



Committee on Statistics

Fourth session
25-27 March 2015



Agenda item 1

Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements



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(b) Election of the Bureau



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(c) Adoption of the agenda



Agenda item 2

Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics



2. Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics

The Committee is invited to review the proposals of the Bureau and consider them for endorsement:

- a. Relevance of the strategic goals and coordination of regional programmes – **proposals one to three**;
- b. Leveraging the data revolution to support national statistical systems – **proposals four to eleven**;
- c. Monitoring statistics development – **proposals twelve to fifteen**;
- d. Strengthening the Committee on Statistics – **proposals sixteen to nineteen**.



Agenda item 3

Regional initiatives

(a) Economic statistics



3(a). Economic statistics

The Committee is invited to:

- a. Provide advice and guidance on modalities for obtaining increased political support and investment;
- b. Confirm its commitment to concrete steps for implementing the Regional Programme at the national level, including the integration of the Core Set of Economic Statistics in national statistics plans;
- c. Provide advice and guidance on how to support increased effectiveness of regional coordination, e.g. creating stronger links with subregional strategies;
- d. Provide recommendations on how to ensure that the Regional Programme supports the implementation of the development agenda beyond 2015.



Agenda item 3

Regional initiatives

(b) Population and social statistics



3(b). Population and social statistics

The Committee is invited to:

- a. To endorse the regional strategy;
- b. To encourage member States to undertake assessments of their capacity to produce the core set and identify priority issues.



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Regional initiatives

(c) Civil registration and vital statistics

3(c) Civil registration and vital statistics

The Committee is invited to:

- a. **Provide guidance** on how NSOs can continue to play a leadership role in improving CRVS through the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade, 2015-2024;
- b. Recommend the following **action by the Commission**:
 - a. Adopt the terms of reference of the Regional Steering Group, with revised membership limit from 25 to 30 (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/5).
 - b. Decide on the membership of the Regional Steering Group for 2015-2019 as proposed (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/CRP.3).
 - c. Task the Regional Steering Group to fill the vacant 3 membership slots as soon as possible.



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Regional initiatives

(d) Environment statistics



3(d) Environment statistics

The Committee is invited to approve the proposed approach to strengthening environment statistics, including the following aspects:

- a. A focus on integration of statistics across the sustainable development pillars;
- b. The proposed modular approach; and
- c. The proposed partnership approach.



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Regional initiatives

(e) Disaster risk reduction statistics



3(e). Disaster risk reduction statistics

The Committee is invited to:

- take note of the progress made by the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics towards implementation of Commission resolution 70/2; and
- provide guidance on establishing a basic range of disaster-related statistics.



Agenda item 3

Regional initiatives

(f) Modernization of statistical production and services



3(f). Modernization of statistical production and services

The Committee is invited to:

- a. Provide guidance on and support the future work by:
 - i. Reaffirming the importance of regional collaboration on modernization;
 - ii. Encouraging members to advocate for modernization and its integration into development plans;
 - iii. Appealing to international organizations to include modernization issues in their activities;
 - iv. Encouraging members to nominate experts to the Modernization Working Group;
- b. Consider the revision of the Terms of Reference of SAB-AP (paragraph 7) for endorsement.



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Regional initiatives

(g) Gender statistics



3(g). Gender statistics

The Committee is invited to:

- a. Endorse the proposed regional core set; and
- b. Provide guidance on improving the production and use of the regional core set.



Agenda item 4

Global initiatives

Agricultural statistics



Agenda item 4. Global initiatives – Agricultural statistics

The Committee is invited to:

- Express its views on the progress made in implementing the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics
- Express its views on the technical, research and training strategies and activities being undertaken to achieve the global and regional outputs of the Plan.



Agenda item 5

Coordination for statistics development

(a) Statistical training



5a. Coordination for statistics development: Statistical training

Issues for consideration: Focusing on the initial outputs and means of implementation for *strengthening coordination of statistical training* in the region through the Network, the Committee is invited to:

- Provide guidance on the initial programme of work the Network, including: developing training needs assessment tools; production of and facilitating accessibility of training materials; facilitating sharing of expertise; developing common curricula
- Discuss and provide its views on the role of the Subgroup on Training for Agricultural and Rural Statistics in strengthening coordination of training in this specific domain and replicating a similar modality for the regional programmes on economic, social and population, environment and gender statistics



Agenda item 5

Coordination for statistics development

(b) Partners for Statistical Development in Asia and the Pacific



5(b). Partners for Statistical Development in Asia and the Pacific

The Committee may wish to:

- Discuss the approach taken by partners to support countries in capacity-building activities.
- Provide guidance on how the Partnership can best support the Committee carry out its regional initiatives.

Agenda item 6

Items for information

- (a) Improving the quality and availability of crime statistics
- (b) Information and communications technology
- (c) Global geospatial information management
- (d) Economies based on natural resources
- (e) Importance of increased investments in national statistical systems
- (f) World Statistics Day 2015

Agenda item 7

Reports brought to the attention of the Committee

- (a) Bureau



7a. Reports brought to the attention of the Committee: Report from the Bureau

Information for the Committee

- Discussed the preparation and submission of 2 draft resolutions:
 - The core set of population and social statistics
 - Implementing the outcome of the High-Level Meeting on the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific
- Provided guidance and endorsed the terms of reference for:
 - Technical Advisory Group on Population and Social Statistics
 - Regional Steering Group for CRVS
 - Steering Group for Regional Programme on Economic Statistics
 - The Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia-Pacific
 - Strategic Advisory Body for the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia-Pacific
- Agreed to convene an Expert Group Meeting to discuss implications for statistics development in the region of the post-2015 development agenda
 - Basis of nineteen proposals contained in the Bureau's note – Agenda Item 2



Agenda item 7

Reports brought to the attention of the Committee

(b) Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

7b. Reports brought to the attention of the Committee: Statistical Institute for Asia & the Pacific

Issues for consideration: Given the outcomes of the 10th session of the Governing Council of SIAP, the Committee is invited to:

- Discuss and provide its views on the following:
 - Programme of work and training strategies of SIAP under its 2015-2019 Strategic Plan as reflected in the 2015 SIAP Work Plan
 - The role of SIAP in strengthening regional and national capacity for providing statistical training as coordinator of the training component of the Regional Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics and as secretariat of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training
 - Stepping up resource mobilization including through increased voluntary cash contributions, expanding training collaboration and establishing relationships with non-traditional entities including the private sector

Agenda item 8

Consideration of the future focus of the statistics subprogramme of the ESCAP secretariat



Outputs planned for 2016-2017 biennium

- **Regional intergovernmental and expert dialogue:** Commission, Committee on Statistics, CRVS Steering Group, EGM on the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Report, EGM on Innovations in the Production and Dissemination of Integrated Statistics, Governing Council of SIAP, Partners, Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training.
- **Analysis & guidance material:** Statistical Yearbook, Statistical Briefs, Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Report, Working Papers, Regional database, Quarterly Statistical Newsletter, web-based knowledge-sharing facilities (SIAP).
- **Technical cooperation:** Modernization; CRVS; strengthening national statistical systems; training courses on particular domains of statistics, as well as statistical frameworks, standards and basic methodologies.



Agenda item 9

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



Agenda item 10

Other matters



Agenda item 11

Adoption of the report of the Committee