Opportunities and advantages of enhanced collaboration on statistical information management in Asia and the Pacific

Bangkok, Thailand, 20-22 June 2011

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME – 9 June 2011

Monday 20 June 2011

Opening

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:05	Official opening and welcome
9:05-9:20	Introduction of participants
9:20-9:40	Keynote speech: Creating a more adaptive and cost effective information management environment for national statistical institutions through stronger collaboration *Presenter: Brian Pink, Australian Statistician and Chair, ESCAP Committee on Statistics*
9:40-10:20	Discussion
10:20-10:30	Overview of meeting objectives and programme
10:30-10:45	Coffee/Tea break

Session 1 – Country experiences: Identifying common issues and priorities
Experts from across the Asia-Pacific region will share country perspectives on the major challenges faced by national statistical institutions in managing data and other statistical information to best meet the fast evolving client needs and expectations.

10:45-12:00	Country presentations (Parallel sessions)
	Session 1A
	Ms. Sun-Hi, Yi, Deputy Director of Informatics Planning Division, Statistics Korea (KOSTAT), Republic of Korea
	Mr Mazlan Sulong, Deputy Director, Information Management Division, Department of Statistics, Malaysia
	Mr Meng Kimhor, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning, Cambodia
	Mr. S.A.S Bandulasena, Acting Director, ICT Division, Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka

Session 1B

> Dr. Ravindra Singh, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, India
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> Mr Dossan Zharmukhambetov, Director of Department of classifications and information technologies, Agency on Statistics, Republic of Kazakhstan
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> Ms Malee Wongsaroje, Director, Information and Communication Technology Center, National Statistical Office, Thailand
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> Mr Benuel Lenge, Senior Statistician, Vanuatu National Statistical Office, Vanuatu

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13:30-14:00   Country presentations

Session 1A

> Mr. Ren Quanzhong, Director, Division of Planning and Guidance, Data Management Center, National Bureau of Statistics, China

Session 1B

> Mr Michael Beahan, Branch Manager, Data management and Classifications, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australia
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> Mr. Candido, Jr. Astrologo, Director, National Statistical Information Center, National Statistical Coordination Board, Philippines

14:00-16:00   Group discussions

Group discussions will extract issues from the experts' presentations, focusing on:

- **Expectations to national statistical institutions**: Who are the clients and what kind of products and services do they need from the national statistical systems?

- **Challenges**: Considering the identified expectations, what are the major information management challenges faced by national statistical institutions related to:
    - Organizational structure
    - Statistical production processes

- **Addressing the challenges**:
    - At the national level: Role of NSI management teams, statisticians, and of ICT staff
    - At the regional level?

Session 2 – Collective view on common regional priorities

From the outcomes of the group discussions during the previous session, experts will extract common and priority issues and discuss options for addressing these issues through regional cooperation.

16:00-16:30   Reporting by groups

16:30-17:00   Plenary discussion

Tuesday 21 June

Session 3 - Emerging generic business process models and common frameworks and terminology - A basis for practical cooperation?

This session will discuss the potential of generic statistical business process models, including common metadata frameworks and standards, for improving data quality, production efficiency and IT systems to better meet client expectations/needs.

09:00-09:45   A framework to describe statistical business processes: The Generic Statistical Business Process Model
Presenter: Steven Vale, Chief, Statistical Information and Methodology Unit, Statistical Division, UNECE

09:45-10:30   Metadata standards: Data Documentation Initiative (DDI)
Presenter: François Fonteneau, Project Officer, Accelerated Data Programme/ International Household Survey Network (ADP/IHSN), Paris21

10:30-10:45   Overview of the Microdata Management Toolkit
Presenter: Ms. Gaye Parcon, Regional Coordinator for Asia, ADP/IHSN, Paris21

10:45-11:00   Coffee/Tea break

11:00-11:45   Integrating statistical information systems: The Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange Standard (SDMX)
Presenter: Brian Studman Director, Information Technology (Infrastructure), Australian Bureau of Statistics

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Session 4: Existing cooperation mechanisms

The session will review existing cooperation mechanisms on the management of statistical information systems and on that basis deliberate on options for strengthening cooperation on related matters in the Asia-Pacific region.

13:00-13:45   Existing cooperation mechanisms

- UNECE: MSIS and METIS Meetings
  Steven Vale, Chief, Statistical Information and Methodology Unit, Statistical Division, UNECE

- High-Level Group for Strategic Directions in Business Architecture in Statistics (HLG-BAS)
  Brian Studman, Director, Information Technology (Infrastructure), Australian Bureau of Statistics

13:45-14:00   ESCAP: Programme of work and governing structure

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Session 5 – Scoping a regional cooperation mechanism

The session will also discuss how these emerging concepts and standards might form the basis for practical cooperation among statistical institutions for a better statistical information management.

14:00-16:00*   Group discussions:

Group 1: Development of international standards: Could an Asia-Pacific regional mechanism play a role in the further development of emerging international standards? If so, how should such a mechanism be organized? What should such a mechanism aim to achieve in the next two years?

Group 2: Applying international standards: Could an Asia-Pacific mechanism play a role in advancing the implementation/application of emerging international standards at national level? If so, how should such a mechanism be organized? What should such a mechanism aim to achieve in the next two years?

Group 3: Advocating the transformation of NSIs: Could an Asia-Pacific regional mechanism play a role in raising awareness at country level of the need for a transformation of statistical business processes? If so, how should such a mechanism be organized? What should such a mechanism aim to achieve in the next two years?

16:00-17:00   Reporting by groups and plenary discussion

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* Including a 15 minutes coffee/tea break

Wednesday 22 June

Session 6 - Moving forward

Based on common issues and priorities identified the session will further explore how country efforts to modernize statistical information systems can be supported through regional cooperation. The session will discuss the possibility of establishing a mechanism to oversee and coordinate regional work relating to the modernization of statistical information system within statistical organizations.

09:00-10:00 Presentation: Summary of key issues identified from experts' presentations and discussions on challenges and scoping of a regional mechanism (session 2 and 3)

10:00-12:00* Discussion: Proposal for the establishment of a regional cooperation mechanism on the modernization of statistical information systems.

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Session 7 - Recommendations and Conclusions

This final session will conclude with a set of recommendations to be put forward to Heads of national statistical systems in the region.

13:30-15:30 Recommendations to heads of national statistical systems in the Asia-Pacific: Cooperation on the modernization of statistical information systems in the Asia-Pacific region

15:30-15:45 Conclusions