

Workgroup 1

- A Goals of network (section 1 A)
 - Re the goal of “aligning programs to national and international priorities” - It may not be possible to align everything but it should be possible to have alignment in most areas and cater for differences through outreach programs and country specific courses
 - Keep emphasis on practical courses which will meet the needs of small countries.
- B Participating Agencies
 - Not all agencies will have dedicated staff or an academic staff. They may be hired on contract basis or be provided by other agencies (including international agencies and other NSOs)

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- C. Steering Committee
 - Agreed that we should have a committee.
 - Smaller agencies must have a voice – so it should have membership with representatives from small, large, developed and developing countries of the region, international and donor agencies
 - If every country is represented it will be too large and unwieldy – have representatives of regions and groups with some rotation of membership within groups.
 - Try and get an overall balance of subject matters (eg. Mix of economic and demography)
 - NSA chiefs could be members where agencies don't have heads of training.
 - International members – yes
 - Include scope for invitees for specific issues

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- IV BASIC FEATURES
- A Library
 - Start with the SIAP e-library and add to this collections and additions from member agencies in incremental way as new material is produced
- B Publications
 - Not everyone will be able to produce reference articles
 - This concept should be broader to include “learning resources” which will include handbooks, course notes, tools, exercises
- C Training Programs
 - Add “sample survey methodology” as a core area

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- **V ELEMENTS OF THE NETWORK**
- **A The Internet.**
 - Recognise that this is very ambitious. Many agencies will not be able to publish all this content but the list provides a good vision to work towards.
- **B Regular interactions**
 - Regular interactions are necessary. Not all agencies will have capacity to initiate but all will benefit from participation.
- **C Exchange of staff**
 - Need not be an “exchange” – could be temporary attachment

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- **V ELEMENTS OF THE NETWORK (cont)**
- **D High Level Visits**
 - What role should the network play in the area of “high level visits”? Is it necessary to facilitate them? They are valuable instruments.
- **E Expected Overall Results**
 - Need to set some ambitious goals and measure progress so that we know the network is delivering real value.

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- VI FINANCING THE NETWORK
 - Appropriate to seek a modest membership fee from members
 - Seek contributions from leading donor agencies (seed money)
 - Seek sponsorship for specific activities
 - Course fees also appropriate
 - Aim for self reliance

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- Other issues raised
 - How does network fit with role and functions of SIAP and PARIS 21