

**Report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia
and the Pacific on its eleventh session
(Recommendations and decisions)**

30 November – 1 December 2015, Chiba, Japan

I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

A. Recommendations and decisions

1. The Council recommends that member States, particularly those that have not recently made significant increases to their voluntary contributions, consider an increase of 15% in their annual cash contribution to SIAP budget.
2. Recognizing the need to further strengthen the role of SIAP in managing coordination of statistical training in the region and facilitating mobilization of training resources, the Council recommends a review of SIAP performance indicators to ensure that these outcomes are appropriately reflected in the results framework of the Institute.
3. Taking note of the wide range of demand for statistical training to strengthen capacity of member States in the region to monitor progress in achieving the SDGs, and the importance of the network of training institutions in the region, the Council recommends that SIAP fill the current vacant lecturer's posts and develop a human resources sourcing strategy that taps into existing training resources in countries, including the academe, through modalities such as secondment and Non-reimbursable Loans of personnel services (NRLs).
4. The Council endorses the programme of work and financial plan proposed by SIAP for 2016-2017. The Council noted that the programme of work was well aligned with the data, monitoring and accountability targets of Goal 17. The Council also noted that the SDGs indicators are still being finalized and appreciated that the plan was appropriately flexible to address capacity-building needs that may arise.
5. Recognizing the need to improve statistical capacity of national statistical systems to monitor SDGs, and establishment of new SIAP-JICA courses, the Council

recommends that member States accord high priority to statistics in the JICA annual training needs survey.

6. The Council decides that the twelfth session will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in December 2016 in conjunction with the fifth session of the Committee on Statistics.