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Asia-Pacific Stats Café on Countdown to the Asia-Pacific Statistics Week | 16 Nov, 11:00-12:30 (UTC+7)

Moderator



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Agenda

- Presentation on the programme of the Asia-Pacific Statistics Week 2026
- Panel discussion on key papers for the tenth session of the Committee on Statistics
- Overview of logistical and administrative arrangements for participants of Asia-Pacific Statistics Week
- Q&A
- Closing

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Presentation on the programme of the Asia-Pacific Statistics Week 2026



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- Associated/side events by partners/ESCAP
- SIAP meeting
- 10th session of the Committee on Statistics (sessions with interpretation)

ASIA-PACIFIC STATISTICS WEEK: Building trust in official statistics

30 Nov–4 Dec 2026
Bangkok, Thailand

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

DAY 1 MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

10:00–12:00 *Conference Room 4*

22nd Session of the Governing Council of SIAP

AGENDA 1:
Opening of the session

(a) Election of officers
(b) Adoption of the agenda
(c) Opening addresses

AGENDA 2:
Matters arising from the 21st session of the Governing Council

AGENDA 3:
Activities and financial status of SIAP

12:00–13:00 LUNCH

13:00–16:00 *Conference Room 4*

22nd Session of the Governing Council of SIAP (cont'd)

AGENDA 4:
Work programme and financial plan for 2027

AGENDA 5:
Dates and venue of the 23rd session of the Governing Council.

AGENDA 6:
Other matters

DAY 2 TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

09:00–10:00 *Conference Room 4*

22nd Session of the Governing Council of SIAP (cont'd)

AGENDA 7:
Adoption of the report of Governing Council on its 22nd session.

BREAK

10:00–12:00 *Conference Room 1*

21st SIAP Management Seminar: Buildng trust in official statistics

12:00–13:00 LUNCH

13:00–17:00 *Conference Room 1*

21st SIAP Management Seminar: Buildng trust in official statistics (cont'd)

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

08:00-08:45 *Asia-Pacific Foyer* (closed meeting)
MORNING COFFEE FOR HEADS OF NSOS

09:00–11:00 *Conference Room 2*

Tenth Session of the Committee on Statistics

AGENDA 1:
Opening of the session

(a) Election of officers
(b) Adoption of the agenda
(c) Opening addresses

11:00–12:00 SIDE EVENT
Meeting Room A

Analysis for Action: strengthening trust in official statistics for better decision-making (UK ONS)

12:00–13:00 LUNCH

13:00–15:00 *Conference Room 2*

AGENDA 2:
Progress made since the ninth session of the Committee on Statistics

(a) Progress made in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in implementing decisions taken by the Committee at its ninth session;
(b) Report of the bureau;
(c) Reports of the Governing Council of SIAP

15:00–17:00* ASSOCIATED EVENT
Conference Room 1 **Inclusive leadership across statistical systems** (UN Women)

DAY 4 THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER

09:00–11:00 *Conference Room 2*

AGENDA 3:

Future of national statistical offices in a digital society

(a) Building trust in official statistics in a digital society

11:00–12:00 SIDE EVENTS

Meeting Room A
Sustainable Indicators for Policy Monitoring: Lessons from the SDGs (ESCAP)

Meeting Room F
Being Counted in a Digital Society: advancing statistical inclusion of forcibly displaced and stateless people (UNHCR)

12:00–13:00 LUNCH

13:00–15:00 *Conference Room 2*

AGENDA 3:
Future of national statistical offices in a digital society (cont'd)

(b) Embedding quality assurance as a foundation for trust in official statistics.

AGENDA 4:
Other matters

15:00–17:00* ASSOCIATED EVENT
Conference Room 1 **From trust to use: Getting official statistics into decisions** (ESCAP)

DAY 5 FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER

09:00–12:00 *Conference Room 1*

ASSOCIATED EVENT

AI and Official Statistics (ESCAP DASH team)

12:00–12:30 LUNCH

12:30–13:30 ASSOCIATED EVENT
Conference Room 1 **Building the Future of Data Together: Networking Event for Census, Statistics and Geospatial Leaders** (UNSD and ESCAP)

14:00–16:00 *Conference Room 2*

AGENDA 5:
Adoption of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its tenth session

* The exact start time may be earlier and depends on when the Committee session ends.

Provisional Agenda

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   b) Report of the bureau;
   c) Reports of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific.
3. Future of National Statistical Offices in a digital society
   a) Building Trust in official statistics in a digital society
   b) Embedding quality assurance as a foundation for trust in official statistics
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its tenth session.

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Panel discussion on key papers for the tenth session of the Committee on Statistics

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ESCAP/CST(10)/2:
Progress in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in implementing decisions taken by the Committee at its ninth session

ESCAP/CST(10)/3:
Activities of the bureau since the ninth session of the Committee on Statistics



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ESCAP/CST(10)/2:

Progress in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in implementing decisions taken by the Committee at its ninth session

Draft decision 1

The Committee on Statistics decides to support members and associate members in their efforts to strengthen the core areas of national statistical systems, including national statistical planning, statistical legislation, user engagement and the modernization of statistical business processes.

Countries are invited to share:

- Experiences in advancing official statistics, particularly on these four areas, and implementing the Declaration at national level.
- Provide guidance on future work of the Committee

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ESCAP/CST(10)/3:

Activities of the bureau since the ninth session of the Committee on Statistics

Draft decision 2

The Committee on Statistics encourages all members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to actively engage in the Data and Statistics Horizon teams, contribute to their work and promote the use of the tools, guidance and recommendations that they produce.

Countries are invited to share:

- Feedback on their experience engaging in the previous DASH teams.
- Provide guidance on how the work of DASH teams and the engagement of national experts could be improved.
- Propose topics for future DASH teams

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ESCAP/CST(10)/4:

Building trust in official statistics in a digital society



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ESCAP/CST(10)/4:

Building trust in official statistics in a digital society

Draft decision 3

CST calls on members and associate members:
(a) to strengthen the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, including by safeguarding the professional independence, impartiality and scientific integrity of national statistical offices and by upholding statistical confidentiality and privacy;
(b) to improve the accessibility, visibility and correct interpretation of official statistics; and
(c) to promote responsible innovation and digital transformation in statistical processes, consistent with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

Countries are invited to:

- Share their experiences on what they are doing to build trust in official statistics
- Provide the secretariat with guidance on strategies for strengthening trust and trustworthiness in official statistics and areas which would benefit from regional collaboration

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ESCAP/CST(10)/5:

Embedding quality assurance as a foundation for trust in official statistics



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ESCAP/CST(10)/5:

Embedding quality assurance as a foundation for trust in official statistics

Draft decision 4

The Committee on Statistics calls upon members and associate members:

- to adopt and implement quality assurance frameworks aligned with international standards
- to undertake regular assessments of the quality of official statistics and the effectiveness of quality management practices
- to strengthen the leadership role of national statistical offices in promoting a culture of quality

Countries are invited to:

- Share country experiences in implementing quality assurance frameworks, standards & assessments
- Share practices for engaging non-governmental actors in producing, using and communicating statistics while upholding quality standards
- Provide guidance on regional collaboration to strengthen quality assurance across NSS

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Overview of logistical and administrative arrangements for participants of Asia-Pacific Statistics Week



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Registration and participation

- Letter of credentials
- Indico registration
- Visa requirements and support
- Country statements

- **Example of letter of credentials**

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Dear Ms. Alisjahbana,

With reference to your letter OES/B/12/2026-00550 dated 24 June 2026, the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has the honor to confirm the following members of its delegation to attend the ***tenth session of the Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*** to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok from 2 to 4 December 2026:

1. **Mr. Michiel Smit**, Assistant Statistics & Data Analysis Officer
2. **Mr. Chao Huang,** Statistics and Data Analysis Officer

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by
Yukiko Iriyama
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Yukiko Iriyama
Officer-in-Charge

Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

- **Indico registration**

Asia-Pacific Statistics Week 2026

30 November 2026 to 4 December 2026
United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC - BKK)
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Overview
Scientific Programme
Registration

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Asia - Pacific STATISTICS WEEK 30 Nov – 4 Dec 2026
Building Trust in Official Statistics

Following events will be part of the Asia and Pacific Statistics Week, to be convened under the theme 'Building Trust in Official Statistics' from 30 November to 4 December December 2026 in Bangkok.

- **Twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)**, 30 November - 1 December December 2026.
- **Twenty-first Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in Asia and the Pacific**, 1 December 2026.
- **Tenth session of the Committee on Statistics**, 2-4 December 2026.

In addition to these events, various meetings and side events will be organized to complement and enrich the discussions at the Committee and Governing Council sessions.

Please note that participation in these events is **in-person and by invitation only.**

All relevant information to facilitate the participation of your delegation will be made available on the ESCAP website at https://www.unescap.org/events/2026/committee-statistics-tenth-session.

Starts 30 Nov 2026, 09:00
Ends 4 Dec 2026, 17:00
Asia/Bangkok

In-Person
United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC - BKK), Bangkok City, Thailand
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Registration
Registration for this event is currently open.
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Visa requirements and support

- Crucial for members and associate members of ESCAP without the presence of the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate
- Apply for relevant visa as soon as possible
- Ensure passport and/or other travel documents remain valid for more than six months
- ESCAP may provide support on a case-by-case basis. Documents needed for support: (1) Copy of passport, (2) letter of credentials, (3) nearest Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate for lodging visa application
- Contact your liaison officer (LO) as soon as possible

Country statements

- Fill in and submit speaker request form by **25 November 2026**
- Delegations submitting the speaker request form early are given priority
- Country statements should be **no longer than 3 minutes**
- Delegations are requested to provide their statements **prior to delivery** to facilitate interpretation
- Only delegates listed in the LoC, speaker request form, and registered on Indico will be accepted as speakers

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SPEAKERS REQUEST FORM

The 10th session of the Committee on Statistics will take place from 2 to 4 December 2026 in the conference room 2 (CR-2) at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok. Delegations wishing to deliver a statement are requested to complete this Speakers Request Form, indicating the agenda item(s) under which they wish to make an intervention.

Completed forms should be submitted by email to stat.unescap@un.org with a copy to patricia.wong@un.org and the assigned liaison officer, **no later than Wednesday, 25 November 2026.**

Delegations are also requested to designate a focal point, including an email address and telephone number, whom the secretariat may contact in case of any questions.

Agenda Item under which the delegation wishes to make an intervention (please select)

Wednesday, 2 December 2026

Agenda 2: Progress made since the ninth session of the Committee on Statistics

☐ **Agenda 2a**: Progress in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in implementing the decisions taken by the Committee at its ninth session

☐ **Agenda 2b**: Report of the Bureau

☐ **Agenda 2c**: Reports of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific.

Thursday, 3 December 2026

Agenda 3: Future of national statistics offices in a digital society

☐ **Agenda 3a**: Building trust in official statistics in a digital society

☐ **Agenda 3b**: Embedding quality assurance as a foundation for trust in official statistics

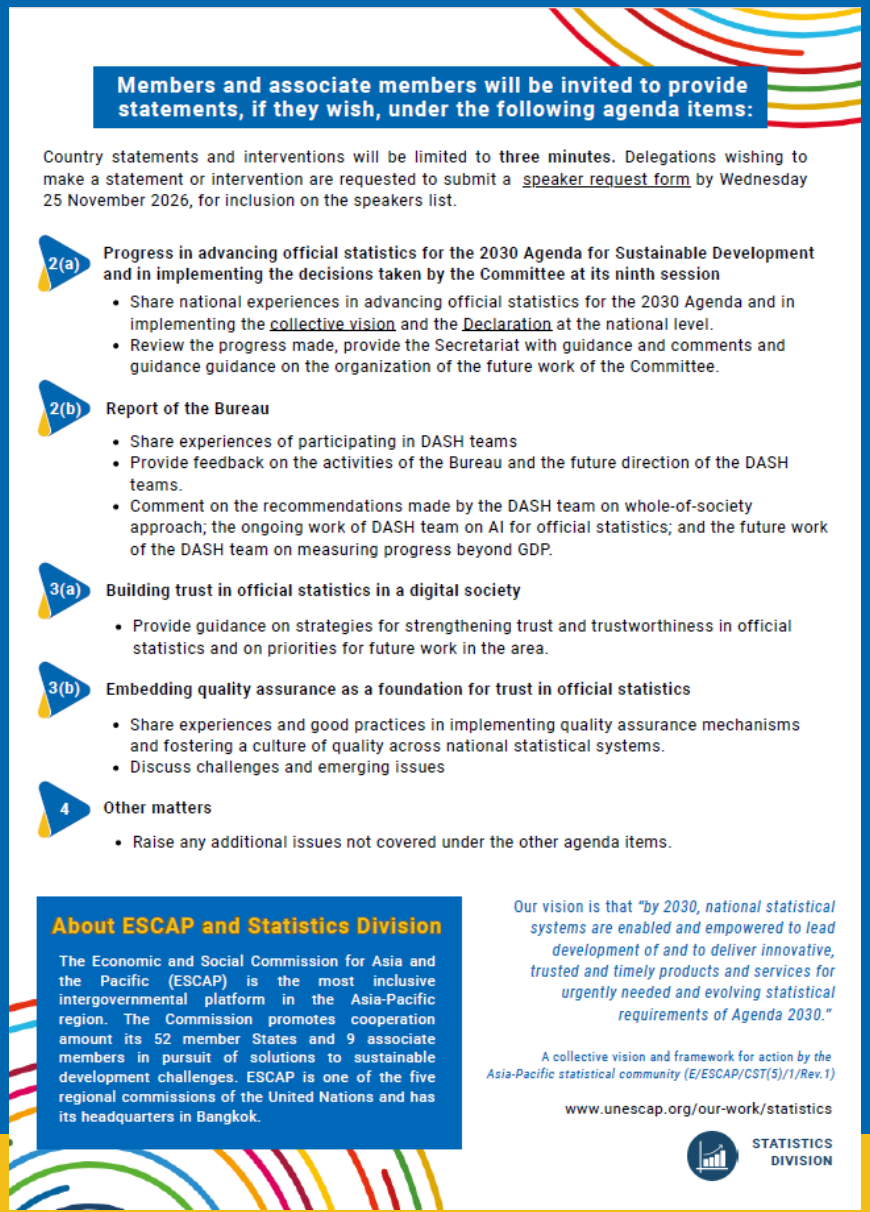
☐ **Agenda 4: Other matters**

Friday, 4 December 2026

☐ **Agenda 5: Adoption of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its tenth session**

More information

Guide to participation



Members and associate members will be invited to provide statements, if they wish, under the following agenda items:

Country statements and interventions will be limited to **three minutes.** Delegations wishing to make a statement or intervention are requested to submit a speaker request form by Wednesday 25 November 2026, for inclusion on the speakers list.

2(a) Progress in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in implementing the decisions taken by the Committee at its ninth session

- Share national experiences in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda and in implementing the collective vision and the Declaration at the national level.
- Review the progress made, provide the Secretariat with guidance and comments and guidance guidance on the organization of the future work of the Committee.

2(b) Report of the Bureau

- Share experiences of participating in DASH teams
- Provide feedback on the activities of the Bureau and the future direction of the DASH teams.
- Comment on the recommendations made by the DASH team on whole-of-society approach; the ongoing work of DASH team on AI for official statistics; and the future work of the DASH team on measuring progress beyond GDP.

3(a) Building trust in official statistics in a digital society

- Provide guidance on strategies for strengthening trust and trustworthiness in official statistics and on priorities for future work in the area.

3(b) Embedding quality assurance as a foundation for trust in official statistics

- Share experiences and good practices in implementing quality assurance mechanisms and fostering a culture of quality across national statistical systems.
- Discuss challenges and emerging issues

4 Other matters

- Raise any additional issues not covered under the other agenda items.

About ESCAP and Statistics Division

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the most inclusive intergovernmental platform in the Asia-Pacific region. The Commission promotes cooperation amount its 52 member States and 9 associate members in pursuit of solutions to sustainable development challenges. ESCAP is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations and has its headquarters in Bangkok.

Our vision is that *"by 2030, national statistical systems are enabled and empowered to lead development of and to deliver innovative, trusted and timely products and services for urgently needed and evolving statistical requirements of Agenda 2030."*

A collective vision and framework for action *by the Asia-Pacific statistical community (E/ESCAP/CST(5)/1/Rev.1)*

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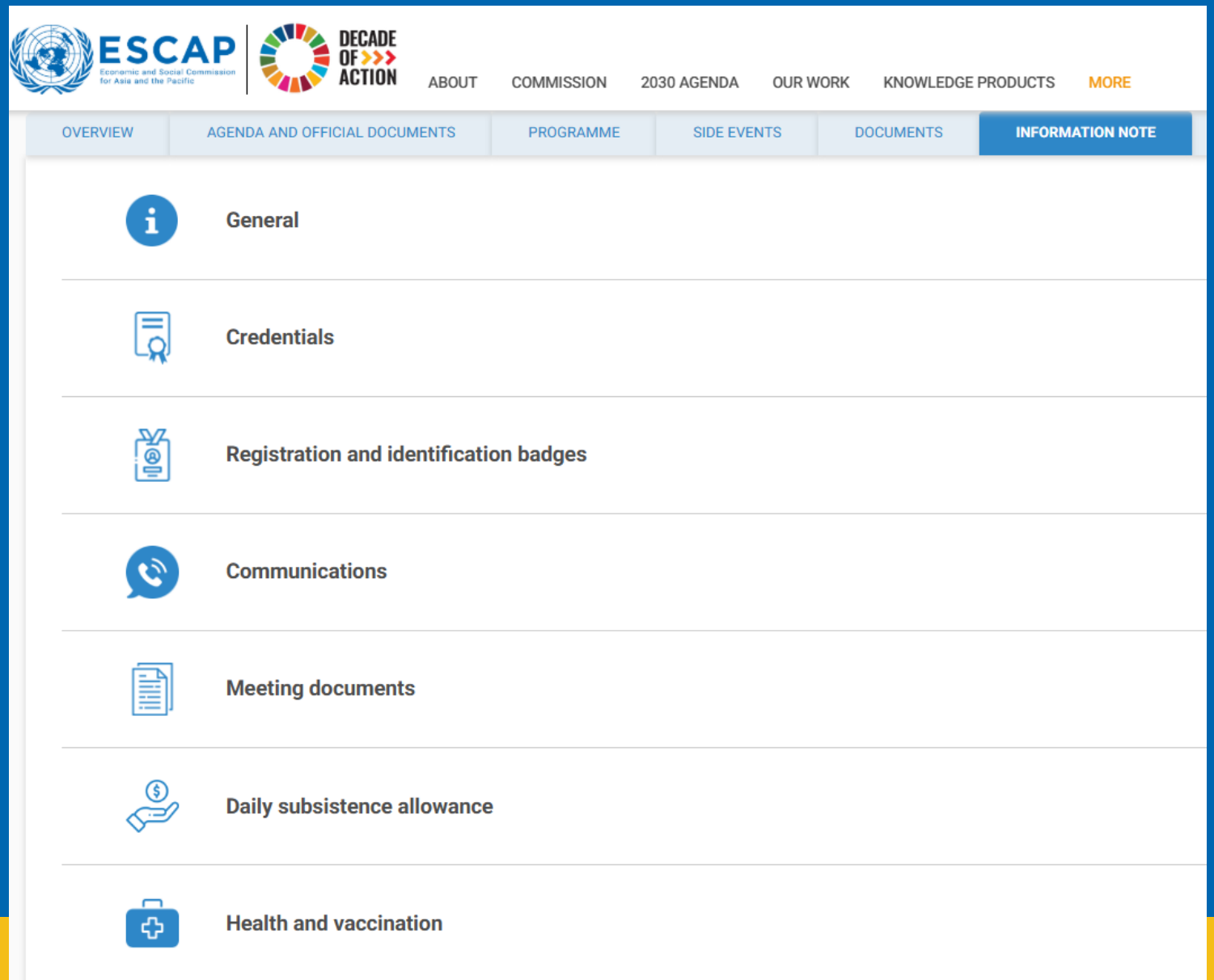

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