Second Joint Meeting of the Steering Groups of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics

(Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics)

15 October 2024
12:00-16:00 Bangkok time
(Online meeting)

Meeting Provisional Programme

Pre-meeting (15 minutes)

- *Connection to the meeting*
- *Housekeeping tips*

1. Opening Session (30 minutes)

Moderator: Ms Rikke Munk Hansen, Chief of the Economic and Environment Statistics Section

- *Welcome remarks, Ms Rachael Beaven, Director, ESCAP Statistics Division*
- *Opening remarks by Chairs of the Steering Groups*
  - *Mr. Phub Sangay, Executive Specialist, National Statistics Bureau of Bhutan, Chair of the Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics*
  - *Ms. Aishath Shahuda, Deputy Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics, Co-Chair of the Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific*
- *Overview of meeting objectives and modalities, Mr Alick Mjuma Nyasulu, Statistician, ESCAP Statistics Division*
- *Introduction of participants and group photo*

2. Sharing National Experiences (60 minutes)

Objective: To share highlights of national experiences and practices related to innovations and developments in economic, social and population related statistics, with focus on innovations that enhance the agility of producing and disseminating these statistics, including:

- Modernizing statistical infrastructure and business processes, for example, by applying Artificial Intelligence, open-source tools, or cloud computing.
- Implementing human resource strategies focused on skills development and acquisition to meet emerging needs in data science, visualization, and communication.
- Promoting a culture of innovation and continuous learning that fosters creativity and encourages responsible risk-taking.

Chair: Mr Mohd Yazid Kasim, Co-Chair of the Steering Group on the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics

- Countries interventions: Each participating country is encouraged to make a concise intervention of **3 minutes.**

Screen break (15 minutes)

3. Sharing National Experiences Cont. (60 minutes)

Objective: To share national innovations that enhance the agility of producing and disseminating economic and social statistics.

Chair: Mr Phub Sangay, Chair of the Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics

- *Countries presentations (Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, UNWOMEN)*

4. Group discussion: Asia-Pacific engagement with the global statistical community, priorities of the region (60 minutes)

Objective: To identify strategies on how the Asia-Pacific region engages with the global statistical community and priorities for regional collaboration in future, bearing in mind the anticipated, revised structure and working modalities of the Committee on Statistics.

Chair: Ms Nilima Lal, Co-Chair of the Steering Group on the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics

- *Trigger presentation: Global statistical initiatives and the new committee structure and focus area*
- *Breakout room to discuss* priority areas/topics for regional collaboration in future and strategies to engage with the global statistical community
- *Report to the plenary and discussion*

5. Other business and closing (15 minutes)

Chair: Ms Aishath Shahuda, Co-Chair of the Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

- *Other business*
- *Meeting evaluation*
- *Brief wrap-up remarks, Ms Petra Nahmias, Chief of the Population and Social Statistics Section*
- *Closing remarks*

