Joint meeting of the Steering Groups of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics

(Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics)

31 October – 2 November 2023 (10:00-13:30 UTC+7)

Meeting Provisional Programme

DAY 1, Tuesday 31 October 2023, 9:45 – 13:30 UTC+7

Pre-meeting (15 minutes)

• Connection to the meeting
• Housekeeping tips

1. Opening Session (30 minutes)

Moderator: Ms Rikke Munk Hansen, Chief of the Economic and Environment Statistics Section (EES), ESCAP Statistics Division

• Welcome remarks, Ms Rachael Beaven, Director, ESCAP Statistics Division
• Opening remarks by Chairs of the Steering Groups
  ▪ Mr Phub Sangay, Executive Specialist/Officiating Director, National Statistics Bureau of Bhutan
  ▪ Ms Aishath Shahuda, Deputy Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics
• Overview of meeting objectives and modalities, Mr Alick Mjuma Nyasulu, Statistician, ESCAP Statistics Division
• Introduction and group photo
2. Sharing National Experiences (1 hour)

**Objective:** To share highlights of national experiences and practices related to innovations and developments in economic, social and population related statistics. Each participating country is encouraged to make a concise intervention of 3 minutes.

*Chair: Ms Aishath Shahuda, Deputy Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics*
- Brief interventions of 3 minutes by Steering Groups’ country members.

**Screen break (30 minutes)**

3. Sharing National Experiences Cont. (1.5 hours)

**Objective:** To share national experiences and practices related to priority areas identified by the ESCAP Committee on Statistics: Data governance, big data, gender statistics, and well-being and sustainability measures.

*Chair: Mr Phub Sangay, Executive Specialist/Officiating Director, National Statistics Bureau of Bhutan*
- Overview of the relevant decisions by the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, ESCAP Statistics Division
- Countries presentations (Singapore, Australia, Georgia, Malaysia):
  - Data Governance and Management in the Singapore Department of Statistics, Mr Peng Yuxiang, Statistician, Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS)
  - Data Shifts at the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Ms Jacqui Vitas, General Manager, Economy and Environment Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
  - Gender Statistics in Georgia: Main Achievements, Mr Paata Shavishvili, Deputy Executive Director, National Statistics Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT)
  - The Malaysian Experience on Innovations and Developments in Economic, Social, Population, Well-being, and Environment-related Statistics, Mr Mohd Yazid Kasim, Senior Director, Change Management Office, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)
- Q&A, discussion, and other countries sharing their national experiences on priority topics
DAY 2, Wednesday 1 November 2023, 10:00 – 13:30 UTC+7

4. Briefing on some relevant global forums (1.5 hours)

**Objective:** To learn about the relevant global forums.

**Chair:** Ms Nilima Lal, Economic Statistics Adviser, Pacific Community

- Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics, Francesca Grum, Chief of Branch, Demographic and Social Statistics, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians, Ms Aishath Shahuda, Deputy Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics
- Q&A and discussion

**Screen break (30 minutes)**

5. Initiatives and tools by development partners (1.5 hours)

**Objective:** To introduce and demonstrate relevant initiatives and tools that are in place by development partners.

**Chair:** Mr Phub Sangay, Executive Specialist/Officiating Director, National Statistics Bureau of Bhutan

- Navigating Development Challenges with Data: ADB’s Statistical Data Products and Statistical Capacity Building Initiatives, Dr Arturo Martinez, Statistician, Statistics and Data Innovation Unit, Economic Research and Development Impact Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Brief Introduction to Training Courses of SIAP, Seiji Takata, Deputy Director, Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)
- Strengthening Migration Data in Asia and the Pacific, Dr. Anny Yip-Ching Yu, Lead of Research & Analysis, and Ms Gabriela Alvarez, Regional Data Analyst, IOM Regional Data Hub
- UNICEF Data Initiatives: MICS and More, Mr Jayachandran Vasudevan, Statistics and Monitoring Specialist & Regional MICS Coordinator, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office
- Debrief of the recently ended International Conference of Labour Statisticians, Mr Tite Habiyaakare, Senior Statistician, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- Q&A and discussion
DAY 3, Thursday 2 November 2023, 10:00 – 13:30 UTC+7

6. Parallel side sessions on specific topics (70 minutes)

Objective: To discuss one topic specifically related to each group. Side sessions will be conducted concurrently in separate virtual rooms for each group.

Chairs: Mr Mohd Yazid Kasim, Senior Director, Change Management Office, Department of Statistics Malaysia, and Mr Eunkoo Lee, Research and Data Specialist, UNWOMEN

- Side session on Towards the 2025 SNA Consolidated list of recommendations, Mr Hermanus Smith, Chief of National Accounts Section, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- Side session on the Recent developments in the measurement of technology-facilitated violence against women, with experiences from:
  - Indonesia: Ms Andy Yentriyani, Chief Commissioner, National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan)
  - Republic of Korea: Mr Bong Seob Kim, Research Fellow, National Information Society Agency

7. Debrief on Review of Committee Structure (30 minutes)

Objective: To inform members of the consultation results and the Bureau’s work on the “Review of the Committee Structure.”

Chair: Ms Aishath Shahuda, Deputy Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics

- Debrief on the Review of the Committee Structure, Ms Rachael Beaven, Director of the ESCAP Statistics Division
- Q&A and discussion

Screen break (30 minutes)

8. Next step (1 hour)

Objective: To discuss and propose a) priority areas and topics for statistical development and demands for capacity building in Asia and the Pacific, considering cross-cutting as well as sectoral areas (economic, social and population statistics); b) strategies to enhance the effective engagement of Asia-Pacific statistical community with the global community in the interest of the region.
Chair: Mr Mohd Yazid Kasim, Senior Director, Change Management Office, Department of Statistics Malaysia

- Trigger presentation on objectives of group discussion, Nicolas Patoine-Hamel, Statistics Team Assistant, ESCAP Statistics Division
- Group discussion by the Steering Group members
- Plenary discussion

9. Other business and closing (20 minutes)

Chair: Mr Mohd Yazid Kasim, Senior Director, Change Management Office, Department of Statistics Malaysia

- Other business
- Meeting evaluation survey
- Summary of the meeting, Ms Petra Nahmias, Chief of the Population and Social Statistics Section (PSS), ESCAP Statistics Division
- Closing remarks

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