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Strategic plan of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific for the period 2025–29

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Note by the secretariat

1. In the 19th session of the Governing Council of SIAP in December 2023, the Institute presented a document on the formulation of the Strategic Plan for 2025-2029. The Council appreciated the document and endorsed the proposal of the Institute to establish the Friends of the Chair group (FOC) for formulation of the Plan.
2. FOC consisted of Governing Council member countries (Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam) and one from Central Asia (Georgia) and one from Pacific (Fiji) for regional representation. The Institute constantly communicated with FOC from April 2024 and requested FOC to provide input and overall guidance to the drafting of the Plan. A separate online meeting of FOC was held on 7 June 2024 to discuss the outline of the Plan.
3. The FOC provided in-depth review of the draft 2025-2029 strategic plan. They emphasized the alignment of the proposed strategies with the mission and vision of the Institute, identified gaps, and reviewed to ensure the plan is comprehensive and actionable. They gave broad directions for the Strategic Plan.
4. In its advisory capacity, the FOC played a critical role in providing the strategic direction of the SIAP and ensuring that the institute remains a relevant and effective force for improving statistical capacity and collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region.
5. At the 19th Governing Council, it was also recommended that the role of the national statistical training institutes needed to be reflected in the Plan. The Institute organized an online meeting of the national statistical training institutes on 28 June 2024 and received their views and input for the draft 2025-2029 strategic plan. These institutes have direct experience in the statistical training landscape and have helped SIAP enhance its capacity-building role. National statistical training institutes in the Asia-Pacific region provided valuable insights and advice in various areas for the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan of SIAP.

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6. By leveraging the expertise and insights from statistical training institutes in the Asia-Pacific region, SIAP can enhance the effectiveness, relevance, and sustainability of its strategic plan, ensuring that it meets the diverse and evolving needs of the region's statistical systems. The 2025-2029 Strategic Plan of the Institute has been developed taking into consideration all these recommendations of the FOC and national training institutes.

7. The draft 2025-2029 Strategic Plan is attached for consideration of the Council [Annex A]

Action requested from the Council

8. The Governing Council will review and may wish to endorse, subject to such changes as may be necessary.