

Singapore's Activities in International Statistical Co-operation

In Singapore, international statistical co-operation is primarily technical and informal in nature. This follows from the key guiding principles that human resource development and knowledge transfer are the most vital elements for building up the national statistical infrastructures.

Regional cooperation in statistics is bilateral as well as multi-lateral and range from exchanges of views between individual officers in the national statistical offices to formal meetings and workshops.

The modes of cooperation are described below.

The most common modes of bilateral cooperation are the exchange of email and official visits. The Singapore Department of Statistics has hosted visits by delegations from various national statistical offices in the region.

The mechanisms for multi-lateral cooperation include meetings on statistical issues and training workshops. The Department has participated in global discussions of a wide range of diverse statistical issues (e.g. services statistics, industrial statistics) and has provided the national perspective in the development of international statistical framework.

The Department has also hosted and participated in regional meetings to review progress and develop plans on regional statistical programmes.