

Day 3: Friday, 28 August 2020

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

Youtube (English): <https://youtu.be/1jPKq8dnS08>

Agenda item 4

Seminar on priority issues:

4 (c): Transforming human resource management to build statistical institutions in Asia and the Pacific for the future.

- ESCAP/CST/2020/5

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Agenda item 4 (c) (Cont'd)

Consultations prior to the session

1. Advance electronic consultations: 8 countries submitted inputs
2. Stats café on *Human Resource Management to Build Statistical Institutions* held on 4 August 2020
 - Panelists from the National Statistics Offices of Australia, India, Mongolia and the Russian Federation
 - 71 participants from 19 countries.

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Summary of advance electronic consultations among member States

- The Committee acknowledged the changing technological landscape in the production of statistics and the associated skill requirements
- Members of the Committee noted the need for human resource reforms and skills audits in a changing technological environment remains a critical part of institutional reforms
- The Committee noted the various initiatives in strengthening staff skills such as e-learning programmes, in-house training programmes, talent identification and development programmes
- Members noted that statistical institutional strengthening should be a priority in management and development of human resources in statistical agencies

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Proposed draft decision

- The Committee decides that strengthening of statistical institutions, including improving training infrastructure, and the development of training programmes to address regional skills gaps in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should be made a priority feature in its work
- 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.

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Views from discussants on regional collaboration on accounts

- Improved HR Management practices to improve effectiveness and efficiency of national statistical systems specially talent management including talent retention and creation of environment for innovation
- Expanding domains of statistical capacity-building both in use of latest technology and data sources including big data and soft skill development through partnership with academia and other specialized agencies
- Promotion of skill development amongst statisticians through various modes of learning including its recognition for career development
- Statistical training Institution building through the support of training networks like Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST) and Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific

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Secretariat announcements

CST7 – Meeting Evaluation form available at:

- <https://bit.ly/3gr09aZ> (link will also be shared by email)

Email address for submission of country interventions

- stat.unescap@un.org

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Reports:

- (a) Report of the Bureau;
 - (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/12)
- (b) Reports of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;
 - (ESCAP/75/21) and (ESCAP/76/22)
- (c) Report of the Thematic Working Group on Statistics of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism and the Asia-Pacific task team on implementation of the Secretary-General's regional reform phase two recommendation for a region-by-region change management process for data and statistics.
 - (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/13)

Agenda item 6 (a): Report on the activities of the Bureau since the sixth session of the Committee on Statistics: *ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/12*

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the activities of the Bureau since the sixth session of the Committee on Statistics



- (ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/12)



Agenda item 6 (b): Reports of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the deliberations of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific at its fourteenth and fifteenth sessions



- (ESCAP//75/21)
- (ESCAP//76/22)



Agenda item 6 (c): Report of the Thematic Working Group on Statistics of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism and the Asia-Pacific task team responsible for implementing phase two of the Secretary-General's United Nations development system regional reform

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the main activities of the TWG since the 6th session of the Committee with respect to:

- (a) The Secretary-General reforms of the United Nations development system to improve the coordination of capacity-building activities
- (b) Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

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Reports to the Committee

Actions by the Committee

- To note the reports

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Other matters

