

Agenda item 2

Review of overall progress with respect to
Advancing official statistics for the 2030
Agenda for Sustainable Development: a
collective vision and framework for action by
the Asia-Pacific statistical community

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Collective Vision

“ ... by 2030, national statistical systems are enabled and empowered to lead development of and to deliver innovative, trusted and timely products and services for urgently needed and evolving statistical requirements of Agenda 2030.”

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Collective Framework for Action

- Action A: Engaging users and investing in statistics
- Action B: Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics
- Action C: Integrated statistics for integrated analysis
- Action D: Modernizing statistical business processes
- Action E: Having requisite skills set

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Mechanisms for implementation

Use existing capacity development initiatives

- Economic Statistics
- Population and Social Statistics
- Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
- Disaster-related statistics
- Agricultural and rural statistics
- Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific
- Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific

Consider a new mechanism

- Regional expert group on integrated statistics and innovation
 - to replace the Strategic Advisory Body for the Modernization of Statistical production and Services in Asia and the Pacific (SAB-AP)

Involve global and sub-regional mechanisms

- Support sub-regional statistics development strategies
- Support downstream implementation and application of tools and other resources resulting from global work

Panel members

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Panel members are invited to consider the following:

Use existing capacity development initiatives

Effective use of existing regional statistical capacity development initiatives and existing steering/ advisory groups as a starting point for regional implementation of the Collective Vision and Framework for Action

Integrated Statistics for Integrated Action

Should four communities of 'integration' practices be established?

- process integration
- data integration
- conceptual integration
- disciplinary integration

Consideration of ESCAP 'integration' initiatives, particularly Ocean Accounting

Involve global and sub-regional mechanisms

How can gender be better integrated in existing regional statistical development initiatives?