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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Governing Council (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening addresses

Documentation

Tentative programme (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/INF/3)

Annotation

The tentative programme for the opening of the session will be made available in due course.

(b) Election of officers

Documentation

Provisional list of participants (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/INF/2)

Annotation

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the revised statute of SIAP (see Commission resolution 67/13 of 25 May 2011), the Governing Council shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Council, subject to changes, if necessary.

2. Matters arising from the sixth session of the Governing Council and its interim meeting

Documentation

Matters arising from the sixth session of the Governing Council (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/2)

Annotation

Document E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/2 presents the actions that have been taken by SIAP in response to the matters arising from the sixth session of the Governing Council, including, among others, strategies for strengthening arrangements for increasing cash contributions and enhancing ownership of SIAP by members and associate members of ESCAP, conducting more joint training activities with national training institutions, United Nations agencies and international organizations, and progress made in diversifying training content and approaches to assure that the training programmes are better aligned to support the training needs of member States.

3. Report of the Director of the Institute

Documentation

Report of the Director of the Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/3)

Annotation

The report provides information about the strategies SIAP is following to address the training needs of members and associate members of ESCAP and spells out the Institute's efforts to ensure the sustainable improvement of human resource development in national statistical systems. The report contains sections addressing each of the sub-items below.

(a) Progress in the implementation of the workplan since the sixth session of the Governing Council

Document E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/3 presents the results delivered that contribute to the expected accomplishments of the statistics subprogramme of ESCAP, in particular the progress made in addressing the skills development needs of national statistical systems in three areas: (a) promoting and generating quality reliable data to monitor progress towards the Millennium Development Goals; (b) strengthening capabilities to produce basic economic statistics and implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts; and (c) processing, analysing and disseminating data. The document also provides a summary of the training activities carried out since the sixth session of the Governing Council, covering the period from 1 November 2010 to 31 October 2011. The Council may wish to review the progress achieved and provide the Institute with comments and further guidance to more effectively implement its workplan.

(b) Administrative and financial status

Document E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/3 also provides an overview of the administrative and financial situation of the Institute in 2011, including details of cash contributions by member States and the host Government and the status of accounts of SIAP. The Council may wish to review the administrative and financial status of the Institute and provide guidance on the matter.

(c) **Follow-up to Governing Council interim meeting recommendation 2011/2 on the mobilization of financial resources for 2011-2013**

Document E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/3 also provides the outline of the strategy to improve the SIAP budget for 2012-2013 in accordance with the recommendation of the Governing Council at its sixth session and at its interim meeting held in New York in 2011.

The Council may wish to consider the strategy and budget for approval.

(d) **Progress in the implementation of the recommendations from the evaluation of the Institute**

At the interim meeting held in New York on 24 February 2011 during the forty-second session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the Governing Council reviewed the management response of SIAP to the evaluation. The Council requested the secretariat to prioritize proposed actions contained in the report and to inform the Council members of the progress made on the implementation of those actions. This section provides information on the progress made thus far by the secretariat in response to this request. The Council may wish to review the progress and provide the Institute with further guidance on the matter.

(e) **Acknowledgements**

4. Items for review and guidance

(a) **Workplan of the Institute for the academic year 2012**

Documentation

Workplan of the Institute for the academic year 2012
(E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/4)

Annotation

Document E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/4 presents the draft workplan of the Institute for the academic year 2012, covering the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, with a proposed budget. The draft workplan was developed within the context of the five-year long-term plan as endorsed by the Governing Council at its fifth session and the biennium statistics subprogramme of ESCAP for 2012-2013. The Council may wish to review and endorse the draft workplan of the Institute.

(b) **Draft annual report of the Institute to the Commission**

Documentation

Draft report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific to the Commission (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/5)

Annotation

Document E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/5 contains the draft report of SIAP to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session, to be held in 2012. The objective of reporting is to provide the Commission with the opportunity to review how SIAP functions under the direction and guidance of the

Governing Council. The report is expected to serve as a guide for the Commission to understand how SIAP assists member countries in the region to build their statistical capabilities with collaborative support from all relevant divisions of ESCAP and development partner organizations. The Council may wish to review the draft report and provide guidance for improving the content and presentation of the report.

5. Items for information:

- (a) **Report on the meeting of the Working Group on the Regional Coordination of Statistical Training held in New Delhi on 10 and 11 October 2011**

Documentation

Report on the meeting of the Working Group on the Regional Coordination of Statistical Training held in New Delhi on 10 and 11 October 2011 (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/INF/4)

Annotation

The Governing Council will have before it the report of the meeting of the working group on coordination of statistical training in the region held in New Delhi on 10 and 11 October 2011.

- (b) **Commission resolution on the revision of the statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific**

Documentation

Commission resolution 67/13 on the revision of the statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/SIAP/INF/5)

6. Other matters

The Governing Council may wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

7. Adoption of the report

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC(7)/6)

Annotation

The Governing Council will consider and endorse the report on its seventh session.