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The report of the Steering Group has rightly identified and underscored the main challenges to coordinating the technical cooperation activities within the ESCAP region. Among the challenges, lack of knowledge about the regional plan, capacity deficit and insufficient coordination at the national level are the most crucial. Against this backdrop, how the recommendations of the Steering Group can effectively influence the development agenda beyond 2015 is a matter of serious consideration. India is of the view that NSDS needs to be reset to incorporate capacity and coordination concerns of the sectoral programmes. While there is considerable merit in the idea of realigning the strategies for sectoral objectives as identified under the regional plans, it is important that they can be and should be done keeping in view the SDG indicator framework and the development agenda post-2015. In this context, efforts may be stepped up for cooperation among countries for integration of trade statistics with other business statistics.