

# Agreements

Organizational Meeting  
Network for the Coordination of Statistical  
Training in Asia & the Pacific Region  
22-24 April 2014

# Core Elements

- Role of the Network
- Coordination Scope and Strategies
- Operating Framework
- Programme of Work for 2014 - 2015
- Resources

# **ROLE OF THE NETWORK**

# 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.

# 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.

# General Benefits of Membership

- Membership is on an institutional basis
- Members acknowledge the need to engage with—
  - **Universities and research institutions**
  - **Broader group of agencies composing national statistical systems [e.g., line ministries]**
- General benefits of membership—
  - **Understand** each other
  - **Work** together
  - **Gain** experience

# Specific Benefits

*Sharing information on training initiatives & capacity building*

*Sharing and developing*

- Tools for assessing training needs
- Standards to improve and assure the **quality of statistical training**
- Tools and methods for evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of statistical training

*Sharing materials and expertise*



# **COORDINATION: SCOPE & STRATEGIES**

# 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*
- However, the Network will **not cover** the following types of training activities:
    - on-the-job training
    - training provided in relation to the conduct of a specific statistical survey and census
    - non-guided/unstructured self-paced internet-based learning

# 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.

# 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 for Coordination

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

# Making Coordination Work ...

## *Involves*

- Transparency
- Sharing information, infrastructure, people and materials
- Engaging with sub-regional initiatives
  - *Network members will serve as focal points*  
*[ASEAN-TNSO, ECO- SCI, ...]*

# **OPERATING FRAMEWORKS & MECHANISMS**

# Principles

- *Commonly adopted frameworks provide a common language that makes coordination of training activities, as well as their design and delivery more efficient and effective*
- *Engaging with other partners [universities] and the broader NSS institutions [ministries, sectoral concerns] through creation of **sub-groups** [Agreed: Agricultural and Rural Statistics]*



# Frameworks

- *For contents of training*– international statistical standards, guidelines, recommendations and frameworks
- *For identifying training needs, designing training courses and sharing information*– agreed to further develop:
  - Core skills framework
  - Classification of statistical activities
  - Coordinated Training Needs Assessment instrument and process

# Mechanisms for Coordination

- Coordinated training needs assessment
- Maintain and share databases of regional technical cooperation initiatives on
  - Statistical training
  - Capacity-building
  - Resource persons
- Database and website for collecting and disseminating information on capacity building activities specially training
- Sharing people, training materials (including translation) and infrastructure
- Producing training materials to be commonly used
- Focal points for sub-regional initiatives that bring the network activities to the attention of sub-regional (ECO, SPC, OIC, ASEAN, SAARC,..)

# **PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2014-2015**

Outputs	Activity	Leading agency	Partners	Start date	Expected completion date
TNA tools (CSF, methods, classifications, questionnaire)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development (including methodology)</li> <li>2. Pilot Testing</li> <li>3. Finalization</li> </ol>	SIAP	SPC, Pakistan, FAO, Japan		
Sharing the existing training materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. explore options for storage and searching</li> <li>2. classification of materials by using standards like CSA</li> <li>3. uploading of materials (including guidelines and formats)</li> <li>4. Explore e-learning options</li> </ol>	SIAP	ABS, Korea, China, Indonesia		
Training materials to be produced by the network	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	After the needs analysis
Data base of experts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compiling the list of experts</li> </ol>		Japan		
The Common Curriculum					After the needs analysis
Sub-group on RAP	Linking with training component of RAP		USP, FAO, SIAP, ADB,		

# Products/Outputs

- TNA tools and methods to be piloted and then implemented by the network by 2015.
- Training gaps identified ...

# RESOURCES