

**Work Plan for the Implementation of the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (16 January 2015)\***

| <b>Output/Activity</b>   | <b>Responsible</b>                              | <b>Suggested actions</b>   | <b>Support/input needed</b>  | <b>Deadline</b> | <b>Remarks</b>   |
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| <i>Advocacy—regional</i>   |   |  |                              |                 |  |
| Develop advocacy materials adapted to groups of states with different immediate priorities: short version of RPES, how to develop or enhance and NESDP, role of focal points, etc. | ESCAP   | -Decision to take on further advocacy materials<br><br>-To develop tool to integrate Core Set into NSDS (beyond economic statistics) | PARIS21 on NSDS development; | Q4 2014         | <b>2014:</b><br><br>-RPES brochure revised and published<br><br>-PowerPoint on RPES from third meeting of SGRPES available<br><br>- Guidelines for enhancing NESDP- NSDS drafted<br><br>-TOR for focal points prepared |
|  | Central Bank (CB) and Ministry of Finance (MoF) | -To provide expert advice on the tools needed to integrate core set into NSDS  | SG members                   | Q1 2015         | CBs involved in SGRPES activities, no MoF on SGRPES  |

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|   | Development partners | -Suggest/recommend tools to integrate core set into NSDS   | PARIS21 on NSDS development | Q1 2015               |  |
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| <i>Advocacy—national</i>  |                      |  |                             |                       |  |
| Consultations with stakeholders to mobilize political and financial support for RPES implementation | ESCAP                | -Further discussions with DfiD and World Bank for funds<br><br>-Operationalize in RF-funded states and DA project states | SG members                  | Starting from Q2 2014 | <b>2014:</b><br><br>- Proposal developed for Phase II of the project funded by the Russian Federation<br><br>- Development Account Project on SEEA (Pacific) approved<br><br><b>2015:</b><br><br>- Development Account Project on SNA/SEEA approved<br><br><b>Ongoing:</b><br><br>-Submitted the full proposal to DfiD<br><br>-Revise proposal to the World Bank |
|   | Focal points         | -To promote RPES and co-ordinate with other  | SG members and development  |                       |  |

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|  |       | agencies<br>producing/disseminating<br>economic statistics within<br>respective country   | partners         |         |   |
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| <i>Coordination—regional</i>   |       |   |                  |         |   |
| Identify priority areas and priority states for technical assistance based on the Capacity Screening results and resources to respond to their needs | ESCAP |   | Guidance from SG |         | -Priority areas are identified as BRs, labour force statistics, natural resource measurement and 2008 SNA based on the Capacity Screening results |
| Share Capacity Screening results with all focal points   | ESCAP | Identify focal points in remaining states for further dissemination with supplementary data based on the mapping of Core Set against ESCAP database; NSDS overview and national web platform research |                  | Q3 2014 | <b>2013-14:</b><br><br>- CS results shared with focal points and participants of meetings on economic statistics                                  |
| Provide guidelines for the development of NESDP  | ESCAP | -To develop tool to integrate Core Set into NSDS (beyond economic statistics)<br><br>- Seek advice from CB  | Guidance from SG | Q1 2015 | <b>2014:</b><br><br>-Draft for NESDP-NSDS prepared  |

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|  |                      | and MoF experts in the process of developing the tool                        |  |         |  |
|  | Development partners | -Suggest/recommend tools to integrate core set into NSDS                     | PARIS 21   |         |  |
| Establish a knowledge sharing platform for the development partners (international/sub-regional) and the states of the region on activities and good practices   | ESCAP                | -To explore possibilities of using other tools other than ESCAP's own        | Contributions from states and development partners |         | <b>2014:</b><br>-Used google drive to share documents with SGRPES members pending confirmation of platforms within ESCAP |
| Establish a sub-group of the Partnership for Statistics Development in Asia and the Pacific, focusing on economic statistics responsible for (i) facilitating coordination among development partners in technical assistance and training on economic statistics through aligning respective programmes with RPES and the Core Set and (ii) delivering RPES outputs relevant to their respective mandate and work programme | ESCAP                | -To continue coordinating with IMF for them to nominate an SG member         | SG   | Q4 2014 | * Sub-group of the Partnership currently not feasible. SGRPES to provide the platform by involving partners in meetings  |
|  | SG members           | -To hold talk or coordinate with the development partners to put forward the |  | Q1 2015 | <b>2014:</b><br>- SG Chair sent a letter   |

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|  |       | goals and objectives of RPES   |  |                     | to development partners (9 out of 20 responded)   |
| Provide regular updates to the states of the region as well as the development partners on the implementation of RPES, e.g. a quarterly newsletter featuring country experiences | ESCAP | <p>-Send through email updates on RPES implementation to member states</p> <p>-Send regular updates of SGRPES work programme to SG members</p> | Contributions from states and development partners | Continuing activity | <p>- All CST groups and the Partnership to meet in the margins of CST 4 (TBD)</p> <p><b>2014:</b></p> <p>-Partly done through the A-P Statistical Newsletter on a quarterly basis</p> <p>- Full update report with documents sent in May 2014</p> <p>- Survey on RPES implementation in June 2014</p> <p>- Discussion on the concept of the SGRPES report to CST 4 from July 2014</p> |
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| <i>Coordination—national</i>   |              |   |                                    |                       |   |
| Mapping of the Core Set against the economic statistics component of NSDS/equivalent                   | Focal points | -To coordinate with the agencies that are producing/disseminating   | ESCAP and SG                       | Starting from Q1 2014 | <p><b>2014:</b></p> <p>-Mapping of the Core Set vs. SD’s database (Q2)</p> <p>-Mapping of the Core Set vs. NSDS and NSS websites (Q3)</p>   |
| Consultations with stakeholders for needs assessment, capability gaps and identification of priorities | CB, MoF      | -To provide technical advice in the identification of priorities within their respective states   | ESCAP and development partners, SG | Ongoing               | <p><b>2013:</b></p> <p>-Review of assessments in the context of the RF-funded project</p> <p><b>2014:</b></p> <p>-Consultations at the national level for RF-funded and DA Project states</p> |
|  | Focal points | <p>- To consult with economic statistics experts in their respective states</p> <p>-To share the updates of the RPES implementation within their respective</p> | ESCAP and SG                       | Q1 2015               |   |

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|   |  | states  |                              | Continuing activity   |  |
| <i>Infrastructure—regional</i>  |  |   |                              |                       |  |
| Identify gaps in current provision of international assistance                                | Development partners - FAO, IMF, ILO, ASEAN, SPC, UNSD | -To provide information of the assistance granted to member states                                | ESCAP                        | Starting from Q1 2014 | *Comprehensive information not available   |
|   | ESCAP  | -To coordinate work with other international agencies   | Guidance from SG             |                       | Done in the context of preparing concept notes   |
| Develop concept notes for technical assistance concerning priority areas on infrastructure    | ESCAP  | -To share the concept note with the development partners  | Guidance from SG             | Starting from Q4 2013 | <b>2014:</b><br>Concept note on improvement of Business Registers and labour force statistics for national accountsdrafted |
|   | Development partners                                   | -To inform ESCAP with their initiatives   |                              |                       | <b>Ongoing:</b><br>-Some information received from partners in response to SGRPES Chair's letter                           |
| Identify good practices related to infrastructure and share on the knowledge sharing platform | ESCAP  | -To develop a knowledge sharing platform<br><br>-To coordinate with the member states to build on | SG and national focal points | Starting from Q1 2014 | <b>Ongoing</b><br>- ESCAP to find organizational solution  |

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|   |   | this knowledge sharing platform   |                  |                       |   |
|   | Focal points  | -To invite the experts within their respective states to provide good practices in their organizations<br><br>-To share and direct the experts within their respective states to the knowledge sharing platform | ESCAP            |                       |   |
| <i>Infrastructure—national</i>  |   |   |                  |                       |   |
| Identify priority areas for technical assistance on infrastructure based on Capacity Screening and country requests/plans | ESCAP   |   | Guidance from SG | Starting from Q4 2013 | Business registers  |
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| <i>Skills—regional</i>  |   |   |                  |                       |   |
| Identify gaps in the currently available economic statistics training programmes  | ESCAP (SIAP) and<br>ADB, EUROSTAT,<br>FAO, ILO, IMF,<br>JICA, PARIS21,<br>SESRIC, SIAP,<br>SPC, UNFPA,<br>UNIDO, UNSD and |   | Guidance from SG | Starting from Q1 2014 | <b>2014:</b><br><br>-Review of SNA training materials from SIAP, UNECE and WB |



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|  | the World Bank       |   |                  |                       |   |
| Develop skills needs assessment tool for producing and disseminating economic statistics in national statistical systems | ESCAP (SIAP)         |   | Guidance from SG | Q1 2014               | Coordinate with SIAP  |
| Identify good practices, resources and gaps for economic statistics training based on the Core Set components            | ESCAP                |   | Guidance from SG | Starting from Q4 2013 | Ongoing for the SNA; to be done according to the Core Set more rigorously |
| Develop training materials and training concepts for the Core Set components where there is a need                       | ESCAP (SIAP)         | -To coordinate with SG to develop the training materials                                |                  | Starting from Q2 2014 | Pending availability of funding   |
|  | Development partners | -To provide input in the training concepts<br><br>-To provide funds?                    |                  |                       |   |
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| <i>Skills—national</i>   |                      |   |                  |                       |   |
| Conduct skills needs assessments covering all economic statistics providers in the national statistical system           | Focal points         | -To coordinate within their respective states in conducting the skills needs assessment | Guidance from SG | Starting from Q1 2014 | Coordinate with SIAP  |
|  | ESCAP                | -To collate all inputs from member states   |                  |                       |   |

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| <b>Governance</b>   |              |  |                  |                     |  |
| Prepare a TOR for focal points  | ESCAP        |  | Guidance from SG | Q4 2013             | Done                                     |
| Identify focal points across the region                               | ESCAP and SG |  |                  | Q4 2013             | Partly through the SGRPES, not completed |
| Organize audio-conferences for the Coordination Committee, as needed  | ESCAP        |  |                  | Ongoing             | Ongoing                                  |
| Organize the fourth meeting of the Steering Group                     | ESCAP and CC |  |                  | TBD                 | March 2015 (TBD)                         |
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| <b>Programme Management</b>   |              |  |                  |                     |  |
| Develop a resource mobilization strategy and continue to seek funding | ESCAP        |  | Guidance from SG | Q1 2014 and ongoing | Pending                                  |
| Develop RPES monitoring framework with targets and indicators         | ESCAP        |  | Guidance from SG | Q1 2014             | Pending                                  |

\*The work plan is based on the outcome of the Third Meeting of SGRPES (29-31 October 2013) and was updated in January 2015.