



Greetings from new Director

Ms Shailja Sharma, PhD assumed the office of Director on 16 August 2021



It gives me great pleasure to greet you all and sincerely hope that you along with all your near and dear ones are safe in these challenging times.

I assumed the office of Director of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on 16 August and feel greatly honoured to be given the opportunity to work for the Institute.

I have over thirty-six years of experience in working in various capacities within the Government of India. Prior to my joining the Institute, I served as Director-General, Statistics, at the National Statistical Office of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, after having served in several other capacities.

I belong to the Indian Statistical Service and has had a wide range of sectoral experiences, having also served at the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, as well as Ministry of Water Resources.

I also managed human resource development through capacity development and training both in India and across the globe, in close coordination with international agencies, such as the United Nations Statistics Division, International Monetary Fund, SIAP, World Bank and others.

I hold a Doctor of Philosophy, Master and Bachelor of Science degrees in mathematics and statistics from University of Lucknow, India.

I will be wholeheartedly committed in contributing to further enhancement of statistical capacity development of the region.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who congratulated me on my assuming the office of Director of the Institute.

E-learning course on on solid waste accounting |26 July – 20 August 2021|

Webinar sessions on 11 August 2021

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



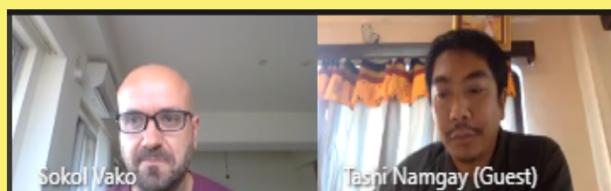
Properly managing solid wastes and reducing their generation are priorities for many countries. These priorities are also reflected in the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which call for substantially reducing waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse, as well as for proper management of all kinds of waste.

Solid wastes can have a negative impact on well-being. The improper management of chemical wastes, for example, can pollute the soil and water leading to negative impacts on livelihoods. Developing policies to decrease waste generation and properly manage it requires high quality, integrated data on waste generation and management.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



A webinar session held on 10 August invited Mr Tashi Namgay of the National Statistics Bureau of Bhutan to make a presentation on 'Bhutan's experience in compiling the solid waste account'.



Training on Using Big Data for Gender Statistics |29-30 July and 3-4 August 2021|

Big data has an essential and vital role to play in achieving the SDGs, including SDG 5 – “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”.

For the purpose of building capacity on generating gender statistics utilizing big data in the Pacific, the Institute organised this virtual training course, in collaboration with the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Pacific Community (SPC) and Pulse Lab Jakarta.

Mr Makoto Shimizu, Officer-in-Charge of the Institute, Ms Sara Duerto Valero, Regional Advisor, Gender Statistics of the UN-Women, Mr Sriganesh Lokanathan, Data Innovation & Policy Lead of Pulse Lab Jakarta and Mr Epeli Waqavonovono, Director of the Statistics for Development Division of SPC made opening remarks. Forty-two participants completed the training.



“Machine Learning for Sentiment Analysis”

Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series



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This Stats Café held on 26 July provided insights into the area of machine learning for sentiment analysis.

The session was opened by Ms Rikke Munk Hansen, Officer-in-Charge of Statistics Division of ESCAP and, moderated by Mr Christophe Bontemps, Statistician of the Institute.

The session invited Mr Sriganesh Lokanathan, Data Innovation & Policy Lead as well as Mr Muhammad Rheza Muztahid, Full Stack Engineer from Pulse Lab Jakarta, Ms Siti Maryah, Assistant Professor of Statistics Indonesia and, Mr Christopher Ball, Economic Adviser of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

E-learning course on developing national indicator frameworks for SDG monitoring |24 May-25 June 2021|

Webinar sessions on 8 and 15 June 2021

A key challenge countries face in measuring progress towards achieving their development goals is having suitable indicator frameworks for monitoring progress against key issues in their policy documents and plans, while also ensuring regional and global reporting requirements are being met.

National policy documents and plans are the starting point for the development of national indicators.

A webinar session on the topic of 'developing national indicators' held on 8 June invited Mr Chris Ryan, Statistician from ESCAP Subregional Office for the Pacific.

The subsequent session held on 15 June discussed the 'application of Epic in developing national indicator frameworks' with Mr Arman Bidarbakht-Nia, Head of Statistical Data Management Unit of Statistics Division of ESCAP.

