

**Asia-Pacific Conference:
Taking Collective Action to Accelerate Transformation of Official Statistics for Agenda 2030**

United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room IV

27–28 March 2017 , Bangkok

DAY 1, 27 March 2017	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
Welcome and setting the scene	
09:00 – 09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening: Executive Secretary, ESCAP • Regional SDG Roadmap and Collective Vision: Ms Margarita Guerrero, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP • Global initiatives in support of measurement of SDGs: Mr Raj Mitra, Inter-Regional Advisor on Statistical Capacity Building, United Nations Statistics Division
09:40 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation: Conference structure and expected results (ESCAP) • Introductions (ESCAP)
10:15 – 10:30	Group photo & coffee Break
<p>Session 1: SDG implementation strategies in Asia and the Pacific: Progress review</p> <p><i>Expected outcome: Participants have a shared understanding of SDG implementation at the country level, including establishing of national SDG coordination mechanisms, roles of respective government agencies in particular national statistical offices, and mainstreaming the goals and targets of 2030 Agenda in national development plans.</i></p>	
10:30 – 10:55	<p><u>Presentation (10 min)</u>: Overview of national activities related to SDG implementation across the Asia-Pacific region</p> <p>Mr Christopher Ryan, Regional Advisor for Statistics, ESCAP</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Simil Johnson, Government Statistician, Vanuatu National Statistics Office</p> <p>Q&A (15 min)</p>
10:55 – 12:10	<p><u>Panel discussion I (60 mins)</u>: Learning from country experiences in mainstreaming SDGs, developing indicators, mapping data availability and developing action plans to strengthen statistics</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Rikke Munk Hansen, Chief, Economic and Environmental Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rasim Safarov, Head, Department of Sustainable Development Statistics, State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan (TBC)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia • Ms Bernadette Balamban, Chief Statistical Specialist, Philippine Statistics Authority • Mr. Sefuiva Reupena Muagututia, Government Statistician, Samoa • Dr Amarajeewa Satharasinghe, Director General, Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka <p>Q&A (15 min)</p>
12:10 – 13:15	Lunch Break
<p>Session 2: Developing and implementing national indicator frameworks to drive national SDG implementation: Further reflections</p> <p><i>Expected outcome: Participants agree on: a) key requirements of a national indicator framework to support SDG implementation that is relevant, objective and comprehensive (R.O.C.); and b) potential challenges and opportunities for strengthening national processes and mechanisms of developing, compiling and using such an indicator framework, as well as enhancing data and statistics.</i></p>	
13:15 – 13:45	<p><u>Trigger presentation (20min)</u>: Key elements of an effective national indicator framework to drive national SDG implementation</p> <p>Mr Arman Bidarbakht Nia, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Samaychanh Boupha, Head and Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao Statistics Bureau</p> <p>Q&A (10 min)</p>
13:45 – 15:15	<p>All participants to be divided into three sub-groups</p> <p><u>Parallel group discussions I (1hour and 30 mins)</u>: Further discussions on country actions in the following areas, including those that are coming up immediately (six months to one year):</p> <p><u>Group 1: Developing a comprehensive indicator set, including data disaggregation requirements</u></p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Saadh Aishath, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Maldives <p><u>Group 2: Compiling and using the comprehensive indicator set for progress assessment and reporting</u></p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Kairat Orunkhanov, Vice Chairman, Committee on Statistics, Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan (TBC) ○ Mr Lal Shanker Ghimire, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission, Nepal

	<p><u>Group 3: Using the comprehensive indicator set to strengthen data and statistics</u></p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Liuksina Tekeeva, Deputy Chairman, National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic (TBC) ○ Ms Sonam Chokey, Planning officer, Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reporting back to the plenary and identifying common country actions in the three areas, in particular actions to be taken over the next six months to one year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapporteurs of three sub-groups ● Plenary discussions on challenges and opportunities to implement such actions <p>Moderator: Mr Arman Bidarbakht Nia, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap-up of day one
DAY 2, 28 March 2017	
Special issues session: SDGs for cities	
09:00 – 9:30	<p>Presentation: Monitoring and indicators to support SDG implementation at the municipal level: Perspectives from a mayor</p> <p>Ms Stephany Tan, City Mayor, City Government of Catbalogan, Samar, Philippines</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Mariko Sato, Chief, UN-Habitat Bangkok Office</p> <p>Q&A</p>
<p>Session 3: Effective partnerships to support national efforts in developing and implementing national indicator frameworks</p> <p><i>Expected outcome: Participants will have identified: a) a set of regional resources to be developed and mechanisms for delivering such resources to support country efforts of developing and implementing national indicator frameworks as well as strengthening national statistical capacity: b) a set of priority actions of regional collaboration in view of immediate country needs</i></p>	
09:30 – 10:00	<p><u>Trigger presentation (20 min)</u>: Regional/subregional resources and mechanisms to support national actions: Framework for Action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community</p> <p>Ms Sharita Serrao, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Phyllida Travis, Director, Department of Health System Development WHO New Dehli (TBC)</p> <p>Q&A (10 min)</p>

10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 12:00	<p>All participants to be divided into three sub-groups</p> <p><u>Parallel group discussions (1 hour and 45 min):</u> Recommendations on priorities of regional collaboration to support country actions in:</p> <p><u>Group 1: Developing a comprehensive indicator set, including data disaggregation requirements</u></p> <p><u>Group 2: Compiling and using the comprehensive indicator set for progress assessment and reporting</u></p> <p><u>Group 3: Using the comprehensive indicator set to strengthen data and statistics</u></p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Reporting back on the recommendations from the three sub-groups(30 min), Rapporteurs of three groups</p> <p>Responses to recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Enrico Bisogno, Chief, Data Development and Dissemination Unit, UNODC (TBC) • Mr Ananda Dias, Regional Coordinator, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP <p>Moderator: Mr. Yanhong Zhang, Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p><u>Panel discussion II (45 min):</u> Prioritizing and planning the implementation of recommendations to support country actions (reference to the Framework for Action, in particular Action Areas A and B)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Margarita Guerrero, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP • Ms Linda Hooper, Statistician, UNSD • Ms Karen Carter, Secretariat of the Pacific Community • UNDP Asia Pacific • Ms Maria Melinda (Malyn) Ando, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women • Ms Wah Wah Maung, Director General, Central Statistical Organization, Myanmar • Mr Pham Quang Vinh, Deputy Director General, General Statistics Office of Viet Nam (TBC) <p>Q&A and plenary discussion (15 min)</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break

Session 4: Summary and conclusions

Expected outcome: Participants will have reviewed and agreed on a set of recommendations at country and regional levels, including messages to be brought to the fourth session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

15:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of recommendations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Country actions to strengthen and accelerate development and implementation of national indicator frameworks, including actions to be taken over the next six months to one year○ Enhancing partnership support to country actions, prioritized to support immediate country actions• Key messages to be brought to the fourth session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (29-31 March 2017), in particular actions to be taken by government political and policy decision-makers to strengthen and accelerate development and implementation of national indicator frameworks <p>Moderator: Ms Margarita Guerrero, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Closing of the conference (ESCAP)