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Committee on Statistics

Seventh session

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Agenda item 1

Open of the session:

1 (a) Opening statements

- ESCAP/CST/2020/L.1

Agenda item 1

Open of the session:

1 (b) Election of officers

- ESCAP/CST/2020/L.1

Agenda item 1 *(cont'd)*

List of Bureau:

- **Mr. Gogita Todradze**, Executive Director, National Statistics Office of Georgia, representing Georgia, Chair.
- **Mr. Pravin Srivastava**, Secretary-Cum-Chief Statistician of India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, representing India, and **Ms. Indu Bandara**, Director-General, Department of Census and Statistics Sri Lanka, representing Sri Lanka, sharing one spot on the Bureau, Vice Chairs.
- **Mr. Kemueli Naiqama**, Chief Executive, Fiji Bureau of Statistics, representing Fiji, Vice Chair.
- **Mr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin**, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, representing Malaysia, Vice-Chair.
- **Mr. Claire Dennis Mapa**, Undersecretary, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippines Statistics Authority, representing Philippines, Member and Rapporteur.
- **Ms. Bayanchimeg Chilkhaasuren**, Vice Chairperson, National Statistics of Mongolia, representing Mongolia, Member.

Agenda item 1 *(cont'd)*

Open of the session:

1 (c) Adoption of the agenda

- ESCAP/CST/2020/L.1

Agenda item 2

Soliciting whole-of-government support for official statistics in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

- ESCAP/CST/2020/1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/CRP.1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/2
- ESCAP/76/23/Rev.1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/3

**Agenda item 2 (b):
Monitoring progress in line with the document entitled
“Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development: a collective vision and
framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical
community” and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with
Data to Leave No One Behind**



- ESCAP/CST/2020/1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/CRP.1



Agenda item 2 (b): Monitoring progress in line with “collective vision” and the Declaration

Consultations prior to the session

- Advance electronic consultations: 10 countries submitted inputs

- ESCAP/CST/2020/1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/CRP.1

Agenda item 2 (b): Monitoring progress in line with “collective vision” and the Declaration

Outcome of electronic consultations:

- There is a consensus to endorse the proposed monitoring and evaluation framework subject to few amendments.
- There was also support for the results of baseline report and recommendations for future implementation of the framework.

Agenda item 2 (b): Monitoring progress in line with “collective vision” and the Declaration

Proposed decision of the Committee

The Committee generally endorses the draft monitoring and evaluation framework for the collective vision and framework for action and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind to advance official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, subject to amendments.

- ESCAP/CST/2020/1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/CRP.1

Agenda item 2 (b): Monitoring progress in line with “collective vision” and the Declaration

Purpose

Members of the Committee are invited to

- To consider and adopt a monitoring and evaluation framework for the regional agreements, subject to changes as may be necessary

Agenda item 2 (a): Follow-up on decisions made at the sixth session of the Committee on Statistics

- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/2

Agenda item 2 (c): Monitoring progress in response to the Get Every One in the Picture initiative on civil registration and vital statistics

- ESCAP/76/23/Rev.1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/3

Agenda item 2 (a): Follow-up on decisions made at the sixth session of the Committee on Statistics

Action by the Committee:

- The Committee may wish to take note of progress with regard to decisions made at its sixth session and suggest changes as may be necessary.
- The Committee may wish to provide guidance on the findings in the report on the establishment of communities of practice and the trial of a data integration community of practice.

Agenda item 2 (c): Monitoring progress in response to the Get Every One in the Picture initiative on civil registration and vital statistics

Action by the Committee:

- The Committee is invited to express its views on progress made to date on the goals of the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade 2015-2014 and to provide advice on the further implementation of the Regional Action Framework.
- The Committee is also invited to support preparations for the Second Ministerial Conference and to provide specific guidance on further implementation of goal 3 of the Regional Action Framework (Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated.

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- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/2

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- ESCAP/76/23/Rev.1
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/3

Purpose

Members of the Committee are invited to note the information papers

Agenda item 4

Seminar on priority issues:

4 (a): Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis.

- ESCAP/CST/2020/3

Agenda item 4 (a): Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis

Purpose

Members of the Committee are invited to

- Share their country's progress and perspectives on accounting for integrated statistics and analysis.

The Committee is invited to

- Discuss how regional collaboration on accounts may best support and strengthen national efforts and how accounts may feature in its future work
- Consider and express its views on each of the opportunities for regional action to support national, regional and global efforts as outlined in section V of document ESCAP/CST/2020/3

- ESCAP/CST/2020/3

Agenda item 4 (a): Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis

Consultations prior to the session

1. Advance electronic consultations: 10 countries submitted inputs
2. Stats café on *Accounting for Integrated Statistics and Analysis* held on 10 August 2020
 - Panelists from the National Statistics Offices of Malaysia, Samoa and the Philippines; and from Australia, representing the scientific community on global ocean accounts partnership initiatives
 - 130 participants from 22 countries, representing 31 institutions (mostly government and international organizations).

Agenda item 4 (a): Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis

Summary of advance electronic consultations among member States

1. The Committee acknowledged the importance of accounts for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind and their value for data driven decision and policy making;
2. The Committee noted with appreciation the increased efforts to compile accounts in the region during the past years, especially environmental and satellite accounts;
3. The Committee noted data and sector expertise needed for accounts often go beyond the realm and capacity of national statistical offices and hence require establishment of new partnerships and innovative collaboration arrangements; and
4. The Committee recognized regional and international collaboration on accounting and related business processes can support national efforts and strengthen national capacities through piloting and sharing of research, experimentation, and experiences.

Agenda item 4 (a): Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis

Proposed draft decision

- The Committee decides to feature accounting for integrated statistics and analysis in its future work with an emphasis on sharing country research, experiences and good practices.
- The Committee requests the Bureau to propose, in consultation with the secretariat, modalities to that end for review and approval by the Committee, while bearing in mind the need to stay within existing regular budget resources.

Agenda item 4 (a): Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis

Views from discussants on regional collaboration on accounts

- **Should regional collaboration focus on selected accounts or should it be broader and tackle issues relevant to all accounts?**
- **Which types of challenges could effectively be addressed through regional collaboration on accounts?**
- **Which modalities should be employed for future regional collaboration on accounting?**
- **Should regional collaboration on accounting span normative, analytical and capacity development work or should we prioritize?**

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