



**14th Management Seminar for Heads of National Statistical  
Offices in Asia and the Pacific  
The Future of Economic Statistics**

11-12 December 2019, Chiba, Japan

**Provisional PROGRAMME**

Date/Time	Sessions and Events
<b>DAY 1 - 11 DECEMBER 2019</b>	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome message from ESCAP <b>Ms. Gemma Van Halderen</b> <i>Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP</i></li>   <li>• Welcome message from the Government of Japan <b>Mr. Nobutaka Yokota</b> <i>Director-General for Policy Planning on Statistical Standards, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Government of Japan</i></li>   <li>• Objectives of the 14<sup>th</sup> SIAP Management Seminar <b>Mr. Ashish Kumar</b> <i>Director, SIAP</i></li> </ul>
Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break	

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10:15-11:45	<p><b>Session 1: Why are we here: the Friends of Chair Group Initiative on the Future of Economic Statistics</b></p> <p><i>The session will start with an overview presentation on the Friends of Chair Initiative and continue with thematic presentations from the users of economic statistics perspective and from regional perspective on the following topics:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Globalization and Global Value Chains</b></li> <li><b>2. Digitalization/Digital Economy</b></li> <li><b>3. Inequality</b></li> <li><b>4. Well-being/Beyond GDP</b></li> <li><b>5. Sustainability/SDG Indicators</b></li> </ol> <p>Briefing about the work of the FOC Group and future course</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Sustainable Development</li> <li>· Sub-regional perspective</li> <li>· Inequality</li> <li>· Digital economy</li> </ul>	<p>Chair and facilitator: Mr. Akira Tsumura, <i>Director for International Statistical Affairs, Office of Director- General for Policy Planning on Statistical Standards, MIC, Government of Japan</i></p> <p>Mr. Ivo Havinga <i>Assistant Director, UNSD</i></p> <p>Ms. Sweta Saxena <i>ESCAP (tbc)</i></p> <p>Mr. Anang Laksono <i>Senior Officer, ASEAN Secretariat</i></p> <p>Mr. David F Abbott <i>Manager, Data analysis and Dissemination, Pacific Community (tbc)</i></p> <p>Dr. Rana Hasan <i>ADB (Video presentation)</i></p> <p>Dr. Jose Ramon G. Albert, <i>Senior Research Fellow Philippines Institute for Development Studies (Video presentation)</i></p>
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13:00-13:30	<p><b>Session 1 (Continued)</b> Presentations (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Globalization and Global Value Chain</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments from participants</b></p>	Mr. Inomata Satoshi <i>IDE-JETRO</i>
13:30-14:45	<p><b>Session 2: Demands for economic statistics and services</b></p> <p><i>This session will outline the country needs and demands. The session will clarify the existing and new the demand from policy makers/public for current and new statistics. Countries will focus on the following questions in their presentations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What kind of requests do NSOs receive from users of economic statistics and which requests are they able to respond to?</li> <li>2. What are the new policy requirements and the implications for new statistics and accounts, their compilation and dissemination and for the delivery of new type of services?</li> <li>3. Are there policy and user demands for integrated and broader measures of progress which are generally not classified as economic statistics?</li> </ol> <p><i>Panel discussion (50 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>Mongolia</i></li> <li>· <i>Philippines</i></li> <li>· <i>Georgia</i></li> <li>· <i>Maldives</i></li> <li>· <i>Fiji</i></li> </ul> <p>Plenary discussion (25 minutes)</p> <p><b><i>Observations and discussion by participants based on their experience</i></b></p>	Chair and facilitator: Mr. Ivo Havinga <i>Assistant Director, UNSD</i>
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15:00-17:00	<p><b>Session 3: Break out session: What new priority statistics is needed for policy formulation?</b></p> <p>Group discussion: 5 groups in parallel to give recommendations on the following policy themes: (45 minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Globalization and Global Value Chains</b></li> <li><b>2. Digitalization/Digital Economy</b></li> <li><b>3. Inequality</b></li> <li><b>4. Well-being/Beyond GDP</b></li> <li><b>5. Sustainability/SDG Indicators</b></li> </ol> <p>Presentations of reports by each group in plenary session followed by discussion and formulation of recommendations (45 minutes)</p> <p><b>Recommendations by Group 1</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations by Group 2</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations by Group 3</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations by Group 4</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations by Group 5</b></p> <p>Plenary discussion (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Chair and Facilitator: Ms. Rikke Munk Hansen, <i>Chief, Economic and Environment Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP</i></p> <p>Group 1 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 2 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 3 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 4 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 5 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p>

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09:00-09:30	<i>Summary reflections from Day 1</i>	Presentation by two participants
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Session 4: Global, regional and national initiatives to meet the country needs/ demands</b></p> <p><i>This session will explore how NSOs can be more responsive to the demand from policy makers/public for current or new accounts and statistics. Countries will focus on the following questions in their presentations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can we be more responsive to demands from our users through changes in statistical operations and statistical infrastructure?</li> <li>2. How can we increase in-country and multi-country collaboration and increase concerted experimentation on agreed priorities?</li> <li>3. How can we improve the agility of our systems of economic statistics and contribute to the update of the system of economic statistics?</li> </ol> <p><i>Panel discussion (60 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>Bhutan</i></li> <li>· <i>Nepal</i></li> <li>· <i>China</i></li> <li>· <i>Iran</i></li> <li>· <i>Indonesia</i></li> <li>· <i>Thailand</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary discussion (30 minutes)</b></p>	Chair and facilitator: Ms. Gemma Van Halderen <i>Director, SD, ESCAP</i>
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11:15-12:15	<p><b>Session 5: Break-out session: How to generate what has been identified as priority economic statistics?</b> Group discussion: 5 groups will work in parallel to give recommendations on the following five topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Development and update of conceptual frameworks of economic statistics (for macroeconomic, business, trade and price statistics)</b></li> <li><b>2. Update of the statistical operations using administrative and big data, microdata linking, geocoding, sharing and exchanging data, etc.</b></li> <li><b>3. Update of the statistical infrastructure including capacity building, update of the legal statistical framework (for use of big data, data sharing, preserving confidentiality), profiling MNEs for statistical registers, introduction of cloud-environment</b></li> <li><b>4. Development of partnerships for innovative data solutions and mutual country support</b></li> <li><b>5. System of governance at the national, regional and global level for the system of economic statistics</b></li> </ol>	<p>Chair and facilitator: Mr. Ashish Kumar <i>Director, SIAP</i></p> <p>Group 1 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 2 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 3 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 4 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p> <p>Group 5 Chair: tbc Rapporteur: tbc</p>
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13:15-14:30	<p>Presentations of reports by each group in plenary session followed by discussion and formulation of recommendations (45 minutes)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Recommendations by Group 1</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Recommendations by Group 2</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Recommendations by Group 3</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Recommendations by Group 4</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Recommendations by Group 5</b></p> <p>Plenary discussion (30 minutes)</p>	
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15:30-16:30	Conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar  Presentations based on discussion of two days  Plenary discussion (30 minutes)	Two participants
16:30-16:55	Concluding remarks	UNSD, UNESCAP, SIAP, Government of Japan
16:55-17:00	<b>Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing message  <b>Mr. Ashish Kumar</b>  <i>Director, SIAP</i></li> </ul>	