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Introduction

ESCAP does not conduct training per se, but most of our workshops serve that purpose to some extent. ESCAP workshops are often geared toward middle to high-level statisticians or policymakers. Some of the objectives of these workshops/ meetings are to:

1. exchange best practices;
2. inform countries representatives about the latest international recommendations/ standards;
3. discuss and obtain regional views on proposed international statistical standards;
4. conduct advocacy for statistical programmes; and
5. obtain guidance from expert groups on areas of statistics.

The information that is provided below should be viewed with that qualification in mind. In addition, participation in the ESCAP Committee on Poverty Reduction and Subcommittee on Statistics is not included because these are really parliamentary (legislative) meetings.

Annex 1 lists countries that participated in at least one of the 24 meetings listed under question 2 below.

1.   In how many countries has your organization conducted statistical training during the last three years through technical assistance or any type of cooperation?

ESCAP has conducted regional workshops / courses in six countries and two country workshops in one.

2.   If so, which are these countries? What were the main fields of training?

Dates	Organizer	Meeting	Venue	Number of Participating Countries
20-22 June 2007	ESCAP	Technical Workshop on Statistical Literacy	Phnom Penh	1
19-21 September 2007	ESCAP	Workshop on Informal Employment and Informal Sector Data Collection: Strategy, Tools and Advocacy	Bangkok	4
1-3 October 2007	ADB, UNSD, ESCAP and National Statistical Coordination Board (Philippines)	International Conference on the Millennium Development Goals Statistics (ICMDGS)	Manila	26
15-19 October 2007	UNSD, ESCAP	United Nations Regional Workshop on Census Cartography and Management	Bangkok	16
10-13 November	ECO, UNSD, ESCAP, Statistical Centre of	Workshop on economic statistics and informal sector	Tehran	10

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2007	Iran			
12-16 November 2007	ESCAP, OECD	Training on documentation and archiving for census and survey microdata	Bangkok	10
10-12 December 2007	ESCAP	Expert Group Meeting on Effective Use of IT in Population Censuses,	Bangkok	22
16-20 January 2006	UNDP, UNICEF, ESCAP	Regional DevInfo Workshop	Bangkok	9
20-22 March 2006	ASEAN Secretariat, ESCAP	The third meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Harmonization of Statistical Classifications	Bangkok	10
17-18 April 2006	ASEAN Secretariat, ESCAP	The fourth meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Harmonization of Statistical Classifications	Bangkok	9
17-18 May 2006	PARIS21, ESCAP	High-Level Forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics for Central Asian Countries	Bishkek	5
6-8 June 2006	PARIS21, ESCAP	High-Level Forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics for South-East Asian Countries	Bangkok	9
20-22 June 2006	ESCAP	Fourth Workshop for Improving Disability Statistics and Measurement	Bangkok	17
31 July-2 August 2006	ESCAP, SIAP, UNDP & ADB	Workshop on Statistics for Monitoring the Achievement of the MDGs in Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok	32
9-11 October 2006	PARIS21, ESCAP	High-Level Forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics for East and North-East Asian Countries	Ulaanbaatar	8
27-28 November 2006	ESCAP	Expert Group Meeting on ESCAP Regional Census Programme	Bangkok	18
4-15 December 2006	ESCAP	Statistical Literacy Training of Trainers Workshop	Bangkok	3
12-15 December 2006	UNSD, ESCAP	International Workshop on Country Practices in Compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics	Bangkok	18
28 March-1 April 2005	IMF, UNESCAP	Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) Outreach Seminar for Asia and Pacific Region	Bangkok	11
19-22 April 2005	UNSD, ESCAP	Workshop on 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) Update	Bangkok	22
3-4 May 2005	ESCAP	Third Workshop for Improving Disability Statistics and Measurement (for Pilot Countries)	Bangkok	7
22-23 September 2005	Hopkins Centre for Civil Society Studies and ESCAP	Workshop to Implement the United Nations Handbook on Nonprofit Institutions in the System of National Accounts	Bangkok	15
5-7 October 2005	ESCAP	Expert Group Meeting on Affordable Technologies for Disseminating Official Statistics	Bangkok	15
13-15 December 2005	PARIS21, ESCAP	Workshop for South Asia on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)	Colombo	9

3.   What is the main motivation of conducting statistical trainings in developing countries? Do you conduct statistical training as part of programme and/or project thrusts or is this based on countries' request?

Most of the workshops are part of the programme or projects.

4.   How do you provide funding for statistical trainings? Is it fully funded by your organization or is it funded through bilateral/multilateral cooperation?

Participants from developing countries are funded by ESCAP, while those from the developed countries or rich countries participate at their countries' or area's expense.

5.   What are strategies of cooperation and partnership arrangements with other organizations or recipient countries in carrying out statistical training?

The Statistics Division works closely with SIAP and UNSD. In addition to the regional workshops/courses, ESCAP has been providing advisory services to member states.

6.   How does your organization assess the efficiency of statistical trainings you have conducted? The effectiveness or outcome of statistical trainings conducted by your organization?

Using a workshop evaluation at the end of a workshop as well as feedback from countries.

7.   How does your organization consider regional and countries' specific factors in the delivery of statistical training activities?

ESCAP does provide translation / interpretation when required. Quite often, workshops are geared towards countries at the same level of statistical development or from the same region as they tend to face similar problems.

8.   Does your organization have a dedicated website/webpages on past, current and proposed statistical training activities to share lessons learned and experiences and to increase the coordination and avoidance of possible duplication and overlap of trainings?

Yes, it is at http://www.unescap.org/stat/meet/techmeet.asp

Annex 1: Participation in ESCAP Workshop/ Training

	Country	Participated in a workshop between 2005 – 2007
1.	Afghanistan	Yes
2.	American Samoa	No
3.	Armenia	Yes
4.	Australia	Yes
5.	Azerbaijan	Yes
6.	Bangladesh	Yes
7.	Bhutan	Yes
8.	Brunei Darussalam	Yes
9.	Cambodia	Yes
10.	China	Yes
11.	Cook Islands	No
12.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Yes
13.	Fiji	Yes
14.	French Polynesia	No
15.	Georgia	No
16.	Guam	No
17.	Hong Kong, China	Yes
18.	India	Yes
19.	Indonesia	Yes
20.	Islamic Republic of Iran	Yes
21.	Japan	Yes
22.	Kazakhstan	Yes
23.	Kiribati	No
24.	Kyrgyzstan	Yes
25.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yes
26.	Macao, China	Yes
27.	Malaysia	Yes
28.	Maldives	Yes
29.	Marshall Islands	No
30.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	No
31.	Mongolia	Yes
32.	Myanmar	Yes
33.	Nauru	No
34.	Nepal	Yes
35.	New Caledonia	No
36.	New Zealand	Yes
37.	Niue	No
38.	Northern Mariana Islands	No
39.	Pakistan	Yes
40.	Palau	No
41.	Papua New Guinea	Yes
42.	Philippines	Yes
43.	Republic of Korea	Yes
44.	Russian Federation	Yes
45.	Samoa	No
46.	Singapore	Yes
47.	Solomon Islands	No
48.	Sri Lanka	Yes
49.	Tajikistan	Yes
50.	Thailand	Yes
51.	Timor-Leste	Yes
52.	Tonga	No
53.	Turkey	Yes

	Country	Participated in a workshop between 2005 – 2007
54.	Turkmenistan*	No
55.	Tuvalu	Yes
56.	Uzbekistan	Yes
57.	Vanuatu	Yes
58.	Viet Nam	Yes

This table lists countries that participated in at least one of the meetings listed under question 2.

Participation in the ESCAP Committee on Poverty Reduction and Subcommittee on Statistics is not taken into account.

* Turkmenistan was invited to a forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics, but did not attend.