

Organizational Meeting  
**Network for the Coordination of Statistical  
Training in Asia and the Pacific**

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Network: Terms of Reference

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# Mandate

Committee on Statistics (2012)

Bureau (2013)

- facilitate *information-sharing* and promote *coordination* among national statistical training institutions, regional and international statistical training providers and donor agencies providing funding for statistical training in the Asia-Pacific region in support of the key regional statistics development programmes pursued by the Committee

# Functions

- (a) Identify *priorities* for coordinating statistical training and agree on the appropriate *approaches* and *processes* for coordination;
- (b) Share information on the work of statistical training providers, including needs assessment, strategies, programmes as well as resources; and
- (c) Periodically review the implementation of the proposed coordination activities, and identify and implement further actions required.

# Outcomes

- (a) Appropriate approaches and processes for coordination, including for the development of common training programmes in response to the requirements of the Committee's key regional statistics development programmes;
- (b) Working cooperation among the training providers and relevant stakeholders in mobilizing technical and financial resources;
- (c) Training gaps addressed.

# Initial Priorities

- (a) Upon formation of the Network , establishing a plan for maintaining and strengthening the network, including the holding of a regular forum on statistical training, such as the SIAP workshop series on “Forging Partnerships in Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific”;
- (b) Regular updating of coordinated training needs assessment;
- (c) Identifying gaps in training opportunities; and
- (d) Supporting the implementation of training component of the *Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics*

# Membership

- (a) Heads of statistical training institutions with requisite statistical training facilities or active training programmes on official statistics that cater to both national (internal) and foreign (external) clients;
- (b) Representatives of ESCAP member States, regional and international organizations, and sub-regional cooperation entities that deliver training or provide substantive donor resource support to statistical training activities in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (c) The Chair or Co-Chair of the Partners for Statistics Development in and Asia and the Pacific Group; and
- (d) The Chair of the Governing Council of SIAP.

# Functioning

- The Bureau will appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair to. Both the Chair and Vice-Chair will initially serve until the fourth session of the Committee.
- The Bureau will further appoint a “Core Advisory Group”, based on the recommendations of and from among the members of the Network that would constitute the link to and report to the Bureau.
- For specific tasks, the Network may invite participation of national and international experts and/or form *sub-groups* as the need arises.
- The Network shall conduct discussions mainly through e-mail, facilitated e-discussion groups or webinars.

# Secretariat

***SIAP will serve as the secretariat to the Network***

In this capacity, SIAP will

- (a) Provide secretariat support to the Chair and Vice Chair in organizing meetings;
- (b) Facilitate information sharing on statistical training events through the maintenance of a *database and website*; and
- (c) Provide secretariat support in the implementation of the activities of the Network.



# Reporting

- The Network shall report to the Committee through a regular item on the agenda of Committee sessions.
- In between Committee sessions, the *Core Advisory Group* shall report on outcomes of meetings and discussions and updates on activities to the Committee through the Bureau.

# DISCUSSION

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