

# Day 2: Thursday, 27 August 2020

10:00-13:00 hrs. (Bangkok time, GMT+7)

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# Agenda item 3

## Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

- ESCAP/CST/2020/2
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/4
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/5
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/6
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/7
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/8
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/9
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/10



# Agenda item 3 (a): Progress made in support of the collective vision and framework for action by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

## Purpose:

- Provide an outline of progress in regional capacity development initiatives under the purview of the Committee on Statistics to implement the commitments contained in the collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community.
- Provide an outline of the work of the secretariat to support those initiatives



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## Consultations prior to the session

- Advance electronic consultations: 8 countries submitted inputs



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# Agenda item 3 (a): Progress made by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

## Summary of advance electronic consultations among member States

- The Committee appreciated the progress made by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat, and encouraged continuation of the efforts with a focus on modernizing national statistical systems, enhancing use of new data sources (including big data, and geospatial information), development of accounts and disaster-related statistics, and expanding use of virtual collaboration spaces (communities of practice).
- The Committee expressed appreciation of the secretariat's efforts on enhancing Asia-Pacific leadership in global statistics development, gender mainstreaming, development of economic, satellite and environmental accounts, disaster-related statistics, land cover change and establishment of the Data Integration Community of Practice and provided advice on expansion of the work.



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- The Committee noted the newly configured Technical Working Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific and provided guidance on its work.
- Several members of the Committee also expressed interest in the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership and would consider becoming members.
- The Committee also welcomed the initiative to implement the Agricultural Integrated Survey program on a large scale and acknowledged the Regional Technical Advisory Board and commented on its composition and role.



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# Agenda item 3 (a): Progress made in support of the collective vision and framework for action by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

## Action required by the Committee

- Take note of progress in regional capacity development initiatives under the purview of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat to implement the commitments contained in the collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community.
- Endorse the proposed actions in the documents and provide guidance on the future implementation



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# Agenda item 3 *(cont'd)*

3 (b): Initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations in support of the collective vision and framework for action.

- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/9
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/10



# Agenda item 3 (b): initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations with respect to the collective vision and framework for action

## Purpose:

1. To introduce efforts of partners that add value to national efforts to strengthen statistics for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
2. To highlight the current efforts of selected partners in support of the regional collective vision and framework for action for advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda.

## Agenda item 3 (b): initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations with respect to the collective vision and framework for action

### Purpose:

To provide an overview of a recent initiative by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), ESCAP, the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Union for Conservation of Nature to consolidate a set of indicators capturing issues at the nexus of environment and gender in the Asia-Pacific region.



- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/9
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/10



# Agenda item 3 (b): initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations with respect to the collective vision and framework for action

## Actions by the Committee

- To note progress with initiatives by global, regional and subregional organisations with respect to the collective vision and framework for action

- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/9
- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/10

# Agenda item 4

Seminar on priority issues:

4 (b): Embracing big data to modernize official statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

- ESCAP/CST/2020/4

# Agenda item 4 (b): Embracing big data to modernize official statistics in Asia and the Pacific

## Purpose

### Members of the Committee are invited to discuss

- How regional cooperation may support and strengthen national efforts and priorities for global cooperation

### The Committee is invited to

- Discuss how regional collaboration on big data may best support and strengthen national efforts and how big data 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/2020/4

• ESCAP/CST/2020/4

## Agenda item 4 (b): (cont'd)

### Consultations prior to the session

1. Advance electronic consultations: 8 countries submitted inputs
2. Stats café on *Prospects of Big data for Official Statistics in Asia and the Pacific* on 17 August 2020
  - Panelists: the co-chair of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics, National Statistics Offices of Indonesia and China
  - 199 participants, representing governments, international organizations, NGOs and academia

## Agenda item 4 (b): (cont'd)

### Summary of advance electronic consultations among member States

1. The Committee acknowledged the importance of embracing the use of big data for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind;
2. The Committee noted with appreciation the increased efforts to use big data for the production of official statistics in Asia and the Pacific;
3. The Committee noted the demand for new methods, technologies and skills is a challenge for national statistical offices;
4. The Committee recognized regional and international collaboration on using big data for official statistics can further support national efforts and strengthen national capacities through piloting and sharing of best practices, research, experimentation, and experiences.

## Agenda item 4 (b): *(cont'd)*

### Proposed draft decision

- The Committee decides to feature big data for official statistics in its future work with an emphasis on sharing country research, experiences and best 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 (b): Embracing big data to modernize official statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Views from discussants on regional collaboration on big data

- **How could the Committee provide opportunities for NSOs to share their big data projects and learn from each other?**
- **How has the Covid-19 pandemic given additional impetus to explore new data sources and increased efforts to experiment with new data?**
- **How can regional and international collaboration on big data benefit national efforts and strengthen national capacities?**

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# Link to report and Youtube – Day 3

28 August 2020

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**Report:** [https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/ESCAP\\_CST\\_2020\\_L2\\_Draft\\_report.pdf](https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/ESCAP_CST_2020_L2_Draft_report.pdf)

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# Agenda item 5

Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme.

- ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/11

# Agenda item 5

## Future programme focus

### Purpose:

The present document transmits the 2021 programme plan for Subprogramme 7 – Statistics as endorsed by the Commission at its second plenary meeting on 21 May 2020 (ESCAP/76/25)



• ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/11



## Agenda item 5

### Future programme focus

## Actions by the Committee

- To note the 2021 programme plan