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Agenda Item No: 2.Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: a collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community

Let me raise 4 points

1

On behalf of host government of SIAP, I would like to appreciate mentioning SIAP in several areas.

2

Regarding Action Area A Prospective delivery mechanisms:

On para 43, in the last bullet, I find “host a regional SDG data forum.” I would like to clarify the regional data forum. We know there are many meetings and conferences around including the first World Data Forum next month in Cape Town. Why not invite future World Data Forum in the ESCAP region, instead of hosting a regional forum.

3

In relation to Governance and coordination:

Para 75 goes “The Bureau is entrusted to review and adjust its Terms of Reference in accordance with the above responsibilities,…”

I think Entrusted is too strong, and I propose member states should be given opportunities to discuss any revision of TOR.

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Para 85 goes “The work would include the content of a monitoring framework (indicators, methodology) “

I think the metadata including methodology is matters of custodian agencies, i.e. international agencies in charge of respective SDGs indicators. I am concerned that NSI or NSS has to contact both custodian agencies and regional monitoring platform.