

Pakistan Intervention Statement: Agenda Item 4(c)

Human resource development is more important than the development itself as the skilled human resource can work for the better development in the field of statistics. If human resource are not competent and modernized according to the current needs, they would not be able to produce need based statistics. The regional cooperation can support and strengthen national efforts and priorities of countries for global collaboration and cooperation to meet the needs of 2030 agenda. The document on Agenda item 4 (c) presented the efforts made by regional and global skill development efforts which are appreciated. These efforts are helpful for national statistical systems (NSS) to strengthen them to provide need based statistics for Agenda of 2030. These actions include handbook on management and organization of NSS, thematic conferences, regional initiatives, global initiatives, and country initiatives by various organizations. Although many regional training institutions have played important role but SIAP played vital role for development of human resource in the field of applied statistics in real life. The regional countries having training institutes must strengthen their institutes through capacity building of their own staff applying Training of Trainers (ToT) model. In addition to SIAP, training courses must be introduced in all other regional institutions so that every statistical practitioner could get training opportunities for improvement. The induction courses are usually not arranged for new entrants in the NSS, these courses must be started in all the countries. Trainings on new topics may also be arranged at all the institutions in the countries, like how to use new concepts of big data?, use of social media to increase the statistical literacy, digital transformation to generate timely and reliable statistics, etc.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has Training Wing to provide training to the statistical personnel working in the country. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Training Wing has trained 1159 statistical practitioners since 2011. Internship programmes for university students of BS and MS levels have also been conducting since 2005 in Pakistan to provide exposure of statistical practices to the students. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has planned to convert Training Wing into Statistical Training and Research Institute in coming years.

It is also pertinent to mention that Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has adopted digital transformation and paradigm shift has taken place from paper based data collection to android based data collection. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has completed Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement (PSLM) Survey and now Labour Force Survey is in progress using lap tops by the enumerators. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is also providing technical guidance to the Provincial Bureaus of Statistics for digital transformation.