

Asia-Pacific Conference:
Transforming Official Statistics for
Implementation of the
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Purpose and Expected Outcomes

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Purpose

Statistics in action for 2030 Agenda implementation

- To produce recommendations and propose action at the national, sub-regional, regional, inter-regional, and global levels for 2030 Agenda implementation in the region
- To formulate a collective vision– a statement of aspirations and inspiration

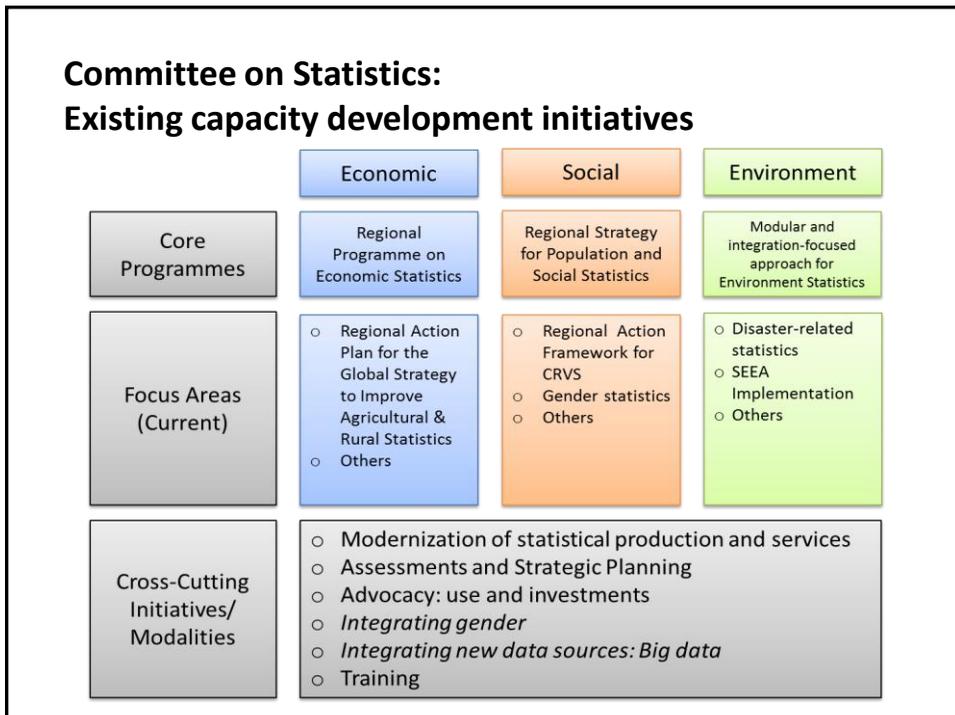
Through an “Outcome Document”

The statistical community’s response to the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific

- That states the vision and framework for multi-stakeholder action
- That responds to requests from our governments, our statistical leaders, through the ESCAP Committee on Statistics to review ongoing statistical capacity building initiatives with respect to
 - (a) institutional, cross-cutting issues
 - (b) statistics and data as a means of implementation of the SDGs
- That provides a formal point of reference for cooperation on statistics in the region towards 2030 (for endorsement by the Committee on Statistics in December 2016)

Guiding Principles

- Building on existing commitments
 - Regional & global initiatives
 - Sub-regional initiatives
 - National commitments on statistics & SDGs
- Adding value to national action
 - Development of “public goods” that benefit groups of countries
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Answers ...

- Collaborative activities
 - *What can we do together?*
- Stakeholders & responsibilities
 - *Who can do what?*
- Implementing our collective vision
 - **How do we go about it?**

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Opening session &

Session 1: The need for transformation

Section 1: The need for collective and urgent action

Section 2: Our collective vision

Section 3.1: Building on existing commitments

Section 3.2: Building on national action

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Session 2: Elements of the transformation

Fundamental characteristics of the national statistical system

Section 3.4: Action area B: Trusting the numbers

A: Investing in statistics

B: Integrated statistics and innovation

C: Modernization of statistical business processes

Section 3.3:
Action area A: At your service! ... but no free lunch

Section 3.5:
Action area C: Breaking down the pillars

Section 3.6:
Action area D: Oiling the machine

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Session 3: Transforming institutions is transforming people

Section 3.7:
Action area E: In the end, it's all about the people

Session 4: Advancing the transformation

Section 4:
Implementing our collective vision

Implementing our Collective Vision

Session 4: Advancing the transformation

- Governance structure
 - Committee on Statistics & subsidiary expert groups
 - Sub-regional intergovernmental bodies and related expert groups
 - Link to policy forums such as the Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development
- Implementation arrangements
 - Coordination
 - Reporting, monitoring & review
 - Existing global, regional and subregional initiatives
- Secretariat