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**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND PROPOSED OUTPUTS FOR THE PROPOSED
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2011**

Note by the secretariat

SUMMARY

The strategic framework and outputs proposed for possible inclusion in the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 for subprogramme 7, Statistics, is submitted for the Committee's review and further guidance. It should be noted that instructions for the preparation of the programme budget for 2010-2011 have yet to be issued by United Nations Headquarters. Hence, the secretariat may be required to make slight adjustments to the outputs in the course of preparing the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The draft programme of work for 2010-2011 will be submitted to the Commission at its sixty-fifth session for endorsement and subsequently to the General Assembly for adoption in 2009.

* While the instructions for the preparation of the programme budget for 2010-2011 are still pending issuance by United Nations Headquarters, the secretariat wishes to seek the technical guidance of the Committee on the outputs proposed for possible inclusion in the draft programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 under subprogramme 7, Statistics. The late submission of the present document is thus unavoidable.

1. INTRODUCTION

1. The present document contains a set of outputs proposed for inclusion in the draft programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in respect of subprogramme 7, Statistics, within the framework of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session¹ and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session.²

2. The programme thrust for subprogramme 7 is aimed at increasing the use of statistics for evidence-based decision-making and at fostering the development and dissemination of key demographic, economic, social and environmental statistics in the ESCAP region.

2. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2010-2011

3. Under subprogramme 7, Statistics, the following expected accomplishments were endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session, as the programme framework for the preparation of the programme of work.

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (a): Increased understanding and capacity to assess key socio-economic trends in the ESCAP region, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national official statisticians, decision makers and the public.

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (b): Increased access by decision makers and the public to comparable data on key demographic, social, economic and environmental indicators for the ESCAP region.

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (c): Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce comparable and gender-disaggregated data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT (d): Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices in the ESCAP region to produce, disseminate and analyse data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.

3. PROPOSED OUTPUTS FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2010-2011

Expected accomplishment ³	Outputs
(a) Increased understanding and capacity to assess key socio-economic trends in the ESCAP region, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expert group meeting on: data analysis for Millennium Development Goal indicators and the related development policies, including gender analysis;

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 19* (E/2008-39-E/ESCAP/64/39), paras. 182-193.

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/63/16), paras. 220-231.

³ As endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session and the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session in June 2008. Textual changes to the expected accomplishments at this stage are not possible.

<p>official statisticians, decision makers and the public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications: Millennium Development Goal report for Asia and the Pacific; report on economic, social and environmental development in a selected subregion of ESCAP; • Technical material: studies on development indicators, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals; • Advisory services: ad hoc advisory services in statistical analysis.
<p>(b) Increased access by decision makers and the public to comparable data on key demographic, social, economic and environmental indicators for the ESCAP region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert group meeting on: technical solutions for dissemination of national official statistics to regional and international audiences; • Technical material: regional database on socio-economic and environmental indicators, including gender indicators, statistical outputs in support of ESCAP flagship publications, ad hoc statistical information on the region, and the Statistical Newsletter; • Audio-visual resources: ESCAP website on statistics, website on the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific; • Training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops on making official statistics available for data users and communicating statistics to various audiences; • Advisory services: ad hoc advisory services in data dissemination.
<p>(c) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce comparable and gender-disaggregated data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantive servicing of the Committee on Statistics; • Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to the development, analysis and use of official statistics; report of the Committee on Statistics;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expert group meeting on: social statistics for inclusive development;• Technical material: web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to regional technical cooperation projects, seminars and workshops developed by the Statistics Division of ESCAP;• Training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops on the development and implementation of international/statistical standards and guidelines for population and housing censuses and household surveys; workshops on economic and environmental statistics, including national accounts; workshops on social statistics, including social inclusion and social protection, with special reference to the Millennium Development Goals; workshops for statistical offices on data requirements for disaster preparedness and impact assessment; workshops on strengthening national statistical institutions, with special reference to the Statistical Master Plan;• Advisory services: ad hoc advisory services in statistical capacity-building.
<p>(d) Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices in the ESCAP region to produce, disseminate and analyse data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), report of the Director of SIAP for the Governing Council; SIAP report on statistical training in the region;• Technical material: web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops developed by SIAP;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training courses, seminars and workshops: Tokyo-based training courses on collection, compilation, processing, analysis and dissemination of broad-based official statistics; trainings on integrated economic statistics, including the System of National Accounts; trainings on social statistics, including poverty statistics, gender statistics, health and disability statistics, statistics on migration; training courses on various aspects of official statistics, including environment and energy statistics; research-based training programme; trainings on country-identified issues concerning official statistics; regional/subregional management seminars for heads, deputy heads and middle level managers;• Distance training using Japan International Cooperation Agency net technology on country-identified issues concerning official statistics.
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4. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2012-2013

4. It is expected that the above-mentioned expected accomplishments will continue to be relevant for the biennium 2012-2013.

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