

Launch of a webpage dedicated to the fiftieth anniversary of the Institute

A webpage dedicated to the fiftieth anniversary of the Institute was launched (https://unsiap.or.jp/about/SIAP_50Years.html).

The webpage shows Ms Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific launching the fiftieth anniversary publication during the opening of the seventh session of the Committee on Statistics on 26 August. The electronic version of the publication can also be viewed on the webpage.

Visitors of the webpage can also view:

- (i) a video which shows the fifty years of history of the Institute and perspective for future.
- (ii) the video recording of the Asia-Pacific Stats Café series on “50 years of Statistical Capacity-building by UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP): Perspectives from Alumni Chief Statisticians” held on 24 August 2020.



E-learning course on Introduction to energy statistics and energy accounts [14 September-16 October 2020]

Two hundred and thirty-eight participants from twenty-six countries/areas were nominated by heads of national statistics offices to participate in the course. The course is designed to learn the basic concepts, definitions and classifications used in energy statistics and accounts, with specific focus on understanding the conceptual framework used for energy accounts as well as how energy data contributes to developing sustainable energy policies.

The first webinar session of the six-module course was held on 24 September to recapitulate the contents of modules 1-3. Due to high volume of questions from the participants, a special webinar session was organised on 1 October to answer the questions from the participants.

The second webinar session held on 8 October reviewed the remaining modules of the course.

E-learning course on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective [26 October-27 November 2020]

The course is being organised, in collaboration with the UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence.

It is designed to help participants to learn concepts and frameworks, statistics and indicators related to crime and criminal justice from gender perspective which cut across several SDG targets, with the overall aim to strengthen capacity to produce high-quality statistics, including indicators, to inform policy decisions at the national and international levels.

The course also entails two webinar sessions. The first session invites international experts in the field of crime statistics from a gender perspective to introduce the topic. The second session is a Q&A session which invites participants to ask questions, in order to help them deepen their understanding about the subject matter.

E-learning course on Compiling National Metadata for the Sustainable Development Goals [10 August-11 September 2020]

Three hundred and eighty-five participants from twenty-three countries/areas completed the course which was designed to help the participants better understand key concepts around metadata, particularly in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals. The evaluation which was completed by the participants after the course indicated that 96 percent of the participants felt that their confidence in applying skills learnt during the course have improved.

Metadata training (remote learning) for Bangladesh [9, 14, 17 September 2020]

A country-specific course on metadata was held, in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division. The course was designed to support the national statistical system's ability to compile metadata for SDG indicators, using the standard metadata template. Twenty-seven statisticians from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and other relevant offices participated in the training.

Upcoming meeting events in November and December 2020

In view of the situation surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, the following events will be held via videoconferencing only:

- **Sixteenth session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific** [30 November-1 December 2020]
- **Sixth Meeting of Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific** [2 December 2020]
- **Fifteenth session of the management seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific** [3-4 December 2020]

Upcoming e-learning courses:

E-learning course on climate change indicators based on an accounting approach
E-learning course on international accounts
E-learning course on data visualization
E-learning course on gender statistics