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## **Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

Governing Council

### **Eighteenth session**

Chiba, Japan, 12 and 13 December 2022

Item 2 of the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>

### **Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Governing Council**

## **Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Governing Council<sup>2</sup>**

### **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 to implement recommendations made by the Governing Council at its seventeenth session and thereafter.

<b><u>Matter arising</u></b>	<b><u>Action taken/current status</u></b>
1. The Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific notes the actions taken by the Institute to implement the recommendations made during the sixteenth session and thereafter. The Council notes with appreciation the developments regarding the revision of the resource mobilization strategy and the creation of the communication and advocacy strategy and expresses interest in participating in the implementation of the strategies.	1. Noted.
2. Having reviewed the performance of the Institute regarding e-learning training and expressed appreciation to the Institute for its work in developing training materials and promoting the e-learning courses of collaborating agencies within the region, the	2. The Institute developed training materials and promoted the e-learning courses of collaborating agencies by (a) Saving e-learning materials as self-learning courses with advanced interactive functions in the Learning Management System (LMS)

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<sup>1</sup> E/ESCAP/SIAP/GC/2022/L.1d

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## Matter arising

## Action taken/current status

- Council:
- (a) Requests that additional good e-learning development methodologies be employed, including the utilization of hands-on sessions in web-based training, which can be actively shared among member States;
  - (b) Requests that the possibility of allocating resources to the translation of e-learning courses into additional United Nations official languages be explored;
  - (c) Requests that training-of-trainers programmes be organized to build the capacity of staff at national statistical offices to conduct national-level training activities and for such programmes to include training on facilitation skills.
3. The Council recognizes that the demand for web-based training will be high regardless of the evolving coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation and calls for continued investments in e-learning training. The Council also notes that some face-to-face training courses should resume once travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted. The Council calls for the continued enhancement of blended learning training courses to ensure that they are accessible to national statistical offices and line ministry officials, and further calls for the courses with the Japan International Cooperation Agency to be continued in face-to-face format when possible.
  4. The Council, having reviewed the progress achieved by the Institute including its administrative and financial status, acknowledges the significant achievements of the Institute, especially regarding the organization of web-based training courses, in which the number of participants was its highest in the Institute's 51 years of history. The Council notes that as of 30 September 2021, women participants accounted for 1,520 out of the total 2,574 participants, and among the 25 web-based training courses organized by the Institute, 18 courses were on new topics.
  5. The Council acknowledges the contributions of member States, associate members and statistical development partners to the Institute's achievement of the programme of work in 2021.
- which can be accessed and studied freely by anyone,
- (b) Translating some of the e-learning materials in Arabic, French, Russian, Spanish or some languages as the self-learning, and
  - (c) Organizing the Training of Trainers: Improving Facilitation Skills, with 12 participants, which was designed to extend reach of training outcomes by inviting trainers who are expected to deliver training to government officials in their countries and preferably to those outside of their countries and whose materials are reused for training for general government officials and opened for public use broadly.
3. The Institute developed new training courses in collaboration with partners (international organizations). These courses were facilitated by webinars, video clips, quizzes and e-polls, Travel restrictions continued in 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of which training programmes continued to be delivered in the virtual mode. However, for the Pacific region face to face courses were conducted. The number of participants was the largest in the 52 years' history of the Institute. Female participants were more than male participants. Due to border measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 to Japan, the course with the Japan International Cooperation Agency which was scheduled as a face-to-face course was postponed.
  4. The Institute organized 17 training courses attended by 3,281 government officials as of 31 October in 2022. Female participants were more than male participants. The female to male participant ratio is 1.54. Ten courses were on new topics.
  5. Noted.

**Matter arising**

**Action taken/current status**

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| 6. The Council, having reviewed the work programme and financial plan of the Institute for the year 2022, endorses the programme and plan. The Council proposes that country courses be tailored to countries' needs and new courses be developed on the basis of emerging needs in areas such as administrative data, big data, training of trainers, and modernization of national statistical offices and national statistical systems. The Council suggests that the Institute explore priority areas of training, in consultation with appropriate focal points in the national statistical offices, prior to the formulation of the work programme. The Council also proposes to further develop the certification for courses, including for training-of-trainers courses. | 6. Training of Trainers, three e-learning courses, four Workshops as well as two country-focused training are newly developed in 2022. The Institute had developed a training needs survey for statistical offices of ESCAP members and associate members in Asia and the Pacific. The invitation to the survey was sent from the Director of the Institute to heads of statistical offices in Asia and the Pacific. The survey started on 16 May and closed on 24 June 2022 via a questionnaire on MS Forms. The result of the survey is covered in the Report of the Director of the Statistical Institute for the Agenda 4 of the eighteenth session of the Governing Council and will be reflected on the work programme and financial plan of the Institute for 2023. The Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific focused on development of curriculum for gender statistics course through its subgroup supported by UN Women as the secretariat. This subgroup also considered the issue of accreditation and standardization of the training curriculum. Furthermore, the Task Team: Online Gateway and E-learning Community of Practice of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST) is already in the process of discussion on certification for the courses. |
| 7. The Council agrees that its eighteenth session will be held in Chiba, Japan, on 12 and 13 December 2022.   | 7. To prevent the spread of the COVID-19, the eighteenth session is to be held in Chiba Japan but hybrid mode (with online) on 12 and 13 December 2022.   |
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