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Agenda Item 5b: SIAP

Samoa wishes to commend the enormous efforts made by SIAP for providing capacity building trainings in Asia and Pacific. I myself also benefitted from the training by SIAP many years ago and I am quite sure that most if not all Government Statisticians in this meeting have been trained at SIAP so the investment was well worth it.

I just want to request that SIAP should be more flexible with selection of candidates to come to SIAP as most of our statistical staff in Samoa and Pacific islands do not have statistical qualifications but we do select the best potential candidates to come to SIAP for capacity building training.

In that regard, the report is noted and we fully support continuous efforts by SIAP and other statistical training institutes in the region to provide statistical training in Asia and Pacific.