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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the session will be made available in due course.

(b) Election of officers

In accordance with paragraph 15 of the statute of the Institute (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolution 67/13, annex), the Governing Council will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/SIAP/GC/2022/L.1)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Governing Council, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Governing Council

Documentation

Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Governing Council

Annotation

The document contains a summary prepared by the Institute of the actions that it has taken in response to the matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Governing Council.

3. New training-related challenges

Documentation

New training-related challenges

Annotation

During the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, most of the events organized by the Institute were held online, and visual and interactive web-based statistical training sessions were developed. As pandemic-related restrictions have eased, some countries and organizations are once again participating in in-person and hybrid events. There is a need to discuss the best modality for conducting training on statistics, that is, whether in-person, online or hybrid, and on the use of materials such as short videos. Training modalities that are fit for the future also need to be discussed.

Identifying appropriate training methodologies will also be a challenge. Since statistical training needs often appear suddenly, it will be necessary to build the capacity to set up training sessions quickly. That said, some clients need a predictable training schedule from the Institute so that advance

preparations can be made. The system for organizing training sessions needs to be discussed so as to better meet recent needs, including the need to balance flexibility and communication.

As for the topics of training sessions, new areas of statistics have emerged recently. For example, the Bureau of the Committee on Statistics has identified measuring progress beyond gross domestic product as an emerging priority issue for the Asia-Pacific region. While this topic is already under discussion among statistical and other communities, some elements are dependent on capacity-building. Climate change and ecosystem accounting have been covered in training sessions provided by the Institute, but there may be other topics, such as well-being and unpaid household activities, that should be highlighted for training in the future.

The Governing Council may wish to provide comments and guidance on these new training-related challenges.

4. Report of the Director of the Institute

Documentation

Report of the Director of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

Annotation

The report contains the results achieved and the strategies and training activities used to achieve those results, covering the period from 1 January to 31 October 2022. It also contains information on the administrative and financial status of the Institute.

The Governing Council may wish to review the progress made by the Institute, as well as its administrative and financial status.

5. Work programme and financial plan for 2023

Documentation

Work programme and financial plan for 2023

Annotation

The document contains the proposed work programme and financial plan for 2023.

The Governing Council may wish to review, provide guidance on and endorse the work programme and financial plan for 2023.

6. Other matters

The Governing Council may wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

7. Dates and venue of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council

Documentation

Proposed dates and venue of the nineteenth session of the Governing Council

Annotation

The Governing Council may wish to consider proposals for the dates and venue of its nineteenth session and to take a decision thereon.

8. Adoption of the report of the Governing Council on its eighteenth session

Documentation

Draft report

Annotation

The Governing Council will consider and adopt the report on its eighteenth session for submission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-ninth session, to be held in 2023.
