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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
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
   - “….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

• 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
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

• 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