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Draft implementation plan

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Overview

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Roles of the Steering Group

- Direct the development of the implementation plan for the RP
- In consultation with the secretariat, identify the short-term and long-term priorities and establish milestones for the implementation
- Provide strategic and technical advice (day-to-day management, monitor progress in its implementation and propose adjustments)
- Provide guidance, as relevant, to the Subgroup on Agricultural Statistics (establish to support the integration of a regional implementation plan for the global strategy for the improvement of the agricultural and rural statistics into the RP)

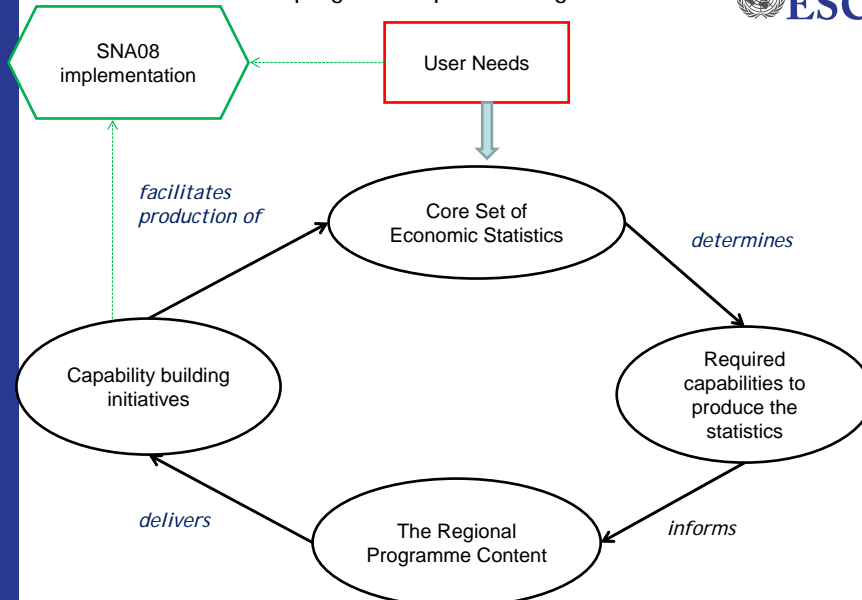
Regional Programme

- **Goal** - to improve the soundness of economic analysis and decision-making by governments, the private sector, the research community and the public through increased availability and effective use of timely, reliable and comparable economic statistics.
- **Expected outcome** - by 2020, the NSSs of ESCAP member States have the capacity to produce and disseminate, in accordance with internationally agreed statistical standards and good practices, the Core Set required for short- and long-term economic analysis and decision-making by both government and non-government sectors

Regional Programme (cont.)

- Based on four pillars of capacity development:
 - human resource skills development
 - a limited number of key statistical infrastructure elements
 - methodological transparency
 - statistical advocacy
- Support capacity development in these areas through a flexible mix of complementary activities, addressing both common needs among countries and country-specific requirements

Framework for developing and implementing the RP



Where are we now

- Regional Programme endorsed by Committee (Dec 2010)
- Core Set endorsed by the Committee (Dec 2010)
- Commission Resolution 67/10 on Core Set (May 2011)
- In-country assessments (Jan – Apr 2011)
- Steering Group established in June 2011
- Draft outline of the implementation plan
- Seminar in October 2011

Related initiatives/developments

- Working group on the Regional Coordination of Statistical Training – strategy for the coordination of statistical training programmes in Asia-Pacific
- Partners for statistics development in Asia-Pacific – improving the combined impact of capacity building activities through enhanced coordination, synergy and complementarity among partners
- Steering Group for Agricultural Statistics - developing regional implementation plan for the *Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics*.
- Pacific Strategy 2020
- Implementation of 2008 SNA

Next steps

- Develop the implementation plan (including budget and detail work plan)
- Secure partner commitment
- Secure country commitments
- Secure necessary resources
- Begin implementation sometimes in **2012**

Implementation plan - purpose

- Operationalize the strategy outlined in the Regional programme
 - elaborate and clarify implementation arrangements: implementation, governance, management, monitoring, etc
 - set targets
 - identify the short-term and long-term priorities
 - establish activities
 - group countries
 - develop budget and work plan

Proposed Structure of the IP

- A. Project Definition
- B. Governance
- C. Scope/Deliverables
- D. Implementation Schedule/Milestones
- E. Work Breakdown Structure
- F. Resources
- G. Stakeholder Management
- H. Sustainability
- I. Risks and assumptions
- J. Oversight, monitoring and reporting

Proposed Structure of the IP

- A. Project Definition
 - “....develop the capacity of ESCAP members ... to produce a core set of economic statistics by 2020 ...”
- B. Governance
 - Committee on Statistics has ultimate ownership
 - Steering group will be long standing body in place for duration of programme, will direct the development of the implementation plan, will provide advice to secretariat on management of plan
 - NSO of participating countries will serve as focal point for entire NSS

Proposed Structure of the IP

- C. Scope/Deliverables
 - Core set of statistics is live document to be periodically reviewed
 - Manage diversity of region by grouping countries and establishing targets for each group of countries

- D. Implementation Schedule/Milestones
 - Defining milestones/targets for each of the groups
 - Developing statistical infrastructure, GDDS, SDDS, assisting implementation

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Proposed Structure of the IP

- E. Work Breakdown Structure
 - Provide detail behind each key activity
 - Seven components of program

- F. Resources
 - What resources are required?
 - What resources are available?
 - How to involve Partners in supporting programme

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Proposed Structure of the IP

- G. Stakeholder Management
 - Identify key stakeholders
 - Develop strategies for engaging the stakeholders

- H. Sustainability
 - How to ensure the sustainability of programme

- I. Risks and assumptions
 - Identifying and managing the risks to the programme

Proposed Structure of the IP

- J. Oversight, monitoring and reporting
 - Conduct regular assessments of capacity
 - Provide stakeholders with periodic reports on progress
 - Review and modify programme on regular basis

- K. Proposed Annexes

Proposed Structure of the IP (cont.)

- Annexes
 - Logical Framework, showing hierarchy of objectives, expected results, reach, performance indicators, indicative targets/timeframe, and assumptions/risk
 - Work Plan
 - Budget
 - Groupings of Statistics
 - Groupings of Countries
 - Key components of the regional program
 - Capacity building agencies operating in the Asia and Pacific region

Discussion

- Is the proposed approach acceptable?
- Is the IP comprehensive?
- How detail should the IP be?

Thank you