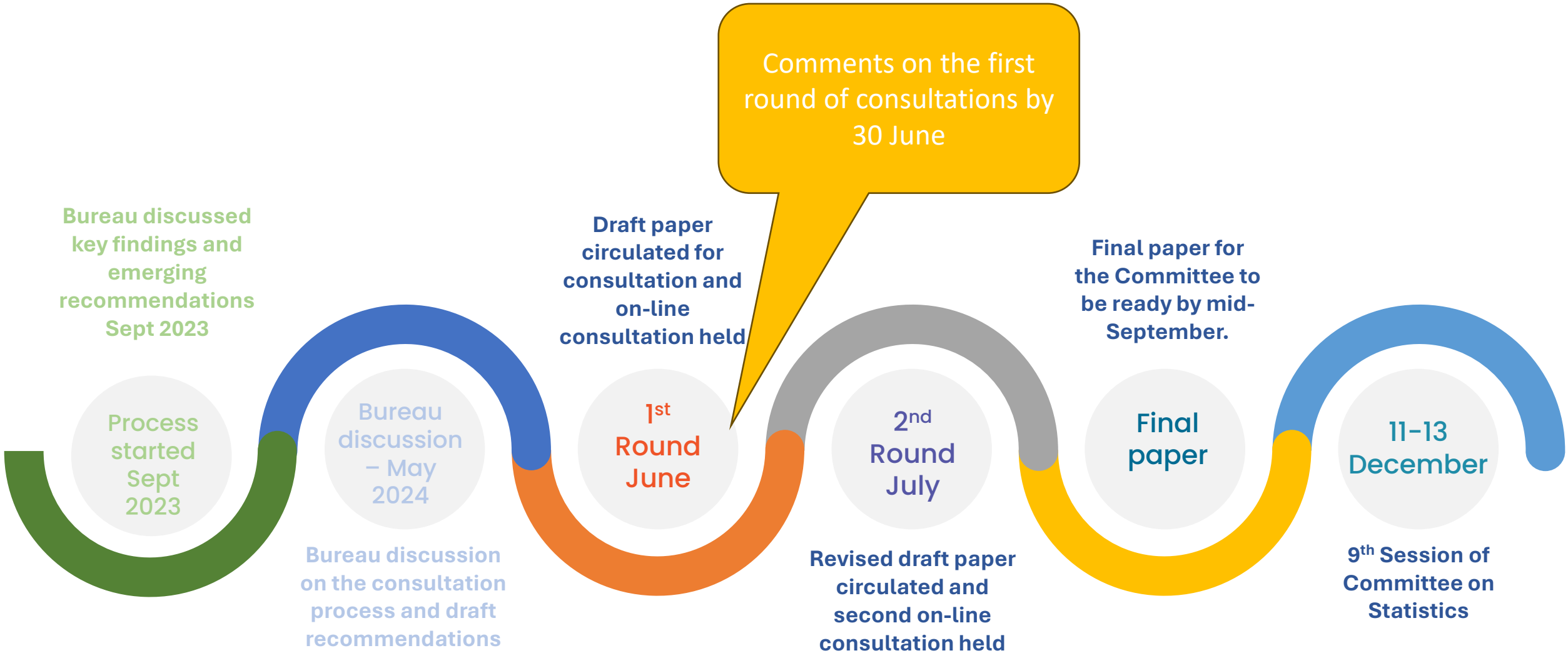
Asia-Pacific Stats Café webinars continue to provide forum for knowledge sharing

Recommendations

Discontinue the five existing groups and communities of practice and replace with**:**

- **A new Asia-Pacific data and statistics online forum** covering all aspects of official statistics
- **Dash teams (task focused and time bound)** to support the implementation of decisions taken by the Committee on Statistics reporting to the Bureau;
- **Asia-Pacific Stats cafes to share experiences.**

Next Steps


Comments on the first round of consultations by 30 June
Bureau discussed key findings and emerging recommendations Sept 2023
Process started Sept 2023
Bureau discussion – May 2024
Bureau discussion on the consultation process and draft recommendations
Draft paper circulated for consultation and on-line consultation held
1st Round June
2nd Round July
Revised draft paper circulated and second on-line consultation held
Final paper for the Committee to be ready by mid-September.
Final paper
11-13 December
9th Session of Committee on Statistics

Any comments or questions?