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The SIAP is expected to serve as the secretariat of the Network despite its resource constraints, and to play a leading role in the respective subgroup.

In particular, in order to cope with SDGs, the statistical capacity building of each country is an urgent issue, and measures for the issue have been proceeding at the Network meetings.

In particular, regarding "SIAP Database of training resources", SIAP is now working on the preliminary prototype to be completed by the end of this year with the support of the government of Japan.