



Expert Group Meeting

**Opportunities and advantages of enhanced
collaboration on statistical information
management in Asia and the Pacific**

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OUTCOME & NEXT STEPS

Background



ESCAP Committee on Statistics [2nd session, December 2010]

Strategic goal for development of NSSs in Asia and the Pacific towards 2020:

- Creating a more adaptive and cost-effective information management environment through stronger collaboration

Side-event

- A regional platform on modernization of statistical information systems proposed

EGM objectives



- To identify common issues and priorities on statistical information management in national statistical institutions in Asia and the Pacific
- To discuss the potential of emerging standards and frameworks as the basis for regional cooperation
- To recommend topics and modalities for strengthened regional cooperation on statistical information management

EGM Participants



- NSO staff involved at managerial level in planning, ICT, data management
 - Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu.
- Development partners
 - UN-ECE, ILO, UNESCO, ADB, OECD (PARIS21), SPC, SESRIC

EGM outcomes: Messages to Heads of NSSs



- Statistical community to engage proactively to ensure that statistics remain relevant & useful
- Transformation processes are essential for meeting future needs for official statistics
- Transformation processes require commitment and support at the highest levels
- Emerging standards, in particular GSBPM, have strategic value as organizational planning tools
- Enhanced collaboration is essential for sustainable and continuous improvements

EGM outcomes: Next steps (1)



Strengthened national efforts

- NSOs to facilitate the use of standards for statistical information management, incorporating statistical business and IT strategies into NSDSs
- NSIs & development partners to collaborate on strategy development

EGM outcomes: Next steps (2)



Enhanced regional cooperation

- Urgent need for setting up a regional cooperation mechanism
 - High level strategic body championing for and overseeing regional work
 - Technical forum on standards, focusing on issues specific to countries in the Asia-Pacific region
- Terms of reference to be developed for consideration by the ESCAP Committee on Statistics
- Work to link to & build on existing global and regional initiatives

Finally ...



- December 2012: 3rd session of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics: Expected to review a proposal for establishing a regional mechanism
- This Seminar an opportunity to discuss common challenges and regional approaches to addressing them, in support of preparations for the Committee session