

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

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**The ‘How’ of Coordination
by the Network**

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Coordination

... should be taken to mean normative coordination.

- Regional coordination will facilitate the implementation of effective statistical training activities without imposing any restrictions or standards on the training activities that NSSs choose to undertake.
- Coordination will create a common language to communicate statistical training needs and available resources, allowing member States and development organizations operating in the region to implement their own agenda more effectively.
- Coordination activities/mechanisms should not interfere in any way with the national agenda of the country for implementing statistical training activities.

Statistical Training

- ... training activities that are undertaken in order to build the capacity of statistical staff, with the ultimate objective of improving the coverage and quality of official statistics produced by the national statistical systems, and improving other necessary skills for official statistics*
- The coverage of the Statistical training network does not include
 - on-the-job training
 - training provided in relation to the conduct of a specific statistical surveys and censuses
 - non-guided self-paced internet-based learning

Objectives of Coordination

- (a) Increase demand-driven statistical training and improve its impact on capacity building in the member States;
- (b) Facilitate better resource use, planning and effective implementation of training programmes by statistical training providers;
- (c) Identify and fill training gaps in statistical capacity-building in the region;
- (d) Provide an environment within which training recipients and training providers can use a common language and set of tools to describe priority needs and identify and fill training gaps in the region.

Strategies

- Improve communication through a common language and the sharing of information
- Facilitate the identification of training gaps at the regional level through a coordinated regional assessment exercise among training providers
- Share information in a systematic and organized manner
- Standardize the classification and competencies of statistical personnel
- Engage with regional programmes that are prioritized by the Committee
- Create links with subregional training initiatives

Mechanisms

- Establishment of “the Network”
- Creation of a technical expert group on the classification of skills of statistical personnel to review
 - SIAP core skills framework
 - ECE Classification of Statistical Activities
- Maintain and share databases of regional technical cooperation initiatives on
 - Statistical training
 - Capacity-building
 - Resource persons

How to achieve Outcomes of the Network

- (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.

DISCUSSION