

## **Network Report to the Eighth Session of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics Meeting**

Good day, I'm Zita Albacea from the Philippines, currently serving as the Chairperson of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific. I'm here to give you an update on the activities of the Network.

As you might recall, the Bureau of the Committee on Statistics established the Network, with a mandate to act as facilitator of information-sharing and of coordination among statistical training institutes in the region and the SIAP is serving as Secretariat of the Network

The two most recent meetings that the Network had, happened in 2020 and 2021. In both meetings yours truly served as presiding officer. At that time up to the present, the Network has 2 subgroups, one on Gender Statistics and the other is on Economic Statistics.

In December 2, 2020 the Network had its 6th meeting which was held online. The report of the subgroup on Gender Statistics made the members of the Network realized the need to stress the importance of integrating gender perspectives to other thematic areas of statistics. Also, it was suggested in the meeting that accreditation of courses and certification of experts be carried out initially within the country or internally and would then consider the need for its expansion after a thorough assessment.

The members also shared in that meeting their approaches to the evaluation of their training programs and how they utilize the results of such evaluation process. After the sharing, the members agreed to further improve evaluation of the trainings in their respective countries.

Likewise, the members of the Network agreed in that meeting to share materials, textbooks and other relevant information for the development of statistical trainings through the Secretariat.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting held also online on December 7, 2021, the subgroup on gender statistics reported that accreditation process for training conducted at the national level would have to be considered and that would necessitate further discussions among UN-Women, SIAP and other partners to ensure the same quality standards are applied at that level.

On the other hand, for the purpose of further prioritizing regional trainings in environment statistics, the Statistics Division of ESCAP and SIAP were to consider renaming and expanding the focus of the subgroup of economic statistics as well as the possibility of setting up another subgroup to cover environment statistics.

Also, the Network approved in that meeting, the proposal of SIAP to transfer the contents of the database of training information to a worksheet data file, which is to be shared with member States of the Network for easier access as well as for updating purposes.

Thus, in these two meetings, we take note that the Network continues to work on its mandate of facilitating information-sharing and coordination among the statistical training institutes in the region.

With that, on behalf of the Network I thank all of you for giving us time and your kind attention for this update report

Again a pleasant day to all!