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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2002-2003

Note by the secretariat

SUMMARY

As required by resolution 53/1 of 30 April 1997 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, the secretariat submits to the Commission for consideration the draft programme of work, 2002-2003.

The report presents the programme overview, subprogramme introductions, outputs, objectives and accomplishments expected during the biennium, in accordance with Regulation 5.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8 of 19 April 2000).

The Commission is invited to examine and approve the programme of work and priorities, in conformity with its terms of reference.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination
ACHR	Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
ACU	Asian Clearing Union
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFFA	ASEAN Freight Forwarders Association
APAA	ASEAN Port Authorities Association
APCTT	Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APETIT	Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism
APT	Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
ARC	Asian Reinsurance Corporation
ASCOBIPS	Association of Shippers' Councils of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BIMST-EC	Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri Lanka-Thailand-Economic Cooperation
CCOP	Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia
CIRDAP	Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific
CITYNET	Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
EU	European Union
FADINAP	Fertilizer Advisory, Development and Information Network for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FASA	Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations
FIATA	International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations
HIV/AIDS	human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome
HRD	human resources development
IAPH	International Association of Ports and Harbours
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICT	information and communication technology
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IRCA	International Railway Congress Association
IRF	International Road Federation
IRU	International Road Transport Union
IT	information technology
ITC	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

ITU	International Telecommunication Union
IULA-ASPAC	International Union of Local Authorities - Asian and Pacific Section
LOGOTRI	Network of Local Government Training and Research Institutes in Asia and the Pacific
NGOs	non-governmental organizations
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OSShD	Organization of Railways Cooperation
PATA	Pacific Asia Travel Association
PECC	Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
PIANC	Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses
PIARC	World Road Association
RB	regular budget
RCM	Regional Coordination Meeting
RESAP	Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SACEP	South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme
SIAP	Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission
SPECA	Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
TCDC	technical cooperation among developing countries
TISNET	computerized trade information system
UIC	International Union of Railways
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
XB	extrabudgetary

INTRODUCTION

1. The ESCAP secretariat submits to the Commission for consideration the draft programme of work for 2002-2003, annexed to the present document. This has been formulated within the framework of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, reflecting the mandates of the legislative bodies, including those of the Commission and the General Assembly, and is based on the level of resources estimated at US\$ 74,433,000, comprising US\$ 57,669,100 from the regular budget and an estimated US\$ 16,763,900¹ from extrabudgetary sources.

2. The major changes in the draft programme of work for 2002-2003, compared with that for the biennium 2000-2001, are as follows:

- Embodying the ESCAP vision towards 2005 throughout the seven subprogrammes, with emphasis on the alleviation of poverty; reinforcing the weakening positions of developing countries arising from the process of globalization; detecting and tackling emerging economic and social problems and issues in the region; and the use of IT
- Further reduction of publications, particularly recurrent ones, with more emphasis on the dissemination of data and information through the use of the ESCAP web site and databases
- Strengthening of in-house research and analytical capability through the increased allocation of regular budget resources to subprogramme 2, Development research and policy analysis and subprogramme 7, Statistics, and with less emphasis on operational activities under those subprogrammes
- Increased use of IT, particularly in the conduct of group training, including distance education, for vulnerable groups, for the implementation of the programme of work
- Closer cooperation among United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, through the Regional Coordination Meeting and its 10 thematic working groups, and increased support to subregional organizations and programmes, such as Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri Lanka-Thailand-Economic Cooperation, the Greater Mekong Subregion, and the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, implemented jointly with the Economic Commission for Europe.

To support the implementation of the programme of work, the secretariat will strengthen its web site policy and coordination capacity as well as its monitoring and evaluation capacity by establishing procedures for systematic evaluation of the programme of work, including extrabudgetary projects.

I. ANALYSIS OF THE ALLOCATION OF REGULAR BUDGET RESOURCES AND EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCE ESTIMATE

¹ The estimate excludes extrabudgetary funds envisaged for institutional and technical assistance support to the three regional institutions, namely, the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, as their work programmes do not form part of the programme of work of ESCAP.

3. The level of regular budget resources is proposed by United Nations Headquarters for approval by the General Assembly, while that of extrabudgetary resources is estimated by the ESCAP secretariat on the basis of past trends and informal indications from donors. As reflected in table 1, an overall increase of US\$ 433,000 is anticipated for the implementation of the programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2002-2003.

Table 1. Resources allocated to ESCAP under the regular budget and estimates of extrabudgetary resources for the bienniums 2000-2001 and 2002-2003

Biennium Source of funding	2000-2001		2002-2003		Increase/ decrease
	Thousands of US dollars	Percentage	Thousands of US dollars	Percentage	
RB	57 009.1 ^a	77.0	57 669.1 ^b	77.5	660.0
XB	16 990.9 ^c	23.0	16 763.9 ^c	22.5	-227.0
Total	74 000.0	100.0	74 433.0	100.0	433.0

^a Initial appropriation.

^b Planning figure.

^c Estimates.

4. As reflected in table 2, approximately 85 per cent of the regular budget resources allocated to ESCAP is for staff costs, while about 82 per cent of the extrabudgetary resource estimates is earmarked for non-staff costs associated with technical cooperation activities.

Table 2. Resource allocations for staff costs and non-staff costs for the bienniums 2000-2001 and 2002-2003

Biennium	2000-2001				2002-2003			
	US dollars			Per centage	US dollars			Per centage
	RB ^a	XB ^b	RB + XB		RB ^c	XB ^b	RB + XB	
Staff costs	48 611.0	3 058.2	51 669.2	69.8	48 751.4	3 144.3	51 895.7	69.7
Non-staff costs	8 398.1	13 932.7	22 330.8	30.2	8 917.7	13 619.6	22 537.3	30.3
Total	57 009.1	16 990.9	74 000.0	100.0	57 669.1	16 763.9	74 433.0	100.0

^a Initial appropriation.

^b Estimate.

^c Planning figure.

5. As shown in table 3, the establishment of two regular budget posts (a Professional post for the ESCAP web-site Coordinator and a local-level post for IT support) is proposed for the biennium 2002-2003, to enable ESCAP to improve the visibility of the work of ESCAP and its activities.

Table 3. Number of posts at the Professional and higher categories and at the local level for the bienniums 2000-2001 and 2002-2003

Biennium	2000-2001				2002-2003			
	RB ^a	XB ^b	RB + XB	Percentage	RB ^a	XB ^c	RB + XB	Percentage
Professional and higher categories	174	13	187	35.7	175	6	181	35.0
Local-level	296	41	337	64.3	297	43	340	65.0
Total	470	54	524	100.0	472	49	521	100.0

^a Including two temporary posts (one P-4 and one local-level) for the implementation of the IMIS project.

^b Actual number of posts for the biennium 2000-2001.

^c Estimate for the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

6. Table 4 shows the resource allocations by four budget components. It is important to note that the allocations for programme support include common service expenses, such as office equipment, supplies, communications, furniture and other general operational costs required by the substantive divisions for their work. They also include the full costs for activities related to conference services as well as the library. For the biennium 2002-2003, a slight increase in the regular budget provision under programme support is proposed for the replacement of personal computers in the secretariat.

Table 4. Resource allocations by four budget components for the bienniums 2000-2001 and 2002-2003

Biennium Budget component	2000-2001				2002-2003			
	Thousands of US dollars			Per cent age	Thousands of US dollars			Per cent age
	RB	XB	RB + XB		RB	XB	RB + XB	
Policy-making organ	926.2	-	926.2	1.3	843.8	-	843.8	1.1
Executive direction and management	2 729.5	45.7	2 775.2	3.8	2 736.2	60.5	2 796.7	3.8
Programme of work	26 102.2	14 346.4	40 448.6	54.6	26 474.3	15 113.5	41 587.8	55.9
Programme support	27 251.2	2 598.8	29 850.0	40.3	27 614.8	1 589.9	29 204.7	39.2
Total	57 009.1	16 990.9	74 000.0	100.0	57 669.1	16 763.6	74 433.0	100.0

7. As regards the resource allocations to the programme of work shown in table 5, an increase in the level of regular budget allocations to subprogrammes 2 and 7 is proposed for the biennium 2002-2003, with the aim of enhancing the analytical capacity of the secretariat.

Table 5. Resource allocations to the programme of work by subprogramme for the bienniums 2000-2001 and 2002-2003

Subprogrammes	2000-2001				2002-2003			
	Thousands of US dollars			Percentage	Thousands of US dollars			Percentage
	RB	XB	RB + XB		RB	XB	RB + XB	
1. Regional economic cooperation	4 842.4	3 057.1	7 899.5	19.5	4 781.9	3 652.5	8 434.4	20.3
2. Development research and policy analysis	3 908.5	992.8	4 901.3	12.1	4 079.5	621.0	4 700.5	11.3
3. Social development	3 210.4	1 656.7	4 867.1	12.0	3 276.8	1 891.5	5 168.3	12.4
4. Population and rural and urban development	3 128.0	3 194.3	6 322.3	15.6	3 050.8	3 562.0	6 612.8	15.9
5. Environment and natural resources development	4 971.3	2 044.9	7 016.2	17.4	5 031.8	2 273.5	7 305.3	17.6
6. Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development	3 679.3	1 880.2	5 559.5	13.8	3 800.3	2 342.0	6 142.3	14.8
7. Statistics	2 362.3	1 520.4	3 882.7	9.6	2 453.2	771.0	3 224.2	7.7
Total	26 102.2	14 346.4	40 448.6	100.0	26 474.3	14 763.5	41 587.8	100.0

II. MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE COMMISSION OR TO BE BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

8. In considering the draft programme of work for 2002-2003, the Commission is requested to note the following:

(a) The subprogramme objectives are extracted directly from the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, in accordance with instructions from Headquarters;

(b) Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievements in the seven subprogrammes are under review by United Nations Headquarters, and subject to further changes to ensure conformity with the other regional commissions, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNCTAD;

(c) Pending the in-depth review of the conference structure, including its thematic priorities and its subsidiary structure, by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session in 2002, no major redeployment of regular budget resources is proposed within the programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003;²

(d) The draft programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003 pertaining to subprogramme 3 includes the convening of an ad hoc ministerial conference and an ad hoc intergovernmental meeting, both of which require the Commission's prior approval. It is proposed to hold the Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development in 2003 to review and assess the progress achieved towards attaining the goals and targets of the Agenda for Action on Social Development, and to consider the means of enhancing regional cooperation in support thereof. It is proposed to hold the High-level Meeting to Conclude the Asian and Pacific Decade for Disabled Persons, 1993-2002 in 2002 to consider the lessons learned from multi-level efforts towards the fulfilment of the Decade targets, so as to lay a solid foundation for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the mainstream of society into the twenty-first century. The convening of both the conference and the meeting was approved by the Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas at its third session in December 2000. The organization of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in 2002, under subprogramme 4, was approved by the Commission at its fifty-fourth session in April 1998;

(e) Any amendments to the draft programme of work involving additional outputs that might be adopted by the Commission at its fifty-seventh session would have financial implications. Such amendments would necessitate the deletion of lesser priority activities under the draft programme of work.

9. The Commission is invited to identify high-priority programme areas or outputs in the draft programme of work to guide the secretariat in sharpening its focus further. Similarly, in the light of resource constraints, the Commission may wish to identify low-priority programme areas or outputs

² Commission resolution 53/1 of 30 April 1997 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission.

in the programme of work. The Commission is requested to consider and approve the programme of work for 2002-2003.

Annex

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2002-2003

SECTION 17

Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Programme overview

The programme of work under this section has been elaborated within the framework of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, which identifies three major themes: (a) the promotion of regional economic cooperation; (b) the alleviation of poverty in rural and urban areas; and (c) the protection of environment and improvement in natural resources management, as well as focus on the development of infrastructure and information systems. It will be implemented by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The overall objective of the programme is to promote the economic and social development of members and associate members in Asia and the Pacific. Specifically, it would assist them to respond more effectively and efficiently to the rapidly changing situation in the world and thus contribute to sustained economic growth and sustainable and equitable development in the region. The programme will reinforce national capacities to take advantage of the challenges and opportunities presented by globalization, liberalization and IT.

In pursuit of the objectives, the major themes and the focus areas identified in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, the programme for the biennium 2002-2003 embodies the ESCAP vision towards 2005 in seven interdependent and complementary subprogrammes, gearing its activities towards the alleviation of poverty; the reinforcement of the weakening positions of developing countries arising from the process of globalization; and the detection and tackling of emerging economic and social problems and issues in the region. In doing so, it emphasizes the use of IT.

The programme will emphasize the environmental implications of socio-economic development, identify emerging problems and issues associated with it, and formulate policy recommendations for consideration and implementation by member countries for sustainable economic and social growth in the region. This will be achieved taking into consideration the decisions and recommendations arising from the global conferences and mandates, especially the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the International Conference on Population and Development, the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island States and the related follow-up action required of the regional commissions by the General Assembly. Research and analysis of emerging economic and social problems, gender issues and poverty characteristics will be undertaken in cooperation with the relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, and other international organizations, and through IT applications.

The programme will also closely coordinate and take action at the regional level in pursuance of the outcomes of the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Bangkok in 2000, and the Fourth World Trade Organization Conference, scheduled for 2001, to promote the development of trade and other trade-related issues, such as investment, industry, technology, and transport services. Particular attention will be given to the needs of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries as well as economies in transition, to support their national efforts in mainstreaming into a globalized world.

Mindful of the fact that the Asian and Pacific region has one third of the world's population living under the absolute poverty level and of the imperative of integrating environmental considerations into economic and social development, the programme will highlight a stronger poverty alleviation thrust, particularly in the areas of social development, population and rural and urban development, and environmental and natural resources management. In these areas, the programme will promote vigorously the replication of best practices in poverty alleviation in the region; the empowerment of the poor, women, youth, disabled persons and older persons; and the wider participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector in negotiations and policy formulations. It will coordinate closely with the work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, particularly in the implementation of activities related to financing for development, environment, water and energy resources, and gender-mainstreaming.

The advent and acceptance of globalization have placed the issue of infrastructure development as an interregional priority. The programme will aim to further promote the development of the land transport connections throughout all the countries in Asia, including the Korean peninsula and the Tumen River areas, and between the rest of Asia and Europe. Interregional cooperation related to transport will be pursued in close cooperation with the other regional commissions, particularly the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

To further strengthen inter-agency collaboration, ESCAP will play a proactive role in the Regional Coordination Meeting and its 10 thematic working groups, which are given issue-oriented and time-bound tasks for the formulation and implementation of joint programmes and activities. The programme will continue to promote inter-subregional cooperation through the annual meetings of heads of subregional organizations and ESCAP. Similarly, ESCAP will coordinate closely with ECE for the implementation of SPECA.

The programme will be complemented by the work of three regional institutions subsidiary to ESCAP, which specialize in the fields of technology transfer, training of official statisticians, and agricultural research and human resources development.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the programme will also establish procedures for the systematic evaluation of the programme of work and extrabudgetary projects, aimed at strengthening the linkage of planning, monitoring and evaluation, at both the programme and project levels. In this connection, in-depth evaluation of selected subprogrammes, including their gender-mainstreaming aspect, will be conducted.

The Commission, at its fifty-eighth session in 2002, will undertake an in-depth review of its conference structure, including the thematic priorities and subsidiary structure, as part of its continuing efforts to ensure the relevance of the programme to member countries in the region. The outcome of this review will, therefore, impact significantly on the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003.

Subprogramme 1. Regional economic cooperation

Introduction

The subprogramme will be implemented by the International Trade and Industry Division.

The main objective of the subprogramme is to support economic cooperation, which has a vital role to play in reducing economic asymmetries, alleviating poverty and in assisting developing countries, especially least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to become effectively integrated into the regional and global economies. Within the strategy identified for achieving the subprogramme objective in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, the focus for the biennium 2002-2003 will be on building and strengthening national capacity and the human resource base to enable developing countries to benefit from new trade and investment opportunities, as well as developments in IT; promoting industrial restructuring and technological capability-building in developing countries to foster economic growth and poverty alleviation; promoting trade efficiency and electronic commerce (e-commerce); and strengthening institutional and policy support and the networking of organizations for promoting small and medium-sized enterprises, with special attention to gender mainstreaming.

The subprogramme will be implemented through the organization of intergovernmental meetings at the regional level; the dissemination of data and information; the undertaking of research and analytical studies; the organization of expert group meetings, workshops, seminars and training programmes addressing critical issues; and the promotion of economic cooperation, including intersubregional cooperation, with special attention to the needs of least developed countries, island developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The work of the subprogramme will be carried out through close consultation and collaboration, particularly with UNCTAD, UNIDO, WTO, ITC, ADB and subregional organizations in the region to ensure harmonization and complementarity in the formulation and implementation of technical assistance projects to assist developing countries in the region, with particular attention to least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, this subprogramme aims to benefit government officials and representatives of the private and public sectors whose work relates to trade and investment, industry and technology or enterprise development in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition.

More specifically, the beneficiaries would be government policy- and decision-makers; trade and industry associations; private sector entrepreneurs, particularly those in small and medium-sized enterprises; chambers of commerce, investment promotion bodies; financial organizations, non-governmental organizations; the academic community; and trade service providers.

The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as the political will of member governments to participate actively in multilateral negotiations and to implement policies and programmes for the promotion of trade, investment and industrial development and restructuring; the availability of extrabudgetary funding; and the availability of sufficient IT infrastructure for networking and IT training courses. Major changes that would contribute positively to the achievement of the subprogramme objective include an increased concern of the international community to integrate least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, as well as economies in transition, into global economies; greater cooperation with UNCTAD, UNIDO, WTO, ITC, ADB and subregional organizations in Asia and the Pacific in the implementation of technical assistance activities; and the increased participation of the private sector and women.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the objective and corresponding expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement would be as follows:

Objective: To support economic cooperation, which has a vital role to play in reducing economic asymmetries, alleviating poverty and in assisting developing countries, especially least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to become effectively integrated into the regional and global economies.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Strengthened ability of countries to conduct effective negotiations in the multilateral trading system and to promote subregional and regional cooperation in trade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Level of intraregional trade and investment flows; (ii) The number of countries participating in the Commission, Committee and intergovernmental meetings indicating that the work of ESCAP had contributed significantly to national capacity-building in the concerned fields; (iii) The number of cooperative activities carried out with UNCTAD, UNIDO, WTO, ITC, ADB and subregional organizations; (iv) Feedback from users of ESCAP studies and technical material showing that research findings had been of value to their work; (v) The number of participants indicating that meetings and training organized by ESCAP had made a significant contribution to their capacity-building.
(b) Expanded access to policy options for strengthening industrial development and restructuring through private sector participation and women's involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of countries participating in legislative and intergovernmental meetings indicating that the work of ESCAP had contributed significantly by providing policy options related to the concerned fields; (ii) The number of users of ESCAP studies and technical material indicating on feedback forms that research findings had been of value to their work; (iii) The number of participants indicating that meetings and training organized by ESCAP had made a significant contribution to their capacity; (iv) The number of activities of ESCAP in which the private sector had participated; (v) The number of female participants in technical assistance activities of ESCAP.
(c) Increased capacity and institutional infrastructure of countries, particularly SMEs in those countries, to apply IT and to use quality and environmentally sound technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of countries participating in legislative and intergovernmental meetings indicating that the work of ESCAP had contributed significantly to national capacity-building in the concerned fields; (ii) The number of users of ESCAP studies indicating on feedback forms that research findings had been of value to their work; (iii) The number of participants indicating that meetings and training organized by ESCAP had made a significant contribution to their capacity; (iv) The number of activities organized by institutions

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
	<p>promoting best practices in the application of environmentally sound technologies by SMEs with assistance from ESCAP;</p> <p>(v) The number of joint activities with APCTT on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies.</p>
(d) Enhanced regional cooperation and networking to promote exports and facilitate trade efficiency and e-commerce.	<p>(i) The number of countries participating in the Commission, Committee and intergovernmental meetings indicating that the work of ESCAP had contributed significantly to national capacity-building in the concerned fields;</p> <p>(ii) The number of users of ESCAP studies and technical material indicating on feedback forms that research findings had been of value to their work;</p> <p>(iii) The number of national training programmes on trade promotion formulated and implemented as follow-up to the work of ESCAP;</p> <p>(iv) Increased activities by trade promotion organizations in the region to promote the use of e-commerce among SMEs.</p>

Outputs

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

1-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)
(Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

1-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)
(Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(b) Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation:

1-1-103 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(c) Steering Group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation:

1-1-104 Plenary (2002) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

1-1-105 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(d) Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement:

1-1-106 Plenary (2002) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishment (a))

1-1-107 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

- 1-1-201 Report on issues relating to trade and industry (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 1-1-202 Report of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation (2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 1-1-203 Report of the Steering Group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(b) Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation:

- 1-1-204 Report on issues relating to trade, investment, industry and technology (2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 1-1-205 Report of the Steering Group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation (2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(c) Steering Group of the Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation:

- 1-1-206 Report on issues relating to trade, investment, industry and technology (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(d) Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement:

- 1-1-207 Reports (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (a))

(e) Consultative Meeting among the Executive Heads of Subregional Organizations and ESCAP:

- 1-1-208 Reports (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):*

- 1-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on coherent policies and strategies for regional economic integration (2002) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on promoting resource-based export-oriented SMEs for poverty alleviation in Asia (2002) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 1-1-303 Ad hoc expert group on the emerging agenda for WTO trade liberalization and its implications for disadvantaged economies (2003) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-1-304 Ad hoc expert group on the use of IT to promote access by SMEs to environmentally sound technologies (2003) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-1-305 Ad hoc expert group on trade facilitation and e-commerce (2003) (Expected accomplishment (d))

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

- 1-2-101 Industrial and Technological Development Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 1-2-102 TISNET Trade and Investment Information Bulletin (12 in 2002, 12 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 1-2-103 Directory of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries in Asia and the Pacific (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 1-2-104 Current Issues on Industry, Trade and Technology (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

- 1-2-301 Review of country experiences in accession to WTO: lessons learned (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
 - 1-2-302 Best practices in investment promotion and implementation for selected economies in transition and least developed countries (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
 - 1-2-303 Regional perspectives on major issues of concern to developing countries in the multilateral trading system (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
 - 1-2-304 An integrated framework for the comprehensive development of the Greater Mekong Subregion (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
 - 1-2-305 Strengthening capacities for industrial development and restructuring in specific sectors through trade and investment policy reforms (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 1-2-306 The promotion of the competitiveness of SMEs through business and technology incubators and science parks in the context of globalization (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
 - 1-2-307 Successful cases of the development and transfer of environmentally sound technology to SMEs for sustainable development (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 1-2-308 Best practices in the adoption of IT by rural micro-enterprises for poverty alleviation (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 1-2-309 Strengthening institutional infrastructure and the partnership of stakeholders for human resources development in IT (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*
- 1-2-401 The implications of globalization, including information technologies, on industrial diversification and the improved competitiveness of manufacturing: problems and prospects in the twenty-first century (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 1-2-402 Promoting agro-based and other resource-based industries in developing countries for poverty alleviation and for the increased involvement of women in industry (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 1-2-403 Increasing the export competitiveness of commodity producers and exporters (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):*
- 1-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Trade Policy, Trade Promotion and Facilitation, Industry and Technology <<http://www.unescap.org/itid>> (monthly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
6. *Exhibitions:*
- 1-2-601 ASPAT 2002 (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
9. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*
- 1-2-901 Greater Mekong Subregion business handbook (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
 - 1-2-902 Traders' manual for Asia and the Pacific (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
 - 1-2-903 Traders' manual for Asia and the Pacific (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
 - 1-2-904 Technical information in response to requests from the public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations, and dissemination of information (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

- 1-3-001 Collaboration with United Nations bodies, and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, UNCTAD, UNDP, FAO, the World Bank, UNIDO and ITC (7 in 2002, 7 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 1-3-002 Collaboration with intergovernmental and international organizations, including APEC/PECC, ACU, ADB, ARC, ASEAN, ECO, Pacific Community, Pacific Islands Forum, SAARC, World Economic Forum and WTO, as well as non-governmental organizations (5 in 2002, 5 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 1-3-003 Collaboration with regional commissions in the areas of trade, investment, industry and technology in developing interregional linkages and in promoting information exchange and cooperation (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 1-3-004 Technical and substantive support to BIMST-EC and SPECA, including participation in the SPECA project working group on restructuring manufacturing industries with a view to creating internationally competitive enterprise (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-3-005 Technical and substantive support to the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-3-006 Technical and managerial support to the Regional Network for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 1-3-007 Technical and substantive support to the Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-3-008 Technical and substantive support to the ESCAP Trade and Investment Information Network (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):*

- 1-4-101 Advisory services on institutional capacity-building and policy formulation for the transfer of IT for improved competitiveness and trade efficiency (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-4-102 Advisory services on capacity-building and the adoption of environment and quality management by small and medium-sized enterprises (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-4-103 Advisory services on promoting industrial development and restructuring through trade and investment policy reforms (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 1-4-104 Advisory services on promoting foreign direct investment in disadvantaged groups of countries (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):*

- 1-4-201 Regional seminar/national workshops on best practices in investment promotion and implementation for selected economies in transition and least developed countries (3 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (90 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-4-202 Training on investment project planning and the preparation and organization of an investment forum for countries in Indo-China (2 in 2002) (RB/XB) (120 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-4-203 Seminar on promoting intraregional and interregional cooperation in trade and investment (2002) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-4-204 Seminars on private sector development and corporate strategies in the Greater Mekong Subregion (3 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB/XB) (500 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-4-205 Training workshops/seminars on WTO agreements and accession (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))

- 1-4-206 Regional seminar on developing an integrated framework for the comprehensive development of the Greater Mekong Subregion (2002) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 1-4-207 Seminar/training on agro-based rural industrialization and IT for poverty alleviation and women's involvement in industry (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 1-4-208 Regional and national workshops on promoting business technology incubation for the improved competitiveness of small and medium-sized industries (1 regional and 4 national workshops) (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (125 participants) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 1-4-209 Regional workshop on strengthening institutional infrastructure and the partnership of stakeholders for human resources development in IT (2003) (RB/XB) (12 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-4-210 Training course on negotiating and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and strengthening environmental management systems for small and medium-sized enterprises (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 1-4-211 Regional training seminar on trade promotion and transactions with the use of IT (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 1-4-212 Regional and national workshops on trade facilitation and e-commerce (3 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB/XB) (300 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 1-4-213 National workshops on the promotion of exports of commodities, with a focus on gender mainstreaming (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB/XB) (200 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 1-4-214 Promotion of intraregional trade through trade fairs and seminars, with a focus on gender mainstreaming (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))

4. *Field projects (country, subregional, regional, and interregional):*

- 1-2-401 Project on the capacity-building of enterprises in selected least developed countries and economies in transition to enhance their export competitiveness (including seminars, workshops and advisory services) (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))

Subprogramme 2. Development research and policy analysis

Introduction

The subprogramme will be implemented by the Development Research and Policy Analysis Division and the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre.

The main objective of the subprogramme is to focus research and analysis on the determinants of and prospects for economic recovery and durable growth in the ESCAP region, especially on new challenges and opportunities for the economies in the ESCAP region arising from the globalization and liberalization processes, as well as developments in IT. The subprogramme will provide in-depth and comprehensive analysis of current economic developments and formulate policy recommendations to accelerate economic growth on a sustainable basis. It will promote exchange of information and experience on the economic problems and policies of member countries of ESCAP based on the analysis of the subprogramme in the following areas: emerging developments in macroeconomic policies and structural reform; the impact of globalization on the development process; new policy approaches and action in meeting the identified emerging needs of developing members and associate members in the region; institutional coordination in development policy formulation and implementation; improved monitoring and surveillance of international financial flows; quicker response to crises; the interactions between the international monetary, financial and trading systems as they relate to development; and interfaces between economic growth, poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

In pursuance of the main decisions of the Commission at the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions, the subprogramme will continue to monitor trends and provide an analysis of economic and financial developments in the region. It will bring matters of concern to the notice of member governments through its advisory services and publications, in particular the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, and *Development Papers*, and the biannual *Asia-Pacific Development Journal*. In addition, dialogue and exchange of experiences will be promoted on economic and financial monitoring and surveillance as well as facilitating a better understanding of the issues involved and formulating a common regional position on the elements of reform in the international financial architecture. In close consultation with international financial institutions and other relevant actors, emphasis will be placed on finding effective and durable solutions to the challenges arising from the interaction among the forces which drive globalization and their impact on economic and social development.

The activities of the subprogramme will aim at facilitating the integration and full participation of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition into the global and regional economies. Towards this end, the subprogramme will, in collaboration with other regional and international institutions, follow up on the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; provide substantive servicing to the meetings of the Special Bodies on Pacific Island Developing Countries and on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries; and continue to review, in a holistic manner, the needs of the countries concerned so as to enable them to benefit from the process of globalization and liberalization, as well as from developments in IT.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, this subprogramme aims to benefit official delegations of members and associate members in the ESCAP region attending the sessions of the Commission and the relevant Committees and Special Bodies; officials of national planning agencies, ministries of economy or finance and of central banks who are directly involved in macroeconomic policy formulation and implementation; academic research institutions; chambers of commerce, national libraries and universities; and NGOs in the member countries of ESCAP.

The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as the lack of strong political and administrative commitment of governments to accelerate the process of economic cooperation in the ESCAP region; national developments that could adversely affect the capacity of countries to implement macroeconomic policies along the lines of those recommended; the availability of extrabudgetary sources to finance technical cooperation programmes; and unanticipated adverse external shocks. Among major changes that would contribute positively to the achievement of the subprogramme's objective are consensus on policy approaches related to current and emerging issues arising from globalization; increased concern of the international community for a more stable international financial system, poverty alleviation and sustainable development; and a greater thrust by the international community on assistance to the disadvantaged economies.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the objective and corresponding expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement would be as follows:

Objective: To focus research and analysis on the determinants and prospects of economic recovery and durable growth in the ESCAP region, especially on new challenges and opportunities for the economies in the ESCAP region arising from the globalization and liberalization processes, as well as developments in IT.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Enhanced understanding of the determinants of and prospects for economic recovery and durable growth in the ESCAP region.	(i) The number of countries indicating that documents issued for and deliberations in the Commission, the Committees and the Special Bodies contributed to the enhancement of their understanding; (ii) Adoption of new or revised resolutions and decisions by the Commission relating to macroeconomic issues and policies; (iii) The number of users of ESCAP publications and documents indicating, in feedback forms, that analysis and policy suggestions were of value to their work.
(b) Increased capacity of countries to deal with challenges and opportunities arising from the globalization and liberalization processes.	(i) The number of requests from governments for advisory services, training and technical assistance for capacity-building to deal with the implications of global developments; (ii) The number of users of ESCAP publications and documents indicating, in feedback forms, that analysis and policy suggestions were of value to their work; (iii) The number of citations in other publications and journals in the same areas.
(c) Enhanced awareness of the interface of the economic, social and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.	(i) The number of users of ESCAP publications and documents indicating, in feedback forms, that analysis and policy suggestions were of value to their work; (ii) The number of visits to the home page and the virtual conferences.
(d) Strengthened national capacity of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition of the region for effective articulation of their concerns in subregional and regional forums, including macroeconomic policy and economic reform aspects.	(i) The number of requests from governments of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition for policy advisory services, training and exchange of experience; (ii) Increased number of decisions and recommendations adopted at subregional and regional forums, addressing the current and emerging issues faced by least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Outputs**I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB/XB)***1. Substantive servicing of meetings:*(a) Commission:

2-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (RB) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (RB) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2-1-103 Informal meetings on least developed countries, Pacific island developing countries and countries with economies in transition (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

(b) Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation:

2-1-104 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

(c) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development:

2-1-105 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

(d) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries:

2-1-106 Plenary (2002) (4 meetings) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))

(e) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:

2-1-107 Plenary (2003) (4 meetings) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))

2. Parliamentary documentation:(a) Commission:

2-1-201 Reports on the current economic situation and policy issues (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2-1-202 Report of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

2-1-203 Report of the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

(b) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries:

2-1-204 Reports on issues relating to Pacific island developing countries (2 in 2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))

(c) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:

2-1-205 Reports on issues relating to least developed and landlocked developing countries (2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))

3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):

2-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on development issues and policies (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

- 2-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on the long-term implications of modes of development of the financial system for economic development (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-1-303 Expert group on integration of demographic dynamics into development policy (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)

1. Mandated recurrent publications:

- 2-2-101 Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 2-2-102 Asia-Pacific Development Journal (biannual) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 2-2-103 Development Papers (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

3. Mandated non-recurrent publications:

- 2-2-301 Macroeconomic reforms in least developed countries (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 2-2-302 Financial monitoring and surveillance in the ESCAP region (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-2-303 Capacity-building in macroeconomic management of countries with economies in transition for managing globalization (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-2-304 Cost-effective social security and safety net models (electronic form) (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

4. Discretionary non-recurrent publications:

- 2-2-401 Strategies for the graduation of microfinance beneficiaries to more formal finance (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-2-402 Globalization and sustainable development (electronic form) (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

5. Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):

- 2-2-501 Virtual conference on the interface of the economic and social aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 2-2-502 Virtual conference on the interface of the economic and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for sustainable development (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 2-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on Development Research and Policy Analysis on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/drpad>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

7. Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:

- 2-2-701 Pamphlets on webpage-based training programmes on accessing the virtual conferences on the interface of the economic, social and environmental aspects of development and improved policies for poverty alleviation and sustainable development (2 in 2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

8. *Special events:*

- 2-2-801 Launching of the annual Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific in selected member countries of ESCAP and United Nations organizations (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

- 2-3-001 Collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, ECE, UNCTAD, World Bank, IMF and ADB on development issues and policies, including those relating to globalization (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 2-3-002 Collaboration and liaison with inter-agency committees, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the region dealing with economic development issues, strategies and policies (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-3-003 Collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the work of the Committee on Development Policy and Project LINK (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 2-3-004 Collaboration with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, including UNDP, UNIFEM, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, World Bank and ADB on poverty and social issues, strategies and policies (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 2-3-005 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and intergovernmental institutions, including the Commission on Sustainable Development, UNEP, SACEP, SPREP and the Mekong River Commission on issues concerned with the integration of environmental considerations into economic decision-making (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 2-3-006 Collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNCTAD on follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, in 2001 (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 2-3-007 Collaboration with the Forum Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community on matters relating to Pacific island developing countries (5 in 2002, 5 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 2-3-008 Participation in the activities of the ESCAP-ECE Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), including participation by secretariat officials in the SPECA Project Working Group on the International Economic Conference on Tajikistan in the Regional Context of Central Asia (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 2-3-009 Collaboration with the World Bank, IMF and ADB on matters related to least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):*

- 2-4-101 Advisory services on macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in least developed countries and landlocked countries (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 2-4-102 Advisory services on macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in countries with economies in transition (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 2-4-103 Advisory services on macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in island developing states (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))

- 2-4-104 Advisory services on the promotion of sustainable development in island developing states (2 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):*
- 2-4-201 Regional seminar on a new economy in the new millennium (2002) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 2-4-202 Regional seminar on the achievements of the economies in transition after 10 years of transition (2002) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 2-4-203 Regional seminar on experiences with financial monitoring and surveillance in countries of the ESCAP region (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-4-204 Regional seminar on strategies for the graduation of microfinance beneficiaries to more formal finance (2003) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 2-4-205 Training workshops on the use of the virtual conference modality in least developed and landlocked developing countries for exchange of experience on good practices and policies for enhancing the benefits from globalization (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 2-4-206 Seminars/workshops/training courses on policy reforms in least developed, landlocked and island countries for dealing with the implications of globalization (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))

Subprogramme 3. Social development

Introduction

The subprogramme will be implemented by the Social Development Division.

The main objective of the subprogramme is to accelerate the attainment by member countries of the goals and targets of poverty alleviation, employment expansion and social integration (in pursuance of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and its review outcome and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region), and to support the regional implementation of global and regional plans of action related to women, youth, human resources development, disabled persons and older persons, and to promote effective partnerships with both governments and civil society.

The above goal will be achieved through three strategies: (a) strengthening social development policies and programmes to address emerging socio-economic issues and to promote the integration of disadvantaged groups; (b) strengthening intersectoral policies and programmes for human resources development, focusing on education and training, health promotion and livelihood creation; and (c) advancing the status of women and promoting gender equality through the mainstreaming of gender concerns into the development process.

In terms of new priorities for the biennium, the subprogramme will emphasize a stronger poverty alleviation thrust in all subprogramme activities, particularly through the promotion of best practices; and mitigate and tackle new and emerging social problems and provide governments with support in addressing those issues, which include globalization and its impact on vulnerable groups, social protection for the poor, HIV/AIDS and drug abuse among youth, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children and youth, trafficking in women and children, and violence against women.

An important component of the subprogramme will be to provide regional support to the implementation of global mandates, including the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes and the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond; the United Nations Proclamation on Ageing; and the United Nations Millennium Declaration. The subprogramme will also be guided by the recommendations of the General Assembly outcome documents entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond" and "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century." In terms of regional mandates, the subprogramme will aim to promote further implementation of the following: the Manila Declaration on Accelerated Implementation of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific; the Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons; and the Macao Declaration and Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific.

In implementing activities, special attention will be given to the needs of least developed and landlocked countries, and countries with economies in transition, as well as those countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion, in accordance with Commission resolution 56/1 of 7 June 2000 on the Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development Cooperation, 2000-2009. In addition, the subprogramme will coordinate the efforts of ESCAP to ensure that the gender perspective is mainstreamed into all areas of work.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, this subprogramme aims to benefit government officials who have an important impact on the state of social development, particularly those focused on social policies and plans and integration of disadvantaged groups, human resources development and women in development; government officials from national planning and development bodies, and line ministries dealing with social-related concerns, including health, education, employment, social welfare services and rural development; non-governmental officials dealing with social development issues, including those focused on empowering the poor, women, youth, disabled persons and older persons; parliamentarians who deal with social development concerns; researchers; and the general population, with particular attention to women, youth, disabled persons and older persons.

The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as the political will and priority placed by member governments and key stakeholders on social development activities; the availability of extrabudgetary resources to finance technical cooperation programmes; the capacity of the national counterparts who will be participating in the programme activities; the domestic political situation in participating countries; and the level of cooperation received from cooperating organizations, including other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and international, regional, subregional and national organizations.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the objective and corresponding expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement would be as follows:

Objective: To accelerate attainment by member countries of the goals and targets of poverty alleviation, employment expansion and social integration (in pursuance of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development), including the implementation of global and regional plans of action related to women, youth, human resources development, disabled persons and older persons, and to promote effective partnerships with both governments and civil society.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
<p>(a) Strengthened national capability to plan, implement and monitor social policies and programmes to meet new challenges and emerging social issues, particularly in the light of globalization processes, and strengthened multisectoral partnerships for the implementation of the goals and targets relating to the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995) and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (Manila, 1994 and 1997), focusing on poverty eradication, employment expansion, social integration and the empowerment of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.</p>	<p>(i) Feedback on social policy and programme prescriptions received from participants in the annual Commission sessions, and the Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development;</p> <p>(ii) The number of users of ESCAP studies and technical materials indicating, in feedback forms, that research findings were of value to their work;</p> <p>(iii) Feedback received from the participants in the policy dialogues, intercountry exchange programmes and seminars indicating that these have contributed to meeting new challenges and emerging social issues;</p> <p>(iv) Demand for publications, technical studies and other materials on issues related to social policies, ageing and disability, and other social problems and concerns;</p> <p>(v) Adoption, incorporation and adaptation of recommendations emanating from events on social development organized by ESCAP;</p> <p>(vi) Results of the pilot and demonstration project evaluation reports noting improved services/programmes;</p> <p>(vii) The number of cooperative arrangements and joint programmes developed between ESCAP and other United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations as well as NGOs.</p>
<p>(b) Strengthened national capacity to plan and deliver intersectoral HRD policies and programmes in the areas of education and training, health promotion and livelihood creation, focusing on the needs of the poor and other key target groups, including youth, in line with the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region.</p>	<p>(i) The number of HRD recommendations adopted by governments at intergovernmental meetings;</p> <p>(ii) Progress towards strengthening integrated HRD policies as a strategy for poverty alleviation in national plans and programmes;</p> <p>(iii) The number of cooperative arrangements and joint HRD programmes developed between ESCAP and other United Nations bodies and intergovernmental bodies, and centres of excellence;</p>

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) The number of users of ESCAP HRD studies and technical materials indicating, in feedback forms, that research findings were of value to their work; (v) The incorporation of HRD research recommendations in new policies and programme at the national level; (vi) Results of the pilot project evaluation reports noting improved services/projects; (vii) The number of positive evaluations by participants indicating the value and relevance of the ESCAP HRD courses; (viii) The number of visits to the ESCAP HRD web site and ESCAP-UNDCP web site and number of other web sites hyperlinking to those web sites; (ix) The number of citations and HRD articles reprinted in other publications.
<p>(c) Advancement of the status of women in the region and promotion of gender equality through mainstreaming gender in the development process in pursuance of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of recommendations and policies and strategies adopted by countries; (ii) The number of replications of modalities and features of identified best practices adopted by countries; (iii) Positive assessment of studies and research undertaken and satisfactory evaluation of workshops and seminars by participants; (iv) The number of countries taking action on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women with regard to its ratification, removal of reservations, ratification of its optional protocol, and its reporting and implementation; (v) The number of measures put in place for an integrated approach towards combating violence against women; (vi) The number of mechanisms, plans and actions and bilateral and multilateral agreements adopted by countries to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking in women and children; (vii) The number of national plans of action for the advancement of women adopted and implemented by countries; (viii) Progress in the incorporation of gender concerns in various sectors of the economy; (ix) The number of visits to the ESCAP Homepage on Women in Development; (x) The number of users of ESCAP information publications and the number of information networking linkages developed.

Outputs

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB/XB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

3-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

3-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

(b) Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development:

3-1-103 Plenary (2003) (10 meetings) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

(c) High-level Meeting to Conclude the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002:

3-1-104 Plenary (2002) (10 meetings) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2. Parliamentary documentation:

(a) Commission:

3-1-201 Reports on issues related to social development (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

(b) Sixth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development:

3-1-202 Reports on issues relating to the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

3-1-203 Report on regional follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

(c) High-level Meeting to Conclude the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002:

3-1-204 Reports on issues relating to the implementation of the Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2 in 2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):

3-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on regional implementation of the Copenhagen Programme of Action on Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

3-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on regional follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

3-1-303 Ad hoc expert group on integrated policies and programmes on sexual and reproductive health and prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse among youth (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

3-1-304 Ad hoc expert group on regional implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly relating to women in 2000 (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)*1. Mandated recurrent publications:*

- 3-2-101 The ESCAP Social Action Update (3 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

3. Mandated non-recurrent publications:

- 3-2-301 Successful practices and emerging issues in the implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-302 Best regional approaches to integrated implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and its further initiatives (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-303 Strengthening policies and programmes for the empowerment and integration of the poor and disadvantaged groups (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-304 Focus on ability, celebrate diversity: highlights of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-305 Promoting HRD of youth in the Greater Mekong Subregion and South Asia: integrated policies and programmes for sexual and reproductive health, and prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-306 Youth health in the Greater Mekong Subregion and in South Asia: the voice of youth on sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and substance abuse (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-307 Enhancing HRD of youth: income-generation activities that work (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-308 Guidelines and indicators for monitoring implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-2-309 The status of women in Asia and the Pacific (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-2-310 Monograph series on emerging issues on women in development in Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

5. Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):

- 3-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Social Policy and Integration of Disadvantaged Groups on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/spidgs>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-502 ESCAP Homepage on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/decade>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on Human Resources Development on the World Wide Web <<http://www.escap-hrd.org>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-504 ESCAP HRD-UNDCP Homepage on Youth and Drugs (under construction) (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-505 ESCAP Homepage on Women in Development on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/wid>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

- 3-2-506 Videotapes on the ESCAP HRD Award-winners (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
6. *Exhibits:*
- 3-2-601 Exhibits on the ESCAP HRD Award-winners (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-602 Exhibits on women in development for International Women's Day (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*
- 3-2-701 Fact sheets on the regional implementation and follow-up of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-702 Information materials on emerging and critical social issues (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-703 Fact sheets and information on issues relating to older persons, implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-704 Brochures and booklets on the ESCAP HRD Award (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-705 Booklets, fact sheets and information materials on key HRD issues and activities (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-706 Booklets, fact sheets and information materials on emerging women in development issues in Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
8. *Special events:*
- 3-2-801 International Day of Disabled Persons (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-802 Regional campaign to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-803 Presentation ceremony for the ESCAP HRD Award (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-804 International Youth Day (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-805 Regional "zero tolerance" campaign on violence against women (2002, 2003) (XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-2-806 International Women's Day, including panel discussion on selected emerging issues (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
9. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*
- 3-2-901 Maintenance and updating of the ESCAP database on a regional network of social development management information systems (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-902 Technical studies on emerging and critical social issues (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

- 3-2-903 Establishment and updating of the database on successful practices on strengthening policies and programmes for older persons (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-2-904 HRD training materials and information, education and communication materials on emerging HRD issues for youth, including ICT and life skills to prevent HIV/AIDS and substance abuse (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-905 Maintenance and updating of the ESCAP database on centres of excellence for HRD research and training (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-906 Maintenance and updating of the ESCAP-Uppsala University HRD database on sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and youth in Asia (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-907 Establishment and updating of the ESCAP HRD database of organizations providing services for sexually abused and sexually exploited children and youth in Asia (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-2-908 Establishment and updating of a database on best practices to combat the feminization of poverty (2002, 2003) (XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-2-909 Establishment and updating of a database on best practices to combat violence against women (2002, 2003) (XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-2-910 Inventory of successful interventions and strategies in combating sexual exploitation and trafficking in women and children (2002, 2003) (XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-2-911 Maintenance and updating of a database on programmes and projects on women in development carried out by United Nations agencies and organizations (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

- 3-3-001 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Commission on Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, SIAP, UNDCP, UNAIDS, ILO, UNESCO and other international organizations in implementing the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-3-002 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, research institutions and other entities in implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-3-003 Collaboration with United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs on implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-3-004 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, research institutions and other entities on ageing-related issues and on implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Proclamation on Ageing, and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-3-005 Collaboration with United Nations departments, bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNESCO, International Institute on Ageing (United Nations – Malta), and other international organizations on ageing-related issues and on implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Proclamation on Ageing, and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

- 3-3-006 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ASEAN, ECO, SAARC, the South Pacific Forum and NGOs in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-3-007 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including UNAIDS, UNDCP, ILO, UNESCO and WHO, and international and national centres of excellence in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-3-008 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNICEF, UNDCP, UNFPA, UNAIDS, ILO, UNESCO and WHO, in regional implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-3-009 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and NGOs in regional implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-3-010 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including regional organizations and regional banks, and NGOs in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-3-011 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies in the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome and the United Nations system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-3-012 Organization and servicing of the RCM Thematic Working Group on Social Summit Follow-up (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-3-013 Organization and servicing of the RCM Thematic Working Group on Disability-related Concerns (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-3-014 Organization and servicing of the RCM Thematic Working Group on Human Rights and Governance (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 3-3-015 Organization and servicing of the RCM Thematic Working Group on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 3-3-016 Participation in the RCM Thematic Working Group on Education for All (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-3-017 Participation in the RCM Thematic Working Group on HIV/AIDS (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 3-3-018 Participation in the RCM Thematic Working Group on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 3-3-019 Participation in the RCM Thematic Working Group on Poverty Alleviation, Rural Development and Food Security (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 3-3-020 Participation in the RCM Thematic Working Group on Trafficking in Women and Children (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):*

- 3-4-101 Advisory services on regional implementation and follow-up to the Copenhagen Programme of Action on Social Development and the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region and further initiatives (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-102 Advisory services on strengthening national policies and programmes to address emerging and critical social issues (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-103 Advisory services on implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-104 Advisory services on implementation of the Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2 in 2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-105 Advisory services on implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 3-4-106 Advisory services on implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global review outcome, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and its optional protocol (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):*

- 3-4-201 Regional/subregional meeting on emerging and key social issues in the context of globalization (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-202 Policy dialogues and consultations on experiences and lessons learned concerning social integration, employment expansion, and poverty reduction, and on emerging social issues (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-203 Intercountry exchange programmes on successful practices in promoting social development (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-204 Workshop on improving approaches to delivering basic social services, and social protection of and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups (2002) (XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-205 Regional/subregional workshop to review and strengthen national policies and plans of action on ageing (2003) (XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-206 Demonstration projects to promote implementation of the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific and follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2003) (XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-207 Regional meeting on follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2002) (XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-208 Regional seminar on strengthening national and local capability for improving the accessibility of infrastructure, including public transport and services, as well as other facilities and amenities (2002) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-209 Workshop on improving awareness and enhancing opportunities for the full participation and equality of disabled persons in the development process (2003) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-210 Pilot projects on harnessing ICT for empowering rural persons with disabilities to secure their entitlements and to facilitate their economic advancement (4 in 2002) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 3-4-211 Regional and subregional meetings on key HRD issues (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))

- 3-4-212 ESCAP HRD courses for poverty alleviation (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-213 ESCAP HRD courses for youth development (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (120 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-214 ESCAP HRD course on psychosocial and medical services for sexually abused and sexually exploited children and youth (2002) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-215 ESCAP HRD course on integrated health services for young people: sexual and reproductive health and prevention of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS (2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-216 ESCAP HRD course on training of trainers for poverty alleviation (2002) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-217 ESCAP HRD course to promote adult education through distance learning (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-218 ESCAP HRD workshop on Education for All focusing on the management of non-formal education programmes (2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-219 National HRD pilot projects on poverty alleviation and conflict management for youth in conflict zones (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-220 Regional meetings on critical and emerging issues that create gender disparity (2002, 2003) (XB) (60 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-221 Regional seminar on alleviating the feminization of poverty (2002) (XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-222 Regional seminar on assisting women to address the challenges of globalization (2003) (XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-223 Regional workshops on bridging the gender digital divide, including information technology for networking, promotion of e-commerce, and alleviation of the feminization of poverty (2002, 2003) (XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-224 Regional seminar on social protection and safety nets for women (2002) (XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-225 Regional seminar on women and human security (2003) (XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-226 Seminar on subregional and regional cooperation to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking in women and children (2002) (XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
 - 3-4-227 Regional workshops on protective and preventive measures to eliminate violence against women (2002, 2003) (XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
3. *Fellowships:*
- 3-4-301 ESCAP HRD Award (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
 - 3-4-302 Entrepreneurship training for women in collaboration with regional training bodies (2002, 2003) (XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
4. *Field projects (country, subregional, regional, interregional):*
- 3-4-401 Field visit exchanges to facilitate networking on improving disabled persons' access to opportunities for education, training employment and self-empowerment (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

Subprogramme 4. Population and rural and urban development

Introduction

The subprogramme will be implemented by the Population and Rural and Urban Development Division.

The main objective of this subprogramme is to identify and analyse the critical economic and social issues which impact on poverty alleviation in the areas of population and rural and urban development; to increase awareness and understanding of those issues among policy makers, civil society and individuals; and to strengthen the capacity of governments and civil society to develop appropriate strategies and policies to improve the quality of life of the poor, with special attention to the needs of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition.

This objective will be achieved through monitoring and analysis of development trends, training of policy makers and planners, provision of technical assistance and information dissemination. The subprogramme will organize and conduct training workshops in order to impart skills in monitoring population and rural and urban development issues, data analysis, application of planning methodologies and implementation of programmes to alleviate poverty and to improve the quality of life. It will promote full use of IT and conduct training courses to improve skill levels in IT, including distance learning courses via the Internet. The subprogramme will develop the training manuals required for the workshops and courses. The subprogramme will disseminate information in a proactive manner on best practices and successful development programmes, aimed at poverty alleviation. These dissemination activities will include regional seminars, Internet web sites, and the use of professional networks and publications aimed specifically at policy makers and planners. Activities will be carried out to strengthen civil society partnerships with broad participation, by promoting participatory approaches at the local, community and higher levels in dealing with issues of population and rural and urban development.

The subprogramme will strive to achieve a regional consensus on key population and development issues by convening the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in 2002. The primary focus of this Conference is to review the progress in the implementation of the 1992 Bali Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development, the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and the Key Actions suggested by the General Assembly at its twenty-first special session held in 1999. The Key Actions include population and development concerns; gender equality, equity and empowerment of women; and reproductive rights and reproductive health. The Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference will also focus on new and emerging issues of demographic dynamics in the region, in such areas as international migration and the economic and social impact of ageing. The recommendations will provide inputs to the 10-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development.

At the end of the biennium there should be greater awareness among policy makers of the contribution to national development and poverty alleviation made by population and rural and urban development programmes and by participatory local government. Governments and civil society are expected to have a strengthened capacity to formulate policies and to plan and implement programmes in the areas of population and rural and urban development, with a particular focus on poverty alleviation and sustainable development. It is expected that the subprogramme will help to stimulate productivity, expand opportunities for the disadvantaged and empower grass-roots organizations. Government agencies and civil society organizations will have an improved capability to use IT in the performance of their functions. Local governments are expected to have an improved understanding of and experience with participatory approaches to programme planning and implementation.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, this subprogramme aims to benefit government officials, programme managers, policy makers, planners, NGOs, community-based organizations, researchers, academic institutions and the media whose work relates to population and rural and urban development in developing countries, in particular least developed, landlocked and island developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition.

The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as the will of member governments to implement plans, policies and programmes in pursuance of the regional and global mandates related to the subprogramme; the level of participation by local governments and the civil society in the formulation and implementation of national policies and programmes; the availability of sufficient IT infrastructure for networking and IT training courses; and the availability of extrabudgetary funding, particularly from UNFPA. Major changes that would contribute positively to achievements of the subprogramme objective include increased concern on the part of the international community about poverty alleviation and priority attached to population and rural and urban development in that connection.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the objective and corresponding expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement would be as follows:

Objective: To identify and analyse the critical economic and social issues which impact on poverty alleviation in the areas of population and rural and urban development; to increase awareness and understanding of those issues among policy makers, civil society and individuals, and to strengthen the capacity of governments and civil society to develop appropriate strategies and policies to improve the quality of life of the poor, giving special attention to the needs of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Greater incorporation of population and rural and urban development issues and their gender dimension in national development policies and plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Enumeration of the adoption of plans, policies and programmes advocated by ESCAP in accordance with the recommendations emanating from the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, the five-year review of the Habitat Agenda ("Istanbul+5") and other global conferences; (ii) The number of policies and plans endorsed by national and local governments, especially those in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, on issues relating to population and rural and urban development, with assistance from ESCAP; (iii) The number of national development policies and plans on population and rural and urban development issues that contain gender dimensions.
(b) Strengthened local and national capacity of countries to formulate and implement effective policies and programmes in the concerned fields, including those relating to poverty alleviation, reproductive health, gender equity, governance and human settlements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of replications of activities on best practices at the grass-roots level based on ESCAP activities; (ii) The number of national programmes that contain gender issues; (iii) The number of users of ESCAP guidelines/manuals and training materials indicating, in feedback forms, that they were of value to their work; (iv) The number of countries adopting measures to formulate and implement national policies and programmes in the concerned fields, as a result of receiving technical assistance from ESCAP; (v) The number of advisory services rendered at the request of national governments.
(c) Improved skill in the field of information management, IT, communication and networks of countries relating to population and rural and urban development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of users of ESCAP guidelines/manuals and training materials indicating, in feedback forms, that they were of value to their work; (ii) The number of new information centres and regional resource centres relating to population and rural and urban development established in the region with assistance from ESCAP; (iii) The number of visits to the ESCAP web site and the number of other web sites hyperlinking to the ESCAP web site; (iv) The number of advisory services rendered at the request of the national governments.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(d) Increased awareness and improved understanding of critical issues on poverty alleviation in the areas of population and rural and urban development, and the need to integrate those issues into poverty alleviation programmes and projects.	(i) The number of participants in ESCAP technical assistance activities indicating, in feedback forms, that the knowledge gained was of value to their work; (ii) Level of information disseminated on replication of activities on best practices at the grass-roots level; (iii) The number of visits to the ESCAP web site and the number of other web sites hyperlinking to the ESCAP web site; (iv) The number of citations of ESCAP articles and studies and articles reprinted in other publications.

Outputs

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

4-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishment (a))

4-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishment (a))

(b) Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference:

4-1-103 Plenary (2002) (10 meetings) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2. Parliamentary documentation:

(a) Commission:

4-1-201 Report on issues relating to population and rural and urban development (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (a))

4-1-202 Report of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (2003) (Expected accomplishment (a))

4-1-203 Report on the interrelationship between rural poverty reduction and IT (2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

(b) Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference:

4-1-204 Reports to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (6 in 2002) (Expected accomplishment (a))

3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):

4-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on the use of IT for the monitoring and evaluation of population and poverty alleviation programmes (2002) (Expected accomplishment (c))

4-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on intraregional migration flows (2003) (Expected accomplishment (d))

4-1-303 Ad hoc expert group on the interrelationship between rural poverty reduction and IT (2002) (Expected accomplishment (b))

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II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

- 4-2-101 Asia-Pacific Population Journal (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-102 Population Headliners (6 in 2002, 6 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-103 Poverty Alleviation Initiatives Newsletter (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

- 4-2-301 Selected papers for the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 4-2-302 Programme of Action of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 4-2-303 Critical analysis of urban policies and their impact on urban poverty eradication (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-304 The Human Dignity Initiative: enabling policies and comparative analysis of community-based safety nets (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):*

- 4-2-501 ESCAP Population Homepage, including population databases, data sheet and full text of the Asia-Pacific Population Journal articles, on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/pop/>> (monthly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-502 ESCAP Homepage on Rural Development and FADINAP on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/rural/>> and <<http://www.fadinap.org>> (monthly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on Human Settlements on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/huset/index.html>> (triannual updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-504 CD-ROM on population and poverty (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-505 CD-ROM containing material for the implementation of community-based safety nets (policy guidelines, good practices, training modules etc.) (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

6. *Exhibits:*

- 4-2-601 Exhibit for the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

- 4-2-701 ESCAP population data sheets (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-702 Brochures, pamphlets and press-kits on the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-2-703 Catalogue of ESCAP population publications (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))

9. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

- 4-2-901 Working paper on migration and urbanization (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-2-902 Working paper on reproductive health (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-2-903 Asia-Pacific POPIN Bulletin (electronic newsletter) (3 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-904 Maintenance and updating of population directory database series (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-905 Maintenance and updating of database on reproductive health indicators (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-906 Maintenance and updating of database on family planning/reproductive health and population law (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-2-907 Development of Internet-based learning system for local government officials (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

- 4-3-001 Collaboration with United Nations bodies, funds, programmes and agencies on matters related to population and development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-3-002 Collaboration with NGOs on matters related to population and development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-3-003 Collaboration with national, regional and interregional bodies outside the United Nations system on matters related to population and development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-3-004 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies on matters related to rural poverty and agricultural and rural development (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-3-005 Technical and substantive support to the CGPRT Centre (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-3-006 Cooperation with intergovernmental organizations, including CIRDAP and the Asian Productivity Organization, and NGOs on matters related to rural poverty and agricultural and rural development (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-3-007 Coordination of programme activities with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including UNCHS in implementing the Habitat Agenda (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (d))
- 4-3-008 Technical and substantive support to regional networks, including ACHR, CITYNET, IULA-ASPAC and LOGOTRI (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-3-009 Organization and servicing of the RCM Thematic Working Group on Poverty Alleviation, Rural Development and Food Security (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 4-3-010 Technical and substantive support to UNFPA country support teams and participation in UNFPA-organized country project formulation/review meetings on matters related to population and development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):*

- 4-4-101 Advisory services on population and development issues (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-102 Advisory services on reproductive health (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-103 Advisory services on demographic analysis (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-104 Advisory services on population information management and dissemination (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-105 Advisory services on information management on agri-technologies and rural poverty reduction (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-106 Advisory services on implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):*

- 4-4-201 Training workshop on reproductive health measurement (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-202 Subregional training workshops on improved techniques in population data collection, processing, dissemination and presentation (2 in 2002, 1 in 2003) (XB) (60 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-203 Subregional training workshops on policy-oriented analysis and data-based population and development planning (1 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (XB) (60 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-204 Regional training workshop on policy analysis and population and social planning in countries with economies in transition (2003) (XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-205 Training workshop on population information repackaging with multi-media (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-206 Training workshop on IT for population information professionals (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-207 Workshop on evaluation of training programmes on IT for population information work (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-208 Workshop on computerized management information systems for reproductive health services (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-209 Population information network coordination meeting (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 4-4-210 Workshop-cum-training programmes to disseminate best practices in rural poverty alleviation (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-211 Workshop to review the impact of governance on rural poverty reduction (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-212 Regional meeting on the effectiveness of electronic information dissemination on rural development (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))

- 4-4-213 Regional workshop on the impact of the balanced use of agri-technologies on rural income and employment (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-4-214 Regional workshop on local government systems (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-4-215 Seminar on rural-urban linkages in the context of regional development (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-4-216 National-level symposia on enabling policies for community-based initiatives (6 in 2003) (RB/XB) (120 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 4-4-217 High-level regional seminar on a framework for community-based safety nets (2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 4-4-218 National forums on women in local government (5 in 2002) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-4-219 Regional seminar on gender sensitivity and gender indicator development (2003) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))

4. *Field projects (country, subregional, regional, interregional):*

- 4-4-401 Establishment of regional resource centres to promote municipal finance, urban governance, urban environment management, IT for local government, urban land management and empowering the poor (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 4-4-402 Projects on community-based safety nets as tools for human development: the Human Dignity Initiative (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

Subprogramme 5. Environment and natural resources development

Introduction

The subprogramme will be implemented by the Environment and Natural Resources Development Division.

The main objective of this subprogramme is to strengthen the national capacity of members and associate members to achieve sustainable development, as well as regional and subregional cooperation on protection of the environment and development and management of natural resources, taking into account the recommendations of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session, held in June 1997, the outcome of the 10-year review of Agenda 21 ("Rio + 10") scheduled to be held in 2002, and the priorities given by members and associate members of ESCAP at intergovernmental legislative meetings.

The focus of the subprogramme is on supporting efforts of member and associate member governments in the formulation and implementation of policies which integrate environmental considerations into overall social and economic development plans, as well as in specific sectors, such as land, water, mineral and energy resources and on capacity-building to undertake the related action towards poverty alleviation and development. At the national level, this entails training, improving regulatory mechanisms and legislative frameworks; medium- and long-term integrated planning and strategy development; and general awareness-raising and educational activities relating to sustainable development.

In the environment area of the subprogramme, it will promote, at the national level, the integration of environmental considerations into decision-making processes and, at the regional level, greater cooperation in the promotion of environmentally sound and sustainable development as a means for poverty alleviation. One of the key activities in this regard is the promotion of strategic environmental management in various sectors, including water and energy. Focus will be the follow-up of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000, in particular the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 2001-2005, and the 10-year review of Agenda 21 ("Rio + 10") in 2002 as well as the strengthening of the Northeast Asian Subregional Programme on Environmental Cooperation.

In matters related to space technology applications, the subprogramme will follow up on the recommendations of the Second Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, held in November 1999, to further strengthen the regional cooperative network and enhance national capacity in space technology applications through the implementation of the second phase of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP II). Efforts will be made to promote integrated applications of IT and space technology to address issues of common concern among countries of the region with regard to poverty alleviation, environmental and natural resources management, sustainable development planning and natural disaster mitigation.

The subprogramme aims to strengthen national capacity and regional and international cooperation in policy development and implementation of integrated and sustainable water, mineral and energy resources for sustainable development and management. Focus will be placed on emerging areas in water and mineral policy and implementation, such as enhanced and more integrated approaches to water resources management, public awareness-raising, and mineral resources development for poverty alleviation, and will assist governments in working towards greater utilization and implementation of geological information approaches to sustainable urban development. In energy conservation and efficiency and enhanced use of new and renewable sources of energy, capacity-building activities will focus on appropriate regulatory and economic measures and human resources development and will address issues related to enhanced energy services, promoting commercialization, demonstration and transfer of technology related to renewable energy resources and energy efficiency, regulatory measures, energy audit and labelling, trade and exchange of energy/electricity, the adoption of cleaner fuel and clean-fuel technologies. Due consideration will be given to the environmental and social aspects, including broadening access to energy services by the rural and urban poor, in particular women, in the efforts towards poverty alleviation in the region.

The countries of the region continue to experience very serious natural disasters, with the poor usually being affected the most. Regional and international cooperation will be strengthened through capacity-building activities and networking for the mitigation of natural disasters, thus contributing directly to poverty alleviation in the region.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, this subprogramme aims to benefit government officials and experts in the private, non-governmental and public sectors whose work relates to environmental management and the sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources, in particular those in the least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition.

The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as the readiness of member governments to participate in capacity-building efforts and cooperation activities; the availability of extrabudgetary sources to finance technical cooperation programmes; and changes in the political and economic environment, reflecting global and local economic conditions; and the outcome of the 10-year review of Agenda 21 ("Rio + 10") in 2002.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the objective and corresponding expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement will be as follows:

Objective: To strengthen the national capacity of members and associate members to achieve sustainable development, as well as regional and subregional cooperation in protection of the environment and development and management of natural resources, taking into account the recommendations of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session, held in June 1997, the outcome of the 10-year review of Agenda 21 ("Rio + 10") scheduled to be held in 2002, and the priorities given by members and associate members of ESCAP at intergovernmental legislative meetings.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Strengthened national capacity in the formulation of policies and planning relating to environmental management, sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources, in space technology applications and natural disaster mitigation.	(i) The number of country statements in Committee sessions indicating that the work of ESCAP contributed to the formulation of national policies and planning related to the concerned fields; (ii) The number of users of ESCAP studies indicating, in feedback forms, that research findings were of value to their work in the concerned fields; (iii) The demand for publications on issues related to environment and natural resources development policies; (iv) The number of countries adopting the Minimum Common Programme framework and implementing activities in space applications for poverty alleviation; (v) The number of advisory services rendered at the request of national governments; (vi) The number of TCDC arrangements facilitated by ESCAP; (vii) The number of cooperative activities with other United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations in the field of natural disaster reduction.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(b) Strengthened regional and subregional cooperation among countries in addressing common issues relating to environmental management, sustainable development of land, water, mineral and energy resources, and natural disaster mitigation and utilization of space technology applications.	(i) The number of countries involved with the implementation of regional and subregional action plans for enhanced implementation of national environmental action plans; (ii) The number of cooperative activities under the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (Phase II) of government organizations, educational institutions and the industrial sector; (iii) The number of transboundary cooperative activities on the sustainable development and management of energy resources promoted by ESCAP; (iv) The number of regional cooperative arrangements on the sustainable development and management of land, water and mineral resources promoted by ESCAP; (v) The number of visits to the ESCAP web site and the number of other web sites hyperlinking to the ESCAP web site; (vi) The number of users of ESCAP studies indicating, in feedback forms, that research findings were of values to their work in the concerned fields.
(c) Wider participation of NGOs, civil society and the private sector in the decision-making process and implementation of policies and decisions related to sustainable development and management of natural resources, taking into account the gender perspective.	(i) The number of activities of ESCAP in which NGOs, civil society and the private sector participated; (ii) The number of NGOs, civil society and the private sector requesting ESCAP for data and information on the sustainable environment and natural resources development; (iii) The number of gender concerns documented in the recommendations of ESCAP meetings and regional and subregional action plans promoted by ESCAP.

Outputs

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

5-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishment (b))

(b) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development:

5-1-103 Plenary (2002) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5-1-104 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishment (b))

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*(a) Commission:

- 5-1-201 Reports of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-1-202 Report on policies and issues related to sustainable energy development and management, on the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (2002) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-1-203 Report on the implementation of resolution 56/3 on regional cooperation on space applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

(b) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development:

- 5-1-204 Reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 5-1-205 Report on sustainable energy development and management (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 5-1-206 Report on follow-up to the Second Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):*

- 5-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on end-use energy efficiency and promotion of a sustainable energy future (2002) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on policies for promotion and integration of space applications for poverty alleviation (2003) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-1-303 Ad hoc expert group on policy options and planning in sustainable development of land and mineral resources in Asia (2002) (Expected accomplishment (a))

4. *Assistance to intergovernmental bodies under their established mandates:*

- 5-1-401 Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

- 5-2-101 Environment and Natural Resources Development News (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 5-2-102 Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific, 1999-2000 (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-103 Energy Resources Development Series: End-use Energy Efficiency and Promotion of a Sustainable Energy Future (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-2-104 Atlas of Mineral Resources of the ESCAP Region (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-105 Mineral Resources Assessment, Development and Management Series (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

- 5-2-106 Mineral Concentrations and Hydrocarbon Accumulations in the ESCAP Region Series (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-107 Atlas of Urban Geology Series (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-108 Water Resources Journal (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-109 Water Resources Series (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-110 Asian-Pacific Remote Sensing and GIS Journal (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*
- 5-2-301 Towards the achievement of sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific: policies and actions (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-302 Strategic environmental management: status and implementation, South Asia (2002) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-303 Strategic environmental management: status and implementation, South-East Asia (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-304 Information and communication technologies and the environment (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-2-305 Development of sustainable energy systems in remote areas (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-306 Energy policies and measures for improvement of fuel efficiency in motor vehicles (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-2-307 Study on the framework of an association of regional space industries to support sustainable development (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*
- 5-2-401 Manual on the preparation and negotiation of mineral investment agreements (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):*
- 5-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Environment on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd/enviro>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 5-2-502 ESCAP Homepage on the Northeast Asian Subregional Programme on Environmental Cooperation on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd/enviro/neaspec>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 5-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on Energy on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd/energy>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 5-2-504 ESCAP Homepage on Space Technology Applications Programme for Sustainable Development on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd/space>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 5-2-505 ESCAP Homepage on Water and Mineral Resources on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd/water>>, <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd/minerals>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

5-2-506 ESCAP Homepage on Partnership and Policy Networking in Sustainable Development in Natural Resources on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/enrd>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

6. *Exhibits:*

5-2-601 Exhibits for World Space Week (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

5-2-701 Information kits on the implementation of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

5-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, NGOs, civil society groups, national institutions and the private sector, on the implementation of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

5-3-002 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Commission on Sustainable Development and UNEP, on the 10-year review of Agenda 21 ("Rio + 10") and the Commission on Sustainable Development (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5-3-003 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, regional and subregional organizations such as ASEAN, BIMST-EC, ECO, SAARC, SPECA and NGOs and the private sector on matters related to capacity-building in the area of sustainable energy development (5 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

5-3-004 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and regional initiatives, including the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites, the Asian Conference on Remote Sensing, the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, the Asia-Pacific Multilateral Cooperation on Space Technology Applications and the ASEAN Subcommittee on Space Applications, on matters related to space technology applications (3 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5-3-005 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the ACC Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities, on matters related to space technology applications (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5-3-006 Organization and servicing of the inter-agency task force meeting on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development under the aegis of the environment and development advocacy (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

5-3-007 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, ASEAN, CCOP, ECO, Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation, the International Aral Sea Rehabilitation Fund, the Mekong River Commission, SPECA, SOPAC, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's Subcommittee for the Western Pacific, research institutions, NGOs and the private sector, on matters relating to sustainable development of land, water and mineral resources (6 in 2002, 6 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))

5-3-008 Collaboration with United Nations agencies/focal points and the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources on regional activities related to the World Day for Water (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

- 5-3-009 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources Development and the Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, on regional activities related to the International Day for Disaster Reduction and matters related to natural resources and disaster reduction (3 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB) Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 5-3-010 Technical and substantive support for the Typhoon Committee (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-3-011 Technical and substantive support for the Panel on Tropical Cyclones (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-3-012 Organization and servicing of the Inter-agency Task Force on Water for Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-3-013 Collaboration and substantive support to the RCM Thematic Working Group on Rio + 10 (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):

- 5-4-101 Advisory services on strategic environmental management (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-4-102 Advisory services on the implementation of the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-4-103 Advisory services on sustainable development and management of energy resources, energy-efficiency policy measures in supply- and demand-side management, and the promotion of renewable energy technologies (3 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-4-104 Advisory services on space technology applications for environment and sustainable development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-4-105 Advisory services on water and mineral resources development and management, environmental geology and natural disaster reduction (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):

- 5-4-201 Meetings/workshops on environmental cooperation in North-East Asia (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (60 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-4-202 Regional, subregional and national workshops to promote the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, 2000 (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (160 participants) (Expected accomplishments (b), (c))
- 5-4-203 Regional and national workshops/training on sustainable energy policies and strategies, energy efficiency and renewable energy (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB/XB) (160 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-4-204 Seminars/workshops on natural disaster reduction and environmental and urban geology (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-4-205 Meetings of regional working groups on major space applications sectors (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))

- 5-4-206 Regional seminars/workshops on the development of space technology applications for the Minimum Common Programme (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-4-207 Training workshops on space technology applications for sustainable development and poverty alleviation (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 5-4-208 Meetings of the Dialogue Forum on harmonization of regional initiatives on space technology applications (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-4-209 Seminars/workshops on water and mineral resources development and management (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (c))

3. *Fellowships:*

- 5-4-301 TCDC arrangements to facilitate exchange of information and experience and transfer of technologies in the area of environmental management, sustainable water, mineral and energy development, renewable energy and/or energy efficiency (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-4-302 Long-term fellowships on space technology applications (5 in 2002, 5 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 5-4-303 Medium-term fellowships on space technology applications (5 in 2002, 5 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

4. *Field projects (country, subregional, regional, interregional):*

- 5-4-401 Regional cooperative projects on space technology applications for sustainable development and poverty alleviation under the Minimum Common Programme of RESAP (Phase II) (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))

Subprogramme 6. Transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development

Introduction

The substantive responsibility for this subprogramme lies with the Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development Division.

The main objective of the subprogramme is to develop sustainable, efficient, environmentally sound and socially acceptable transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure within the framework of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1997-2006) and the Plan of Action for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Asian and Pacific Region (1999-2005).

The activities are aimed at assisting countries of the region in developing and operationalizing an integrated transport network to support mobility, trade and tourism through the completion of the missing links and upgrading of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway, and by improvements in shipping and intermodal connections, including ports. Activities will be undertaken to upgrade transport efficiency through the identification and removal of physical and non-physical impediments and by strengthening human resources capabilities to address transport logistics, facilitation, commercialization and globalization issues more effectively. Attention will be given to achieving sustainable growth in tourism by strengthening policy development capabilities and enhancing regional cooperation through, for example, the Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism (APETIT).

The subprogramme will support the development of safe and sustainable transport by assisting countries to develop and implement transport safety plans, rules and regulations, by adopting an integrated and interactive approach to urban transport planning and by mitigating the impact of transport on the environment. Focus will also be on integrating social concerns into transport, tourism and infrastructure development policies through, for example, people-centred and participatory approaches.

This will be achieved through the organization of intergovernmental and expert group meetings; the collection, analysis and dissemination of data and information on transport, communications and tourism to enhance awareness of critical regional issues and sustainable strategies for development; the promotion of regional and subregional cooperation in addressing common issues and problems, including resource constraints; the development and delivery of training materials and the provision of advisory services for capacity-building in the field of transport, communications and tourism; and collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies, regional associations and NGOs, including the private sector.

Changes in focus and emphasis of the subprogramme for the biennium 2002-2003 include increased utilization of the Internet as a means of disseminating delivered outputs; strategies to encourage closer cooperation and exchange of information between key players in the transport sector through, for example, convening meetings of chief executives of railways and highways, a tripartite forum between shipowners, shippers and ports, and regional meetings of freight forwarder associations; renewed efforts to increase cooperation between the United Nations and the business community in line with the guidelines issued by the Secretary-General; emphasis on the institutional aspects of involving relevant stakeholders in policy-making and the project cycle; greater integration of social concerns into transport, tourism and infrastructure development policies; greater emphasis on HRD and training; and emphasis on the application of ICT, in the areas of efficient transport and logistics systems, intelligent transport systems and tourism.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, this subprogramme aims to benefit senior policy makers, policy advisers and other stakeholders who are in a position to initiate or influence the direction of policy changes, as well as public and private sector business undertakings. Activities will then be designed to assist working-level officials who are responsible for implementing programmes and projects. The subprogramme outputs will also be used by international organizations; intergovernmental organizations; educational, research, professional and training institutions; NGOs and other civil society groups, as well as the private sector. Emphasis will continue to be given to addressing the specific needs of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition.

The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as the willingness and commitment of member governments to create an environment conducive to improved transport and logistics systems; the necessity for all countries on a corridor to facilitate cross-border and transit movements; the effective participation of key stakeholders in the decision-making process; the willingness and commitment of governments to incorporate environmental, safety and social issues in national agendas; the provision/availability of IT infrastructure; and the availability of extrabudgetary resources. Among major changes that would contribute positively to the achievement of the subprogramme objective is the continuing and increasing recognition by member governments of the importance of regional economic cooperation in an era of globalization.

For the biennium 2002-2003, the objective and corresponding expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement would be as follows:

Objective: To develop sustainable, efficient, environmentally sound and socially acceptable transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure within the framework of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1997-2006) and the Plan of Action for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Asian and Pacific Region (1999-2005).

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Improved transport infrastructure, maintenance and intermodal transport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of countries indicating that recommendations arising from legislative meetings and other activities have been appropriately accommodated in planned developments at the national and subregional levels; (ii) The number of countries adopting reforms for the sustainable maintenance of transport infrastructure.
(b) Increased capacity to improve the efficiency of transport operations through reduced physical and non-physical barriers to the movement of transport; improved transport logistics; increased awareness of ICT policies and applications; enhanced capacity to deliver training programmes on transport; and increased participation of key stakeholders in the transport process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of countries initiating action to improve transport logistics, including multimodal transport, facilitation of cross-border and transit movements of goods, people and vehicles, and private sector participation; (ii) Action plans developed to address ICT issues in the transport and other infrastructure sectors; (iii) The number of countries delivering training materials developed by ESCAP; (iv) The number of countries in which the government or private sector officials or NGOs and community-based organizations indicate that participation in transport programmes has helped to promote coordinated policy development.
(c) Strengthened capacity of tourism planners in policy formulation and planning, and increased cooperation among tourism agencies and organizations, and educational and training institutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Follow-up action taken by countries arising out of advisory services, group training and joint meetings; (ii) Active participation by countries in APETIT and TCDC activities initiated.
(d) Increased awareness of the environmental, safety, social and other impacts of transport, tourism and other infrastructure; enhanced capacity to develop policies to address those issues on a sustainable basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Follow-up activities initiated by countries to improve safety in the transport sector; (ii) The number of countries indicating that recommendations to institutionalize integrated and interactive approaches to transport planning have been appropriately accommodated; (iii) The number of countries indicating the adoption of policies and plans to encourage traffic to move to environmentally sound modes of transport; (iv) Follow-up action taken by member countries to adopt policies and concepts to reduce the environmental impact of transport development and operations; (v) The number of countries acquiring knowledge of participatory approaches to infrastructure development; (vi) Action plans developed to address social issues, promoted by ESCAP.

Outputs

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I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

6-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

6-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

(b) Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development:

6-1-103 Plenary (2002) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

6-1-104 Plenary (2003) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

2. Parliamentary documentation:

(a) Commission:

6-1-201 Report of the Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

6-1-202 Report on implementation of Commission resolutions 48/11 on road and rail transport modes in relation to facilitation measures and 52/9 on intra-Asia and Asia-Europe land bridges (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

6-1-203 Report on the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))

(b) Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development:

6-1-204 Report on implementation of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

6-1-205 Reports on issues related to transport, communications, tourism and infrastructure development (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))

6-1-206 Report on implementation of the joint ESCAP/ECE Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia in the field of transport and border-crossing (2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):

6-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on networking of inland water transport and dredging institutions (2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB/XB)

1. Mandated recurrent publications:

6-2-101 Review of the Developments in Transport, Communications and Other Infrastructure (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))

6-2-102 Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))

6-2-103 ESCAP Tourism Review (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

- 6-2-301 Revised Asian Highway network (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (a))
- 6-2-302 Guidelines on road accident costing (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (d))
- 6-2-303 Trans-Asian Railway development (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-2-304 Promotion of tourism along the Trans-Asian Railway (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (c), (d))
- 6-2-305 Training material on multimodal transport and logistics (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-2-306 Manual on the modernization of inland water transport for integration within the multimodal transport system (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-2-307 Urban transport planning choices for sustainable development (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 6-2-308 Policy issues related to barrier-free tourism for people with disabilities and older persons (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (c), (d))
- 6-2-309 Policy issues on sustainable tourism development (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

- 6-2-401 Economic appraisal of railway infrastructure development projects (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):*

- 6-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/tctd/>> (quarterly updating, 2002-2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 6-2-502 ESCAP Homepage on the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/tctd.rap-tab.htm>> (biannual updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c), (d))
- 6-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on the Asian Highway on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/tctd/ah.htm>> (biannual updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-2-504 ESCAP Homepage on the Trans-Asian Railway on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/tctd/tar>> (biannual updating, 2002-2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))

9. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

- 6-2-901 Refining and updating of the ESCAP database on transport and infrastructure (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-2-902 Updating maritime information on the Internet (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-2-903 Guidelines for the improvement of logistics facilities to expand port hinterlands (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

- 6-2-904 Dissemination of resource materials with respect to WTO negotiations on trade and services (maritime transport) (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

- 6-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, APEC, APT, ASEAN, BIMST-EC, Commonwealth of Independent States, ECO, EU, Forum Secretariat, Islamic Development Bank, Mekong River Commission, OECD, OSShD and SAARC in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (6 in 2002, 7 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-3-002 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including other regional commissions, UNCTAD, UNDP, the Secretariat of the Tumen River Area Development Programme (UNDP), UNCITRAL, ILO, ICAO, ITU, IMO, UPU and the World Bank in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (3 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-3-003 Collaboration with NGOs, including AFFA, APAA, Asia-Pacific Conference on Transportation and the Environment, ASCOBIPS, FASA, FIATA, the Global Infrastructure Fund, the Global Road Safety Partnership, IAPH, UIC, IRCA, PIARC, PIANC, IRF, IRU and the World Development Council in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (5 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-3-004 Collaboration with the private sector, including the Asia Infrastructure Development Alliance, in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-3-005 Collaboration with the World Tourism Organization, PATA and other tourism-related organizations on tourism development activities (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 6-3-006 Participation in the network of centres of excellence relating to urban transport planning in sharing regional experiences in planning choices for sustainable transport development and for improved education, training and research (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 6-3-007 Participation in the activities of the ESCAP/ECE Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, including participation by secretariat officials in the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):

- 6-4-101 Advisory services on land transport development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-102 Advisory services on transport facilitation (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-4-103 Advisory services on shipping and port development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-4-104 Advisory services on the development of inland water transport (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

- 6-4-105 Advisory services on multimodal transport and logistics (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-106 Advisory services on sustainable transportation development (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 6-4-107 Advisory services on private sector participation in infrastructure development (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 6-4-108 Advisory services on ICT in the infrastructure sectors (2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-109 Advisory services on strengthening national capabilities in the sustainable development of tourism (2002) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (c), (d))

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):*

- 6-4-201 Seminars/workshops on transport infrastructure development, maintenance and facilitation (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-202 Seminars/workshops on the use of ICT in developing infrastructure facilities and services (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-203 Training workshops on sustainable transport development (2002) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-204 Seminar/workshop on the promotion of private sector participation in infrastructure development (2002) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-205 Seminar on participatory planning and conflict management in infrastructure development (2002) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 6-4-206 Seminar on infrastructure and logistics in support of development at the subnational level (2003) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishments (b), (d))
- 6-4-207 Tripartite forum between shipowners, shippers and ports (2002) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-4-208 Seminar on private sector participation in ports (2002) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (d))
- 6-4-209 Regional seminar on the liberalization of maritime services (2002) (RB/XB) (50 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-4-210 Seminar on the improvement of logistics facilities in ports (2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-4-211 Seminars and workshops on freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-4-212 Regional meeting of freight forwarders associations (2002) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-4-213 Regional forum on maritime manpower planning, training and employment (2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 6-4-214 Seminar on commercial navigation on international rivers (2002) (RB/XB) (25 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-4-215 Seminar on the integration of inland water transport infrastructure within intermodal transport networks (2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))

- 6-4-216 Seminars on strengthening national capabilities in the sustainable development of tourism (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishments (c), (d))
- 6-4-217 Regional meetings on tourism education and training (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (150 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 6-4-218 Regional meetings on the promotion of tourism in the Greater Mekong Subregion (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (100 participants) (Expected accomplishment (c))
- 6-4-219 Regional seminar on barrier-free tourism for people with disabilities and older persons (2002) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishments (c), (d))
- 6-4-220 Meeting of railway chief executives (2003) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-4-221 Meetings of highway chief executives (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (60 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b))
- 6-4-222 Seminar/workshop on environmentally sound and safe transport (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (30 participants) (Expected accomplishment (d))

3. *Fellowships:*

- 6-4-301 TCDC arrangements on tourism development and training (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (20 participants) (Expected accomplishments (c), (d))

Subprogramme 7. Statistics

Introduction

The subprogramme, under the guidance of the Committee on Statistics, serves to implement activities mandated by the Committee with respect to its terms of reference, under the responsibility of the Statistics Division. In acting as the focus of regional statistical development, the Committee shall perform, among others, the following functions: (a) review and analyse progress in the development of statistics in the region; (b) play the focal role in promoting close coordination of all aspects of the statistical activities of specialized agencies, relevant United Nations bodies and other international organizations in regard to their work in the Asian and Pacific region, inter alia, so to achieve greater uniformity in concepts and definitions, reduce to a minimum the response burden on national statistical offices, and maximize the effectiveness of technical cooperation activities; (c) review and evaluate the activities of the secretariat in the areas of statistics and computerized information processing and provide guidance on the work of the secretariat; and (d) work closely with other subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and coordinate activities with them.

The objective of the subprogramme is to improve the statistical capabilities of the countries/areas of the region for informed decision-making and to promote their use of IT in the public sector, and to make comparable statistical information on the region widely and promptly available.

Towards improving statistical capabilities, efforts will be made to assist countries in the strengthening of national statistical infrastructure and to promote improvements in the quality of statistics, the international comparability of data and the appropriate application of new techniques. The changes are expected to be accomplished through the exchange of information on and experience in statistical work and methods among countries which may be implemented through relevant technical meetings and advisory services. As adherence to international standards helps to improve the quality of data and international comparability, countries would be encouraged and assisted to participate in the development, revision, testing and implementation of international statistical standards. The dissemination of statistical data on the countries of the region serves to provide data relating to different countries for the convenience of users. It also identifies data gaps more clearly and thus encourages countries to fill them. As national statistical offices are generally pioneers in the use of computer technology, the advent of IT has helped them realize their potential more fully in the provision of statistical services to users. Nevertheless, the rapid pace of IT development has stretched the capacity of the public sector to fully exploit that potential, and the secretariat's efforts in promoting the application of that technology have been well received. The major changes which the subprogramme brings about, in terms of new knowledge and shared experience, will help to enhance national capabilities in delivering statistical services.

Objective for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

In pursuing the objective set out in the table below, the subprogramme aims to benefit national statistical organizations, and the public and private sector entities which directly use their products, by keeping statisticians abreast of developments in international statistical standards and statistical methodology and the application of IT, as well as users more generally through the availability of statistical data on countries in the region.

The level of success in achieving the expected accomplishments is influenced by the willingness of member governments to accord priority to the work of statistical development in national development plans; the level of cooperation of various organizations within and outside the United Nations system, including NGOs which are concerned with statistical development in the region; and the willingness of the Governing Board of SIAP to reflect the decisions and recommendations of the Committee on Statistics when formulating SIAP training programmes for statisticians in Asia and the Pacific. Success in achieving the expected accomplishments may also be influenced by the availability of extrabudgetary resources to supplement the work undertaken under the subprogramme. The continued willingness of member governments to supply relevant information to the secretariat in a timely manner is another important external factor.

Objective: To improve the statistical capabilities of the countries and areas of the region for informed decision-making and to promote their use of IT in the public sector, and to make comparable statistical information on the region widely and promptly available.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Increased capacity in the region, especially in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, to identify, collect, process, analyse and utilize the data needed for national development, including the capacity to support analysis of gender issues, poverty characteristics and emerging economic and social problems.	(i) The volume of quality data, especially those of contemporary concern, produced by countries in the region; (ii) The number of countries subscribing to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) and adhering to the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS); (iii) The number of countries with evidence-based policies on gender issues and on poverty; (iv) The number of participants, especially from the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, indicating that meetings and training by ESCAP have made a significant contribution to their capacity.
(b) Improved coordination, collaboration and sharing of information on statistical development and statistical standards in the region, and improved availability of comparable statistical data on countries of the region.	(i) The provision by countries in the region of papers for legislative and technical meetings; (ii) The level of participation by countries and agencies in regional statistical forums; (iii) The quality and quantity of data disseminated by or available with the secretariat; (iv) The number of users of ESCAP statistical publications indicating, in feedback forms, that data and information provided by ESCAP were of value to their work; (v) The number of joint statistical programmes and activities developed between ESCAP and other organizations; (vi) The number of visits to the ESCAP Homepage on Statistics.
(c) More systematic IT planning and adoption of more coherent policies in this field.	(i) The number of countries and national statistical services adopting IT plans and strategies; (ii) The number of national statistical and information technology-related web sites in the region.

Outputs

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

7-1-101 Plenary and committees (2002) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)
(Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

7-1-102 Plenary and committees (2003) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)
(Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

(b) Committee on Statistics:

7-1-103 Plenary (2002) (6 meetings) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

- 7-1-201 Report on issues related to statistics (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
7-1-202 Report of the Committee on Statistics (2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

(b) Committee on Statistics:

- 7-1-203 Report of the Working Group of Statistical Experts (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
7-1-204 Reports on issues related to statistics (4 in 2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
7-1-205 Report on issues in computerization in the public sector as they affect national statistical offices (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (c))
7-1-206 Report on activities of the secretariat since the twelfth session of the Committee (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work (intermediate outputs):*

- 7-1-301 Working Group of Statistical Experts (2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES (RB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

- 7-2-101 Statistical Newsletter (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
7-2-102 Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))
7-2-103 Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific (2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))
7-2-104 Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific (4 in 2002, 4 in 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))
7-2-105 Asia-Pacific in Figures (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, video tapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes (number of the activities for each type):*

- 7-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Statistics on the World Wide Web <<http://www.unescap.org/stat>> (weekly updating, 2002-2003) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

6. *Exhibits:*

- 7-2-601 Exhibit for the Committee on Statistics (2002) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

- 7-2-701 Fact sheets on general/thematic statistics (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

9. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

- 7-2-901 Data disseminated on the electronic media (Internet, CD-ROM, diskettes etc.) (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

- 7-2-902 Operation and maintenance of the ESCAP Statistical Information System (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))
- 7-2-903 Responses to ad hoc requests from outside users for statistical information (2002, 2003) (Expected accomplishment (b))

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON (RB/XB)

- 7-3-001 Collaboration with national and supranational organizations outside the United Nations system, including the East-West Center, the ASEAN secretariat and the Pacific Community (4 in 2002, 3 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 7-3-002 Collaboration with NGOs, including the International Statistical Institute (2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 7-3-003 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Statistical Commission, regional conferences of statisticians and the FAO Asia-Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics (1 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 7-3-004 Collaboration with the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 7-3-005 Technical and substantive support to UNFPA Country Technical Services Teams in the region (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 7-3-006 Technical and substantive support to SIAP, including assistance in the organization of group training (2002, 2003) (RB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments (number of missions):

- 7-4-101 Advisory services on statistics on gender issues, other aspects of socio-economic statistics and indicators and application of IT (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (number of events and number of officials to be trained):

- 7-4-201 Regional/subregional workshops on gender issues and other aspects of social and demographic statistics, including the follow-up to global conferences (2002, 2003) (RB/XB) (40 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))
- 7-4-202 Regional/subregional workshops on economic and environment statistics, including national accounts and environmental accounting, and the application of IT (2 in 2002, 2 in 2003) (RB/XB) (80 participants) (Expected accomplishments (a), (b), (c))