



Virtual Event 15-18 June 2020

2020 Asia-Pacific Statistics Week

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The national statistical offices in the region are often faced with issues around a lack of staff, attracting and retaining talent, and the need to diversify the traditional skills base to include, among others, management, communication, coordination, ICT and data mining. To have the necessary skills for the 21st century, national statistical systems have to evolve into learning organizations, fostering innovation and continuous modernization and transformation.

The **Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific** has been developing skills of officials in the countries in the region for the last fifty years. The institute has improved capabilities of the national statistical systems in the collection, compilation and analysis of data to meet planning and development needs and is now focusing on the development of capabilities for monitoring the SDGs.

The session will commence with a short video on the achievements of the institute and its future approach. This will be followed by a short presentation by its Director on challenges and opportunities of capacity development in the 21st century. Thereafter, we hear from three authors how they are responding to the needs of the 21st century. Enumerator skills and training in violence against women surveys is discussed by the **UN Population Fund**, results of a pilot KNOWVAWdata Course on the Measurement of Violence against Women will be shared, and **China** will discuss talent development mechanisms, innovation of talent training modes and strengthening of talent incentives.

Authors will reflect on their papers by

1. Sharing their definition of what 'appropriate' means in the case of guidance material and training in support of the statistical requirements for the 2030 Agenda
2. Outlining how their country assures availability of skillsets to enable the continuous generation of statistical products and services required for monitoring national development plans and the 2030 Agenda
3. Outlining how their country assures capable management and sufficiency of human resources to enable the continuous generation of statistical products and services required for monitoring national development plans and the 2030 Agenda

- Kicking off with a video on skills development at SIAP now and in the future, we guarantee to keep audience in awe throughout the session.
- An introductory remarks and presentation from SIAP on its vision for skill development for the 21st century are sure to inspire specially our young statisticians.
- This will then be followed with three presenters sharing their thoughts for 10 minutes on responding to user demands and balancing investment.
- Thereafter, the floor will be opened for a 45-minute live questions and answers.
- Surely, everyone will have opportunities to interact with the presenters.

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Skills for the 21st Century

Tuesday 16 June 2020

10:00 - 11:30 h. (Bangkok time)

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