

E-learning course on crime statistics from a gender perspective [26 October-27 November 2020]

Second webinar session was held on 19 November which welcomed over 50 participants. The course which was designed to introduce crime statistics from a gender perspective to produce reliable indicators to monitor relevant Sustainable Development Goals was completed by 198 participants.

Seventh regional training course on the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT) [24-27 November 2020]

The training course was organised jointly between the Institute and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) and, held via Microsoft Teams. Thirty-seven participants from the national statistical offices and planning agencies completed the course.

E-learning course on international accounts [24 November-31 December 2020]

The course is designed to provide a strong foundation on international accounts based on Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6). The course aims at introducing participants to the components of international accounts such as International Investment Position (IIP), Balance of Payments (BOP) and other changes in financial and liabilities accounts. Webinar sessions were held on 11 and 17 December which was participated by around 40 and 30 participants, respectively.

Sixteenth session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific [30 November-1 December 2020]

In view of the situation surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, the session was held via Microsoft Teams. Over 50 representatives from member and associate member states of ESCAP as well as from international organisations participated in the session. The Council reviewed the draft resource mobilization strategy and welcomed the focus on partnerships and supported the importance of partnerships with the private sector especially regarding new technologies, new technical skills and access to new data sources. The draft strategy is to be further developed with greater details and would require consideration from the Council in its next session.

Sixth Meeting of Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific [2 December 2020]

The meeting started off with reports on the subgroup on gender statistics training and the subgroup on economic statistics training. The meeting invited presenters from India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea to share their experience regarding the method of evaluation of training courses by respective national statistical institutes.

Fifteenth management seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific [3-4 December 2020]

The Seminar on the theme "National statistical systems: responding to the Covid-19 crises and building better for the future" was held virtually in collaboration with ESCAP-SD, UNSD and PARIS21. The Seminar brought together representatives of statistical offices from national, regional and international organizations and research institutes. The main objective of the seminar was to determine effective approaches to statistical activities, including capacity building, and the role of chief statisticians in implementing these new approaches in the context of unforeseen crises such as the current pandemic.

Upcoming e-learning courses:

E-learning course on climate change indicators based on an accounting approach between 6 January and 12 February 2021
E-learning course on data visualization (scheduled to be held between 13 January and 23 February 2021)

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Presenting Pewters to Show Thanks to the Government of Japan for 50 Years [9-10 December 2020]



On behalf of ESCAP, Director of SIAP presented pewters to show thanks to Mr. Tanigawa Tom, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications (left picture); Mr. Yoshikai Shojiro, Director-General for Policy Planning of Statistical Standards; and Mr. Saiki Shuji; Director-General of Statistics Bureau of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications with copies of the thanks letter to the Minister from the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, as well as Mr. Ono Keiichi Ambassador/Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Tanaka Izumi, Director General of JICA Tokyo for their supports to SIAP for 50 years.

Farewell Message from Mr Ashish Kumar, Director of SIAP

Dear Colleagues,

I served the Institute for the last four years after about thirty-eight years of service with the Government of India. It has been a highly productive time for me. I enjoyed working in the Institute. It has been quite interesting and enlightening experience.

I highly appreciate the support each one of you provided to me and the Institute during my tenure. Please remember that this is your Institute and should serve you in the best possible manner to meet your expectations.

Mr Makoto Shimizu, Deputy Director would be Officer in Charge of SIAP till a regular Director is appointed. In case you need any advice/support, you can reach me on my email: ashish.km2003@gmail.com

Wish you happy new year and all the best, ashish