United Nations Asia-Pacific Regional Collaborative Platform
Terms of Reference
Means of Implementation Data and Statistics Group October 2023

Objective

1. The Data and Statistics Working Group (WG) is one of the means of implementation groups under the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP).

2. The objective of the WG is to enhance synergy and complementarity among programmes and activities of UN agencies in the region around SDG monitoring and statistical development and to address the statistics and data concerns of the other working groups of the RCP.

3. The WG supports a coordinated approach to statistical capacity development of national statistical systems and stakeholders of the national data ecosystem. It also provides a coordinated mechanism for statistics and data inputs for regional inputs to the global processes, including reviews of SDG progress.

Organization

4. The members/participants of the WG include UN and related entities working at the regional level on capacity development on data and statistics. This includes entities of the United Nations development system, as well as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Pacific Community (SPC) and Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21).

5. ESCAP and UNFPA will serve as Co-Chairs, and act as the joint secretariat to the WG. The Co-chairs can make decisions on behalf of the WG if required, within the parameters of this Terms of Reference, summary record of previous meetings, and the WG Annual Work Plan [Annex 1].

6. Each member agency will designate a focal point to facilitate collaboration. The cost of participation will be met by each participating agency. The focal points represent their agency and are responsible for providing updates on their environment, related activities and plans. The focal point is also responsible for keeping their colleagues in the respective agencies informed on the activities of the WG.

7. The WG will meet as deemed necessary, but at least two times a year. The agenda of each meeting will be circulated to members in advance by the WG secretariat, including relevant background documents. A summary record of each WG meeting, reflecting recommended actions and outcomes, will be prepared by the secretariat, endorsed by the members and submitted to the RCP Secretariat for centralized records.

8. The WG will prepare an Annual Work Plan [Annex 1] and will report on implementation of planned activities at the meetings of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) as required.
## Annex 1: Work Plan January 2023 to December 2023

### Key results area

1. The IBCs 2023 workplans are developed with clear strategic interventions ensuring the focus of services and products remains demand-drive and contribute to global priorities such as those outlined in OCA.
2. The dialogue between RCs and RDs is enhanced via regular thematic and policy exchanges.
3. 2022 UN System Wide report is comprehensive with concrete results showcasing the UNDS contribution towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.
4. The 2023 edition of the Asia-Pacific SDG Progress Report is successfully launched with contributions from all relevant members of the Working Group on SDG Data and Statistics.
5. 4 SDG Statistics Clinics or specific sessions organized to strengthen the data capacity of UNCTs.
6. 8 Asia-Pacific Stats Cafés are organized by two or more members of the Working Group on SDG Data and Statistics to strengthen the capacity of national statistical systems.

### Data and statistics

#### Regional Collaborative Platform for Asia and the Pacific Work Plan January 2023- December 2023

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