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Note by the secretariat

The present document provides a summary of actions that have been or are being taken by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) to implement recommendations made by the Governing Council (GC) at its twelfth session.

<u>Matter arising</u>	<u>Action taken/current status</u>
1. The Governing Council recommends that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) continue to address persistent training needs, especially in least developed countries and small island developing States in the region, on the foundational elements of statistics with increased reliance on e-learning and blended learning approaches to enhance retention and reach.	1. The Institute has been addressing technical needs of least developed countries and small island countries on the foundational elements of statistics through four month training programme. Such a course will continue to be provided with support of JICA. There is a reorientation of the course to address statistical requirement to track progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There has been increased reliance on e-learning and blended learning. The Institute has developed a new e-learning course on System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA). The Institute has plans to develop more e-learning courses which will be used both for stand-alone learning and blended learning.
2. In the context of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and efforts to reach the Sustainable Development Goals, the	2. The Institute has been addressing the requirement on new and emerging needs of statistics which has come up due to 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. All the

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Council recommends that SIAP contribute to the acceleration of statistics development in the region by addressing new and emerging needs.	training programmes conducted by the Institute are being focused in a way that the trainees are provided learning to meet new demands using existing data sources or using new data.
3. The Council recognizes the need to build capacities, in particular in areas such as climate change, service sector and information and communications technology statistics and the development of statistics from administrative data sources. The use of big data should be explored to meet the challenge of monitoring the Goals. Training programmes may be required to ensure availability of high-quality data for policy purposes. SIAP should also take up capacity-building in areas such as leadership and knowledge management, with the involvement of academia and the business sector, as appropriate.	3. The Institute has organized a training programme on service sector statistics in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division and Swiss Economic Institute. The Institute has also organized a training programme on climate change statistics in collaboration with ESCAP Statistics Division. A training programme using administrative data for preparation of Business Register is being organized in Iran from 10 to 13 December. The Institute organized “Statistical Leadership Training for Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs)” for newly appointed chief statisticians in the region in collaboration with Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21 st Century (PARIS21). Number of programmes of the Institute has been organizing in collaboration with specialized international agencies and academic bodies.
4. The Council recommends that SIAP enhance the design and delivery of self-learning training content, including by covering a larger number of subject matter areas, expanding e-learning and blended learning approaches, and developing guidelines, manuals and tutorials.	4. More e-learning programmes are being gradually developed. These programmes have latest guidelines on the subject and have tutorials.
5. The Council recommends that, to ensure sustainability, SIAP consider the development of incremental and accredited curricula.	5. The Institute has been developing curricula to meet the emerging need to compile SDG indicators and related statistical business processes. Accreditation of curricula is under consideration of the Network of statistical training institutes in Asia and the Pacific.
6. In the context of further enhancing South-South cooperation in accelerating statistics development, the Council recommends that SIAP, through the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, maximize the use of appropriate country-developed assessment instruments, training content and delivery modalities as regional-level resources.	6. The Institute has efficiently collaborated with statistical training institutes in the region for maximizing their resources for effective deliver of training programmes.
7. Recognizing the need to improve the statistical capacity of national statistical	7. The Institute has been playing a catalytic role by informing NSOs regarding the dates of

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systems to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals, the Council recommends that member States accord high priority to training programmes on statistics in the annual training needs survey of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Action taken/current status

JICA training needs survey. NSOs are requested to approach their nodal Ministries to express their need in this survey.
