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**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND PROPOSED OUTPUTS FOR THE  
PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2011**

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**SUMMARY**

The present document contains the strategic framework and the revised outputs proposed for inclusion in the programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2010-2011 for subprogramme 7, Statistics. The preliminary outputs as presented in the Committee document E/ESCAP/CST/9 dated 25 September 2008 have been refined in line with the instructions for the preparation of the programme budget for 2010-2011 issued by United Nations Headquarters on 1 October 2008. The revised outputs were also considered by the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR) as part of a comprehensive review of the draft programme of work of ESCAP for 2010-2011 at its special session held in Bangkok on 21 January 2009.

The present document on the revised draft programme of work for subprogramme 7, Statistics, is submitted for the Committee's review and further guidance prior to the submission of the draft programme of work of ESCAP for 2010-2011 to the Commission at its sixty-fifth session for endorsement and subsequently to the General Assembly for adoption in 2009.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1. The present document contains a set of outputs proposed for inclusion in the draft programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in respect of subprogramme 7, Statistics, within the framework of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session<sup>1</sup> and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session.<sup>2</sup>

2. The programme thrust for subprogramme 7 is aimed at increasing the use of statistics for evidence-based decision-making and at fostering the development and dissemination of key demographic, economic, social and environmental statistics in the ESCAP region.

## 2. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2010-2011

3. Under subprogramme 7, Statistics, the following expected accomplishments were endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session, as the programme framework for the preparation of the programme of work.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (a):** Increased understanding and capacity to assess key socio-economic trends in the ESCAP region, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national official statisticians, decision makers and the public.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (b):** Increased access by decision makers and the public to comparable data on key demographic, social, economic and environmental indicators for the ESCAP region.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (c):** Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce comparable and gender-disaggregated data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.

**EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (d):** Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices in the ESCAP region to produce, disseminate and analyse data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.

## 3. PROPOSED OUTPUTS FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2011

**Expected Accomplishment (a):** Increased understanding and capacity to assess key socio-economic trends in the ESCAP region, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national official statisticians, decision makers and the public

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
  - (i) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on data analysis for poverty reduction and other related pro- Millennium Development Goal policies, including gender equality (1) (2011);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Non-recurrent publications: Millennium Development Goal report for Asia and the Pacific (1) (2010); report on social, economic and environmental development in a selected subregion of ESCAP (1) (2011);
  - (ii) Technical material: studies on development indicators that capture aspects specific to countries with special needs, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals (2) (2010, 2011).

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<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 19* (E/2008-39-E/ESCAP/64/39), paras. 182-193.

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/63/16), paras. 220-231.

**Expected Accomplishment (b):** Increased access by decision makers and the public to comparable data on key demographic, social, economic and environmental indicators for the ESCAP region

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
  - (i) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on technical solutions for the dissemination of national official statistics in the ESCAP region (1) (2010);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (1) (2011);
  - (ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: Statistical Newsletter (quarterly) (2) (2010, 2011);
  - (iii) Technical material: ESCAP website on statistics (<http://www.unescap.org/stat>) (weekly updating) (2) (2010, 2011); website on the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific (<http://www.mdgasiapacific.org/>) (monthly update) (2) (2010, 2011); regional database on socio-economic and environmental indicators, including gender and poverty indicators (2) (2010, 2011); statistical outputs in support of ESCAP flagship publications (biannually) (2) (2010, 2011); ad hoc statistical information on the region, including least developed and landlocked developing countries (2) (2010, 2011);
- (c) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional/subregional seminar/workshops on making official statistics available for data users and communicating statistics to various audiences (50 participants) (1) (2010, 2011).

**Expected Accomplishment (c):** Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce comparable and gender-disaggregated data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
  - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
    - a. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to statistics (2) (2010, 2011);
  - (ii) Committee on Statistics:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6) (2010);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to the development, analysis and use of official statistics (1) (2010); report of the Committee on Statistics (1) (2010);
  - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on the development of new recommendations/guidelines for the Asia-Pacific region in the area of economic, social or environmental statistics (1) (2010);
- (b) Other substantive activities (extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Technical material: web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to regional technical cooperation projects, seminars and workshops developed by the ESCAP Statistics Division (1) (2010-2011);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional/subregional seminar/workshops on the development and implementation of international/statistical standards and guidelines for population and housing censuses and household surveys (35 participants) (1) (2010); regional/subregional workshops on economic and environmental statistics, including national accounts (50 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); regional/subregional workshops on social statistics, including social inclusion and social protection, with special reference to the Millennium Development Goals (70 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); regional/

subregional workshops for statistical offices on data requirements for disaster preparedness and impact assessment (35 participants) (1) (2010); regional and subregional workshops on strengthening national statistical institutions, with special reference to the Statistical Master Plan (35 participants) (1) (2010).

**Expected Accomplishment (d):** Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices in the ESCAP region to produce, disseminate and analyse data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
    - a. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) (2) (2010, 2011);
- (b) Assistance to intergovernmental bodies under their established mandates: Governing Council of SIAP (2) (2010, 2011);
- (c) Other substantive activities (extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Technical material: web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops developed by SIAP (2) (2010, 2011);
- (d) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops:
    - a. Tokyo-based training courses, regional/subregional trainings, workshops and seminars on the collection, compilation, processing, analysis, and dissemination of broad-based official statistics (250 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); regional/subregional trainings, workshops and seminars on integrated economic statistics, including the System of National Accounts (150 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); regional/subregional trainings, workshops and seminars on social statistics, including poverty statistics, gender statistics, health and disability statistics and migration statistics (200 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); subregional/national seminars, workshops/training courses on various aspects of official statistics, including environment and energy statistics (120 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); research-based training programme (30 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); subregional/national workshop/trainings/seminars on issues identified by countries regarding official statistics (100 participants) (1) (2010, 2011); regional/ subregional management seminars for heads, deputy heads and middle-level managers (150 participants) (1) (2010, 2011);
    - b. Distance training using Japan International Cooperation Agency net technology on issues identified by countries regarding official statistics (400 participants) (1) (2010, 2011).

#### **4. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2012-2013**

4. It is expected that the above-mentioned expected accomplishments will continue to be relevant for the biennium 2012-2013.

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