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Subregional Workshop on Data and Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for High-Level Official Statisticians

The workshop, organized by SIAP and the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan (AZSTAT)], and held on 30 to 31 May 2017, in Baku, Azerbaijan, brought together 100 participants from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank, the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Common Wealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), and SIAP.

The workshop was opened by Mr. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Ashish Kumar, Director of SIAP.

The workshop participants discussed recent global and regional developments on data and statistics for the SDGs; the status of and further needs for national SDG indicator frameworks; SDG data availability at national and global levels; the status of and further needs for transforming and modernizing statistical business processes; and the readiness of chief statisticians to grasp the opportunity that the 2030 Agenda and the transformative agenda for official statistics providing to demonstrate the value of statistics to decision-makers and other users.

The workshop participants commended the organizers on the event's usefulness, especially through the opportunity it had provided to share experiences. Numerous calls for action were expressed, including on the need of further work on, among others: monitoring the capacity of national statistical systems; guidance on how to use administrative data for statistical purposes; concrete guidance on the modernization of statistical businesses processes; guidance on deploying modern analytical and IT tools and solutions, in particular for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and tracking progress towards the SDGs.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev received the group of participants of the workshop on 31 May 2017.
(see the link http://en.president.az/articles/24025)

Events Highlights

Group Training Programme on Production and Statistical Analysis of Monitoring Indicators in Support of Inclusive Development Policies - Field trip to Aichi prefecture, Japan

As a part of the curriculum of the training programme, a field trip to Aichi Prefecture, Japan, was held from 8 to 9 June 2017.

The participants visited the Achi Prefectural Government Office in Nagoya city and learned about the local level statistical activities of Japan, mainly data collection for national statistics and cooperation between central and local governments in producing statistics and providing services. They also visited the survey location of the Retail Price Survey and observed the field level work for collecting price data for the survey by an enumerator at a supermarket using enumerator's tablet terminal.

Ninth Intermediate-level e-learning Course on System of National Accounts (SNA): Integrated Transaction Accounts [12 June – 21 July 2017, On-line]

About 110 participants are attending the course. The objective of the course is to provide an overview of the main changes in the SNA 2008 and the effects of these changes in the compilation of national accounts statistics, and to demonstrate methods and techniques for compiling transactional accounts in the SNA 2008.

Coming up Events in June & July 2017

Regional Training workshop on costs of production for agricultural statistics and communicating statistics, Daejeon, Republic of Korea [26 to 30 June 2017]

Workshop on Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI), Chiba, Japan [31 July to 4 August 2017]