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Note by the secretariat

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I. Introduction

1. 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 at its twenty-first session.

II. Follow-up to the decisions and recommendations of the Governing Council at its twenty-first session

A. The Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific expressed its appreciation for the actions taken by the Institute to implement the recommendations made at the twentieth session and for the continued progress made by the Institute in delivering a broad portfolio of in-person and online training courses.

2. In response to the Governing Council's observations at its twenty-first session, the Institute continued to strengthen the implementation of its training programme, expanding its reach through face-to-face, online and blended learning modalities, addressing emerging areas of official statistics, and strengthening collaboration with member States, associate members and development partners. As of 30 September 2026, the Institute had reached 329 participants through face-to-face training and 3,298 through e-learning courses and webinars, and jointly organized 24 courses and workshops with member States and international organizations. Further details on the Institute's activities, accomplishments and progress in 2026 are provided under agenda item 3, Activities and financial status of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP/GC(22)/3)

B. The Governing Council reviewed the Institute's activities and financial status for 2025 and highlighted the extensive programme of work carried out during the year. It expressed its appreciation to the Government of Japan for its long-standing support to the Institute and welcomed ongoing voluntary cash contributions from members and associate members. The Governing Council also acknowledged the increasing willingness of countries to provide in-kind support.

3. In 2026, the Institute continued to implement an extensive programme of statistical capacity development, reaching 3,627 government officials through face-to-face training, e-learning courses and webinars as of 30 September. The Institute continued to benefit from the substantial financial and in-kind support of the Government of Japan. Voluntary cash contributions from 16 member States and associate members totaled approximately US\$2.08 million, including contributions resumed by Bhutan and Pakistan. Partner institutions also provided valuable in-kind support through technical expertise, training materials, hosting arrangements and other resources. Further details are provided under agenda item 3 (SIAP/GC(22)/3).

C. The Governing Council emphasized the importance of strengthening coordination among regional and international partners to avoid the duplication of training offerings and to ensure optimal use of resources. It encouraged the Institute to continue working closely with its partners to deliver harmonized, demand-driven training programmes.

4. The Institute continued to strengthen coordination and joint delivery of training programmes with regional and international partners, with 24 courses and workshops organized jointly with member States and international organizations as of 30 September 2026, exceeding the annual target of 15. Collaborative arrangements facilitated the sharing of technical expertise, training materials and resources, while programme priorities were informed by the annual Training Needs

Assessment Survey, consultations with partners and emerging statistical requirements. Further details are provided under agenda item 3 (SIAP/GC(22)/3).

D. The Governing Council reviewed and endorsed the work programme and financial plan of the Institute for 2026. Suggestions were made by the Governing Council on how to further strengthen the 2026 work programme to better reflect evolving national needs.

5. The Institute implemented its 2026 work programme in line with the Strategic Plan 2025–2029, taking into account evolving national and regional statistical capacity development needs. Programme priorities were informed by the annual Training Needs Assessment Survey, recommendations of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, consultations with partners and developments in international statistical standards. The programme addressed both foundational statistical capacities and emerging areas, including data science, artificial intelligence, data governance and the modernization of statistical systems. Further details are provided under agenda item 3 (SIAP/GC(22)/3).

E. The Governing Council welcomed proposals to expand the reach of the Institute's training courses. Those proposals included the joint delivery of training with national statistical offices and the use of a train-the-trainer approach to enable wider participation at the subnational level.

6. The Institute continued to expand the reach of its training programmes through collaboration with national statistical offices and partner institutions, including targeted subregional and country-level courses. Training activities incorporated practical exercises using national datasets, reusable learning materials and approaches that facilitate the further application and dissemination of acquired skills within participating institutions. Further details are provided under agenda item 3 (SIAP/GC(22)/3).

F. The Governing Council underscored the importance of maintaining robust financial management and transparency through a clearly presented work programme and financial plan to support informed decision-making.

7. The Institute continued to manage its financial resources in accordance with the priorities of the Strategic Plan 2025–2029 and its approved annual work programme, with emphasis on prudent resource allocation and cost-efficient training delivery. Joint implementation of training activities and financial and in-kind contributions from the Government of Japan, member States and development partners supported the effective use of available resources. Detailed financial information is provided under agenda item 3 (SIAP/GC(22)/3).

G. The Governing Council noted the importance of strengthening collaboration between the Institute and national statistical training institutes in support of regional capacity development.

8. The Institute continued to engage national statistical offices, national statistical training institutes and regional partners in the design and delivery of capacity development activities. In 2026, 24 courses and workshops were jointly organized with member States and international organizations, while targeted subregional and country-level programmes facilitated the exchange of expertise and country experiences. The Institute also continued its engagement with the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST) to promote coordination, knowledge-sharing and the exchange of training resources and good practices. Further details are provided under agenda item 3 (SIAP/GC(22)/3).