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

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Agenda Item 4: Procedures for certifying trainers on official statistics by the Network

Background Issues

The Network recognizes existence of training delivered within the Asia-Pacific region by different agencies, institutes and international agencies. The Network's role is to ensure that there is coordination in the delivery of training. Similarly, the network recognizes that different experts are involved and have different skill set, knowledge and experience. It is important that there is a certain level of skills and experiences that members of the network can recommend for all trainers to ensure countries maximize benefits of training programs. Furthermore, the recommendation on minimum set of skills and experiences of trainers can be strengthened with a certification system that will see network members commit to them in engaging trainers.

Issues for Discussion

The meeting is called to reflect on the following issues and questions:

- (1) What mechanisms and institutional arrangements can be put in place to develop a system of certifying trainers across the Asia-Pacific region?
- (2) How can the certification process be formalized and accepted/normalised across various institutions/agencies that deliver statistical training?
- (3) Identify key problem areas in the process of certifying trainers and possible solutions to make the certification process feasible
- (4) Identify specific set of activities/steps towards certification of trainers and how it can be incorporated into the work programme of the network.