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Annotated provisional agenda

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1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

Documentation

Tentative programme (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/3)

Annotation

The tentative programme provides the timeplan for the session.

(b) Election of the Bureau

Documentation

List of participants (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/2)

Annotation

The Committee will elect a chair, three vice-chairs and two other members, one of whom will serve as rapporteur, to form the Bureau. The term of the incoming Bureau will commence immediately and last until the fifth session of the Committee.

(c) Adoption of the agenda**Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/L.1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Committee, subject to changes as deemed necessary.

2. Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics**Documentation**

Strengthening data and statistics for the development agenda beyond 2015 in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/CRP.2)

Statistics and data for the development agenda beyond 2015 — implications for regional collaboration in Asia and the Pacific: outcomes of the ESCAP expert group meeting (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/4)

The road to dignity by 2030: ending poverty, transforming all lives and protecting the planet — synthesis report of the Secretary-General on the post-2015 agenda (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/5)

A world that counts: mobilising the data revolution for sustainable development — report of the Secretary-General's Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/6)

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Notable decisions made by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the United Nations Statistical Commission (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/9)

Subregional developments in official statistics (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/10)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Bureau which provides an overview of recent major developments at global and regional levels regarding data and statistics in support of monitoring of and accountability for the emerging development agenda beyond 2015. The note contains a summary of priority issues and a proposal consisting of strategic approaches for the Committee to undertake to better meet the demands for data and strengthen statistics development in Asia and the Pacific.

The Committee is invited to consider the proposal by the Bureau on regional statistics development for the successful implementation of the development agenda beyond 2015.

3. Regional initiatives**(a) Economic statistics****Documentation**

Progress in implementing the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/2)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Steering Group for the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics. This note will present progress made by members and associate members, supported by the Steering Group and development partners, in implementing the Regional Programme in pursuance of Committee decision 3/2 which endorses the implementation plan for the improvement of economic statistics in the region.

The Committee is invited to review progress in implementing the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific and extend guidance and recommendations to ensure its continued successful implementation and contribution to the successful implementation of the development agenda beyond 2015.

(b) Population and social statistics**Documentation**

Developing a regional strategy to improve population and social statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/3)¹

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Technical Advisory Group on Population and Social Statistics on the process and consultations undertaken to strengthen national capacity in population and social statistics. The note outlines the regional strategy developed by the Technical Advisory Group in pursuance of Committee recommendation 3/1 to use the core set of population and social statistics as a regional framework for focusing efforts, coordinating training and mobilizing donor support for capacity development, which was subsequently endorsed by the Commission in its resolution 69/16.

The Committee is invited to review and endorse the regional strategy for population and social statistics. The Committee may also wish to review the work of the Technical Advisory Group and provide guidance on using the core set and the regional strategy for strengthening national statistical capacity in support of the successful implementation of the development agenda beyond 2015.

(c) Civil registration and vital statistics**Documentation**

“Get Every One in the Picture”: Progress in strengthening civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/4)

¹ The full text of the regional strategy will be issued as a conference paper in English only (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/CRP.1).

Terms of reference for the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/5)

Report of the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/11)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific. This note will present progress in pursuance of Committee recommendation 3/2 and Commission resolution 69/15, particularly noting the convening of the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, which was held in Bangkok from 24 to 28 November 2014.

The Committee will also have before it a revised terms of reference for the Regional Steering Group, which was completed in response to the request of the Commission through resolution 69/15 that the Regional Steering Group consider and propose a more appropriate governance structure. The revised terms of reference were prepared by the Regional Steering Group and supported by the Ministerial Conference.

The Committee is invited to take note of the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference and review the revised terms of reference for the Regional Steering Group, and recommend that the Commission adopt them.

(d) Environment statistics

Documentation

A strategic approach to improving environment statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/6)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat on a strategic approach to improving environment statistics in Asia and the Pacific. In pursuance of Committee decision 3/5, this note considers major environmental challenges of the region and the requirements of the development agenda beyond 2015, and emphasizes the importance of integration across data sources and domains of statistics.

The Committee is invited to provide guidance and recommendations on the proposed strategy.

(e) Disaster risk reduction statistics

Documentation

Outcomes of the First Meeting of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/7)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat on the outcomes from the First Meeting of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific. In pursuance of Commission resolution 70/2, the Expert Group was established to develop an agreed basic range of disaster-related statistics. Its first meeting was held in Sendai, Japan, from 27 to 29 October 2014.

The Committee is invited to review the outcomes of the expert group meeting and provide guidance on future priorities.

(f) Modernization of statistical production and services

Documentation

Modernization of statistical production and services in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/8)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Strategic Advisory Body for the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia and the Pacific (SAB-AP). This note will present the work of SAB-AP since its establishment through Committee decision 3/5, including a proposed revision to the terms of reference of SAB-AP, and will provide an overview of recent developments in the field of modernization of statistical production and services at regional and global levels.

The Committee is invited to review the work of SAB-AP, endorse the proposed revision to the terms of reference, and extend guidance and support on the current priority areas.

(g) Gender statistics

Documentation

Developing a core set of gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/9)

Core set of gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/10)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat on recent regional and global calls for improvement of gender statistics and indicators, and the process and consultations undertaken by the secretariat to develop a core set of gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific. The Committee will also have before it the proposed core set prepared by the secretariat in consultation with members and associate members, development partners and experts. The core set and underlying statistics are intended to capture the statistical information required to address issues of high priority in promoting gender equality and empowerment of women in the region.

The Committee is invited to review and adopt the core set of gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific as a minimum range of gender statistics that all countries in the region can aspire to produce and disseminate. The Committee is also invited to provide guidance on using the core set to strengthen national and regional efforts to integrate a gender perspective in statistics in Asia and the Pacific and to contribute to the successful implementation of the development agenda beyond 2015.

4. Global initiatives: agricultural and rural statistics

Documentation

Progress in implementing the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/11)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Regional Steering Committee of the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics. This note will present progress made following the Committee's full endorsement of the Regional Action Plan and approval of the establishment of the Regional Steering Committee through decision 3/6.

The Committee is invited to provide guidance and recommendations to ensure the continued successful implementation of the Regional Action Plan and its contribution to the development agenda beyond 2015.

5. Coordination for statistics development**(a) Statistical training****Documentation**

Report of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/12)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific. This note will present the activities and outcomes of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, which was organized following the Committee's endorsement of the formation of an advisory body for the coordination of statistical training in Asia and the Pacific.

The Committee is invited to provide guidance on the activities of the Network and consider and endorse its proposed work programme.

(b) Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific**Documentation**

Report of the activities of the Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/13)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a note by the Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific (the Partnership) on its work during the period 2013-2014. The report will be supplemented by an oral update given by the co-chairs of the Partnership on the most recent developments.

The Committee may wish to review and discuss the work of the Partnership and provide guidance on its future work.

6. Items for information

Under items for information, the Committee is invited to take note of and comment on the information provided.

Documentation

Documents for the information of the Committee on Statistics on item 6 of the provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/12)

(a) Improving the quality and availability of crime statistics

Annotation

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will provide a note on a road map to improve the quality and availability of crime statistics at national and international levels.

(b) Information and communications technology

Annotation

The secretariat will provide a note on the availability and use of information and communications technology for sustainable development.

(c) Global geospatial information management

Annotation

The United Nations Statistical Division will provide a note on the development of global geospatial information management.

(d) Economies based on natural resources

Annotation

The Ulaanbaatar City Group will provide a note on the work programme for developing methodological and practical guidelines on statistical measurement for economies based on natural resources.

(e) Importance of increased investments in national statistical systems

Annotation

The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) will provide a note on trends in the funding of national statistical systems.

(f) World Statistics Day 2015

Annotation

The United Nations Statistics Division will provide an overview of preparations for World Statistics Day 2015.

7. Reports brought to the attention of the Committee

(a) Bureau

Documentation

Report on the activities of the Bureau since the third session of the Committee (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/13/Rev.1)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a report by the Bureau. This report will contain a summary of the activities of the Bureau since the third session of the Committee. It will be supplemented by an oral report by the Chair.

The Committee may wish to take note of the report.

(b) Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific**Documentation**

Report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/INF/14)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its tenth session, which was held in Bangkok on 11 and 12 December 2014. It will be supplemented by an oral report by the Chair.

The Committee may wish to take note of the report.

8. Consideration of the future focus of the statistics subprogramme of the secretariat

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance to enable full integration of the outcome of deliberations at the present session into the planning and implementation of the secretariat's work programme and the focus of short- and longer-term work.

9. Consideration of draft resolutions and decisions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-first session

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues relating to statistics for the consideration of the Commission at its seventy-first session.

10. Other matters

The Committee may wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee**Documentation**

Draft report (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its fourth session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-first session, which will be held in Bangkok from 25 to 29 May 2015.