

**Coordination of capacity building activities:
Progress note by task team 2 on regional training centers**

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1. At the 10th CCSA Session in September 2007, UNSD, the lead agency of Task Team 2, presented an inventory of training activities and centers. Given that activities by international agencies would be normally reported by Task Team 1 and other regional initiatives would be covered by Task Team 3, the Committee agreed this Task Team would focus only on training centers with a regional reach. This would include regional centers as well as national centers that provide training to official statisticians outside the country.
2. Building on the work undertaken by the Paris21 Task Team on Training, the following preliminary listing of currently active regional training institutes with a strong statistical orientation was drawn up:

Africa:

- Institut de Formation et de Recherche Demographiques, Cameroon
- Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée, Cote d'Ivoire
- Institut National de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée, Morocco
- East African Statistical Training Centre, Tanzania
- Makerere University – Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics, Uganda

Asia/Pacific:

- Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC), Fiji
- UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Tokyo, Japan
- Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, Jordan
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community, New Caledonia

Europe:

- Institut de Statistique de L'Université Paris 6, France
- Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique, France
- InWent Centre for Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics, Germany
- Training of European Statisticians (TES) Institute, Luxembourg

- Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, Turkey

Americas:

- IMF Institute, Washington, United States
 - U.S. Census Bureau –International Programs Center, United States
 - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics – International Labor Statistics Center, United States
 - El Centro Regional Conjunto de Capacitacion para America Latina, Brazil
3. CCSA members are invited to comment on the preliminary listing. In particular, assistance is sought in identifying national training centers that are open to international/regional participation.
 4. With respect to the information to be collected on each training programme the following items are suggested:
 - Type of training (longterm, degree, diploma, short course, etc.)
 - Frequency (regular, ad-hoc, etc.)
 - Target group of trainees (professional, service staff, users, all)
 - Regional coverage (incl. languages used)
 - Statistical subject matter coverage
 - Financial background information: Source of sponsorship/ownership (international/regional organization, country); Funding options for trainees
 - Contact information (websites)
 5. The task team will consult during the Commission week on the possible refinement of this framework to be used to systematically collect information in the coming months. Comments of all CCSA members, both on the list of institutions to be contacted, as well as on the information items to be asked are welcome by 15 March 2008.
 6. UNSD will collect the information during the months of April/May 2008 and develop an appropriate presentational format for the inventory to be put in a user-friendly manner on the CCSA website, as requested by the committee.
 7. As the mandate given to the task teams also included an invitation to review the effectiveness of the various training activities and to reflect on ways in which CCSA can assist in improving the delivery of regional training, the final report of the task team to be delivered to the September session of CCSA, will include comments and proposals to this effect.