Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

Governing Council

Eighteenth Session
Chiba, Japan, 12-13 December 2022

Provisional schedule of the meeting

Monday 12 December 2022

1000-1030		Registration of participants with coffee & tea networking time
1030-1100 hours	Agenda item 1	Opening of the session
	Agenda item 1a	- Opening statements
	Agenda item 1b	- Election of officers
	Agenda item 1c	- Adoption of the agenda
1100-1130 hours	Agenda item 2	Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Governing Council
1130-1230 hours	Agenda item 3	New training-related challenges
1230-1245 hours		Group photo
1245-1415 hours		Lunch reception hosted by Director of SIAP
1415-1515 hours	Agenda item 4	Report of the Director of the Institute
1515-1545 hours		Coffee and tea break
1545-1645 hours	Agenda item 5	Work programme and financial plan for 2023
1645-1700 hours	Agenda item 6	Other matters

Tuesday 13 December 2022

0930-1000 hours		Coffee and tea networking time
1000-1015 hours	Agenda item 7	Dates of and venue for the nineteenth session of the Governing Council
1015-1045 hours	Agenda item 8	Adoption of the report of the Governing Council on the eighteenth session

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**Eighth Meeting of the Network for
the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific**

**13 December 2022
Chiba, Japan**

Provisional Agenda

Date/Time	Sessions and Events	Presenter / moderator
10:45-11:00	Break between Governing Council and Network meeting	
11:00-11:15	**Opening** • Welcome message from SIAP • Welcome message from the Chair of the Network • Adoption of the Agenda	**Ms. Shailja Sharma** *Director, SIAP* **Ms. Zita Villa Juan Albacea** *Chair of the Network*
11:15-11:50	**Session 1: Report from the subgroup on gender statistics training** • Report of activities and perspectives • Plenary discussion	**Ms. Sara Duerto Valero**, *Statistics Specialist, Regional Office for Asia andthe Pacific, UN Women*
11:50-12:40	**Session 2: Training modalities post COVID-19 pandemic - Open discussion** Summary of Agenda 3 (*New training-related challenges*) from the Governing Council with open discussion for additional perspectives	**Ms. Shailja Sharma** *Director, SIAP*
12:40-14:00	**Lunch Break**	

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14:00-15:00	**Session 3: Looking ahead - review of the functioning of the Network** *Trigger interventions:* - Network accomplishments to date - Training approaches and advances in the environment domain - Network strengths, weaknesses and the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)	**Moderator:** **Ms. Rikke Munk Hansen** *Chief, Economics and Environment Statistics, Statistics Division* **Ms. Zita Villa Juan Albacea** *Chair of the Network* **Mr. Sokol Vako** *Statistician/Lecturer, SIAP* **Ms. Shailja Sharma** *Director, SIAP*
15:00-15:15	• Closing message	**Ms. Zita Villa Juan Albacea** *Chair of the Network*
15:15-15:30	**Coffee and teatime & Group photo**	

17th Management Seminar for Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific

Managing Evolving Data Ecosystems:
Governance, Stewardship and the Changing Role of NSOs

14-15 December 2022,
Chiba, Japan

Provisional Programme

Date/Time	Session and Events
DAY 1: 14 DECEMBER 2022	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:45	**Opening** • Welcome message from ESCAP **Mr. Kaveh Zahedi** *Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP* • Objectives of the 17th SIAP Management Seminar **Ms. Shailja Sharma** *Director, SIAP*
09:45-11:00	**Session 1: National Data Strategy - Data Ecosystem, Governance and Stewardship (Plenary)** **Presentation and open discussion format** **Chair: Ms. Rachael Beaven** *Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP* **Presenter: Mr. Paul Cheung** *Professor, National Universityof Singapore* *Former Director, UNSD andChief Statistician of Govt of Singapore*
11:00-11:30	**Group Photo and Coffee break**

Date/Time	Session and Events
11:30-12:45	**Session 2: Assessing the Role of NSOs in Data Governance and Stewardship** **Chair**: **Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh** *Chairman, National Statistics Office of Mongolia* The session will take the form of breakout groups in which participants may deliberate and share input on the following questions: - What are the main attributes of the official statistics ecosystem? - How should an NSO manage the ecosystem? What are the current practices in governance? - How could the official statistics ecosystem benefits from interacting with other ecosystems? - Is Data Stewardship just a new terminology describing what NSO has been doing all along? - Could NSO build a network of data custodians as a Single Source of Truth?
12:45-14:15	**Lunch break**
14:15-15:15	**Session 3: Data and Analytics as a service - Enhancing the Relevance of NSOs** **Chair: Ms. Orie Hirano,** *Director of International Statistical Affairs, Office of the Director-General for Policy Planning on Statistical Policy, Japan* The session will take the form of breakout groups in which participants may deliberate and share input on the following questions: - What are the primary data services that an NSS provides? - What new services could NSS offer beyond the provision of official statistics? - Should NSS venture into data analytics with a new focus on prediction and forecasting? - Some NSS have extended their services to include geospatial data. What else? - How could NSS bring more real-time data into its data portfolio to meet users' needs?
15:15-15:45	**Coffee and tea break**
15:45-17:00	**Session 4: Strengthening NSO's Legal and Administrative Mandate in Data Governance** **Chair: Mr. Claire Dennis Mapa,** *Undersecretary, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippines Statistical Authority, Philippines* The session will take the form of breakout groups in which participants may deliberate and share input on the following questions: - Is there a need to modernize an NSO's legal mandate in managing the ecosystem? - What are the new provisions that should be included? - What institutional mechanisms could be introduced to complement the legal mandate? - Are competing laws and procedures hindering an NSO from doing its work? - What should be the new responsibilities of the head of an NSO? Could they be mandated?

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	DAY 2: 15 DECEMBER 2022
09:15-09:30	**Coffee and Tea networking time**
09.30-09:45	**Recap of Day 1** **Presenter: Ms. Sinovia Moonie** *Statistician/ Lecturer, SIAP*
09:45-11:00	**Session 5: Professional Services in Data Stewardship** **Chair: Mr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin** *Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia* The session will take the form of breakout groups in which participants may deliberate and share input on the following questions: - An NSO implements national statistical standards. What are the challenges and difficulties? - What additional services should an NSO undertake as a data steward? - Could an NSO introduce quality assurance and meta-data schema among data custodians? - Is NSO capable of performing the role of a data steward? - How could an NSO gather better user feedback? Is statistical advisory council still working?
11:00-11:30	**Coffee and tea break**
11:30-12:45	**Session 6: Strengthening Human Resources Capabilities** **Chair: Ms. Anupam Bhatnagar,** *Additional Director General, Training Division, MoSPI, India* The session will take the form of breakout groups in which participants may deliberate and share input on the following questions: - Human resource is a significant constraint for an NSO. How could we overcome it? - Could NSO accommodate professionals such as data scientists or data engineers? - Should NSO buy service from other organizations to meet its skills shortfall? - Funding is always a problem. Could it be changed by providing chargeable services? - There is global shortage of data professionals. Could statisticians acquire new skills?
12:45-14:15	**Lunch hosted by Director-General for Policy Planning on Statistical Policy, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Government of Japan**
14:15-15.00	**Managing data ecosystems in Asia and the Pacific: Conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar** **Presenter: Ms. Shailja Sharma** *Director, SIAP* **Concluding remarks by Ms. Rachael Beaven** *Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP* **Closing and thanks by Ms. Shailja Sharma,** *Director, SIAP*