BRIEF STATEMENT CONTAINING AIMS, VISION AND COMMITMENTS BEING A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF SIAP

Introduction

As a member of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), my role is pivotal in advancing the Institute's mission to enhance statistical capacity and promote the effective use of data across the Asia-Pacific region. This statement outlines my aims, vision, and commitment to supporting this esteemed institution and contributing to its long-term success.

Aims of Membership in the Governing Council

1. **Enhance Statistical Capacity in Asia and the Pacific**

   The primary aim is to strengthen statistical systems in the region, ensuring countries have the tools and capabilities to collect, analyze, and disseminate data for informed policymaking. Being Member I will contribute to SIAP's capacity-building initiatives that address the diverse statistical needs of countries at different levels of development.

2. **Foster Regional Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing**

   The complexity of the Asia-Pacific region requires fostering collaboration among national statistical offices, international organizations, and regional stakeholders. Being Member my task will be to encourage knowledge sharing and promoting the adoption of best practices in statistical methodologies across countries and ensuring regional collaboration.

3. **Support Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

   Aligning SIAP's work with the UN's SDGs is a key aim. My focus will also be on ensuring that SIAP's programs contribute to tracking SDG progress and supporting countries with underdeveloped statistical systems. This aim emphasizes the role of statistics in monitoring and achieving sustainable development targets.

4. **Provide Strategic Oversight and Direction**

   Being Member of the Governing Council, will provide essential strategic oversight and reviewing long-term plans for SIAP. It will be ensured that SIAP remains responsive to regional needs, aligning its programs with the dynamic challenges of the Asia-Pacific region while maintaining international relevance.

Vision

As a Member of the Governing Council, my vision will be to position SIAP as a regional leader in statistical innovation and data-driven decision-making. By supporting the development of reliable and accessible statistical infrastructures, I will contribute to fostering inclusive growth, reducing inequalities, and addressing global challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.

Key elements of this vision include

1. **Empowerment through Data**

   Ensuring that countries have access to high-quality data to drive evidence-based policymaking. The main focus will be to help national statistical offices in developing the capacity building to produce and use data effectively in decision-making processes. This will also help in empowering countries to improve social and economic outcomes.

2. **Inclusive and Sustainable Development**

   As a Member I will work to reduce inequalities and foster economic growth that benefits all population, ensuring that statistical systems support sustainable development,

3. **Regional Leadership and Innovation**

   SIAP will be at the forefront of statistical innovation, adopting emerging technologies such as big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and data visualization. This forward-thinking approach ensures that SIAP remains adaptable to the changing needs of governments and stakeholders across the region.

Commitments as a Member of the Governing Council

1. **Active Participation and Engagement**

   Actively participating in Governing Council meetings, providing feedback on strategic proposals, and ensuring SIAP's activities align with the region's priorities. Engagement involves staying informed about regional challenges and contributing to the decision-making process.

2. **Advocacy for Data-Driven Policy and SDGs**

   A core commitment is advocating for the use of statistics in shaping data-driven policies. Member's work will be to ensure that SIAP's programs are aligned with the SDGs, supporting countries in using data for sustainable development and effective policy planning. Additionally, members are tasked with representing SIAP in securing support from governments, donors, and international organizations.

3. **Promote Ethical Standards and Transparency**

   As a member, upholding transparency and ethical standards will be central to SIAP's governance. It will be ensured that the institute's programs are implemented with integrity, accountability, and in accordance with best practices in governance and data management, including safeguarding privacy and financial transparency.

4. **Collaboration and Partnership Building**

   Building strong partnerships with governments, international organizations, and the private sector will be a vital commitment.

5. **Commitment to Continuous Learning and Improvement**

   Given the rapid advancements in statistics and data science, as a member will be committed to continuous learning and professional development. This commitment ensures that SIAP remains responsive to emerging trends and challenges, allowing it to offer innovative solutions to regional statistical needs.

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