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the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Asia-Pacific in the global system

The Future of Economic Statistics
Agenda item 5 Standards Setting

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Who is ESCAP?

The **United Nations** **E**conomic and **S**ocial **C**ommission for **A**sia and the **P**acific

"…the regional development arm of the United Nations for the Asia-Pacific region"

One of five Regional Commissions of the United Nations

Works closely with other UN programmes and agencies, the Asian Development Bank, NGOs and civil society

53 Member States (including China) and 9 Associate Members

Two thirds of the world's population is located in the ESCAP region. China is ranked No. 1 by population.

SDG data availability in Asia-Pacific by development dimension
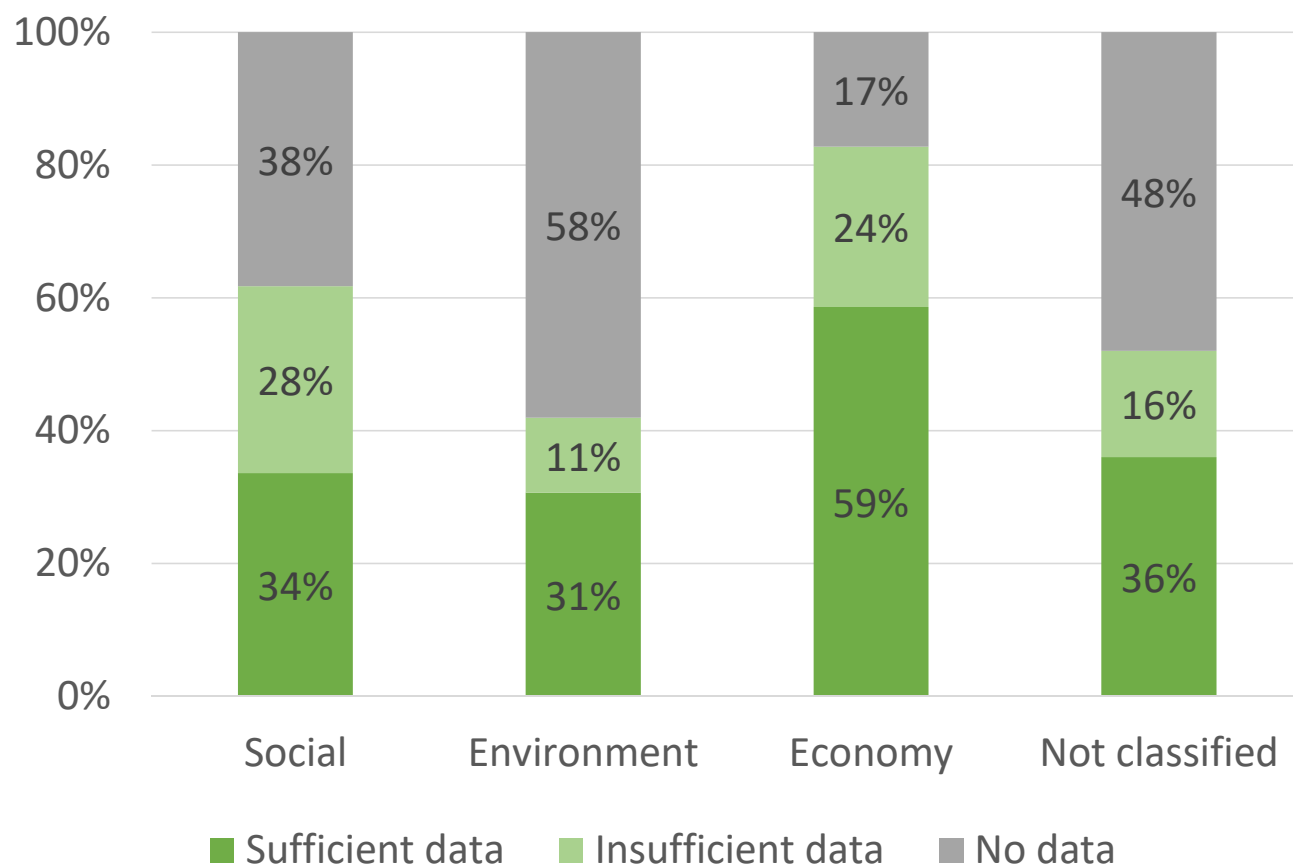
Economy: SDGs 8, 9, 29 indicators

Social: SDGs 1-5; 10-11; 16, 128 indicators

Environment: SDGs 6,7; 12-15, 62 indicators

Not classified: SDG 17, 25 indicators

Key messages

Lots of data gaps

- But data availability for economic statistics is pretty good

Lots of 'technical assistance' required
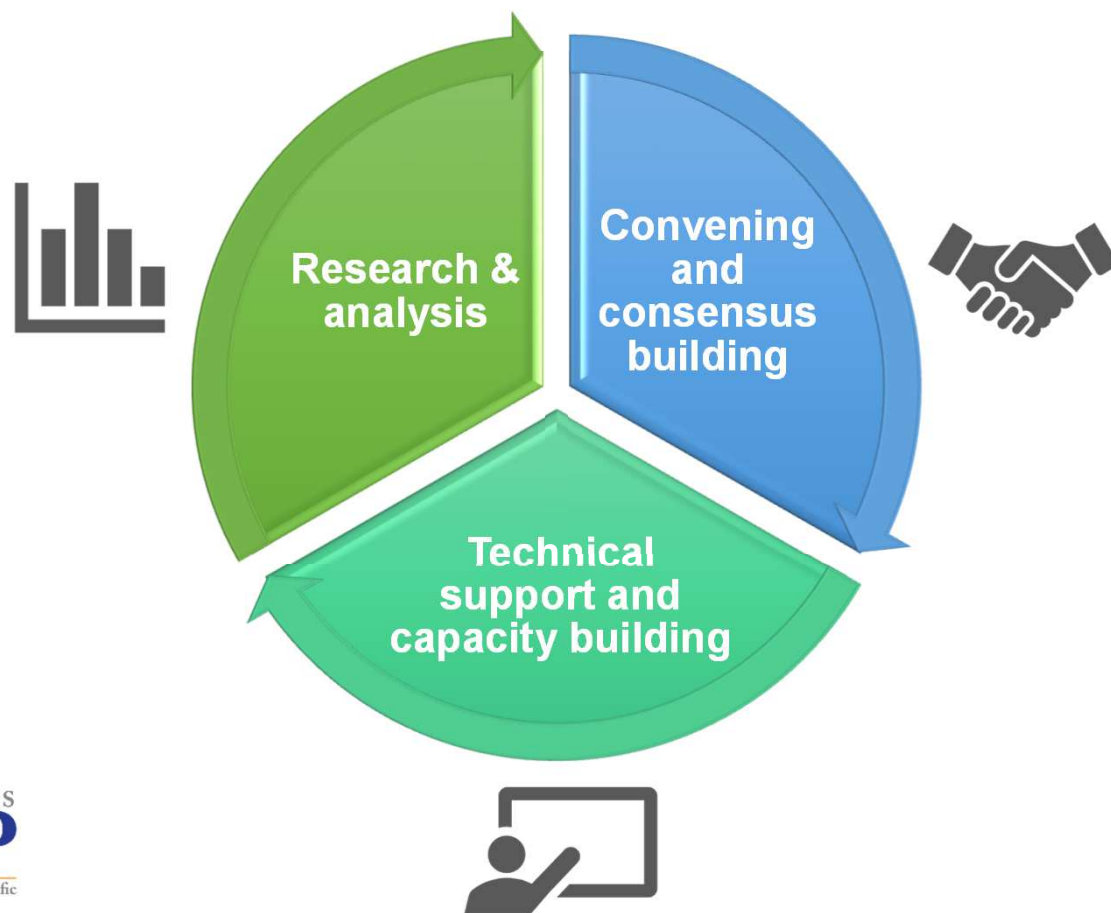
- How should countries actually produce these indicators?

Lots of 'statistical infrastructure' gaps

- What are the 'killer statistics' in a SEEA account? What is the GDP equivalent?
- How do we integrate all dimensions of sustainable development?
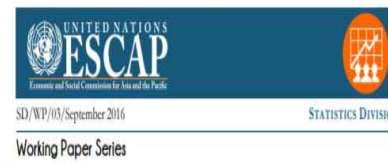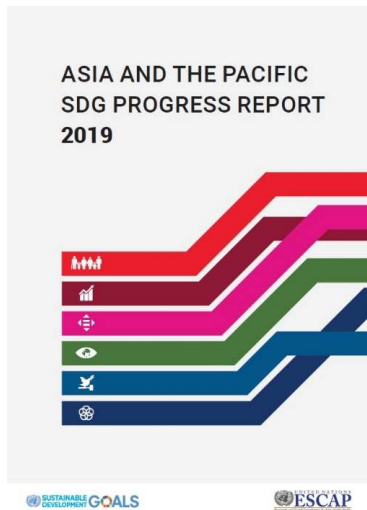- Is the economic-social-environmental distinction holding us back?

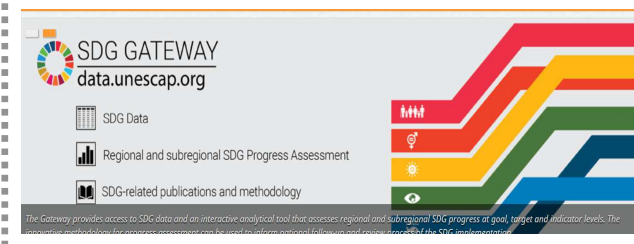# Three key approaches to standard setting by UN ESCAP

Research and Analysis

Knowledge Products

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The Supply and Use Framework - understanding its importance

Supply and Use Tables are one of the building blocks of economic and environmental accounting and a quality assurance tool for computing reliable GDP figures and other macroeconomic aggregates. This Stats Brief introduces the main concepts and definitions concerning the Supply and Use Framework and gives a snapshot of current compilation of Supply and Use Tables in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Supply and Use Tables (SUTs) are an essential part of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and System of Environmental-Economic Accounts (SEEA). Annual compilation of SUTs is one of the recommended data sets according to the 2008 SNA. In addition, the SUTs can be extended to take into consideration the environment (e.g. materials, energy and water supply and use).

ideally valued at basic prices although in practice CIF (cost, insurance, freight) prices are used.

• Three adjustment columns: taxes less subsidies by products, trade and transports margins by products, and CIF/FOB (Cost, Insurance & Freight / Free on Board) adjustments to make imports and exports comparable.

The total Uses of goods and services comprise:

Supply and Use Tables: Building Blocks

Figure 1 below shows a simplified Supply and Use table for a

• 'Intermediate consumption,' as the value of the goods and

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The state of implementation of the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Support mechanisms

SDG GATEWAY
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SDG Data

Regional and subregional SDG Progress Assessment

SDG-related publications and methodology

The Gateway provides access to SDG data and an interactive analytical tool that assesses regional and subregional SDG progress at goal, target and indicator levels. The innovative methodology for progress assessment can be used to inform national follow-up and review process of the SDG implementation.

Data Portals

Statistical Database — STATISTICS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Access Data   Compare Countries   Statistical Profiles

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Intergovernmental convening and consensus building

Declaration: *Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind*

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Committee on Statistics

Sixth session
Bangkok, 16-19 October 2018

Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind

We, the Ministers and representatives of the members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, assembled at the sixth session of the Committee on Statistics, held in Bangkok, from 16 to 19 October 2018:

Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda: a *collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community*

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Core set of economic statistics

Core set of population and social statistics

DISASTER-RELATED STATISTICS FRAMEWORK (DRSF)

Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

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Get every one in the picture

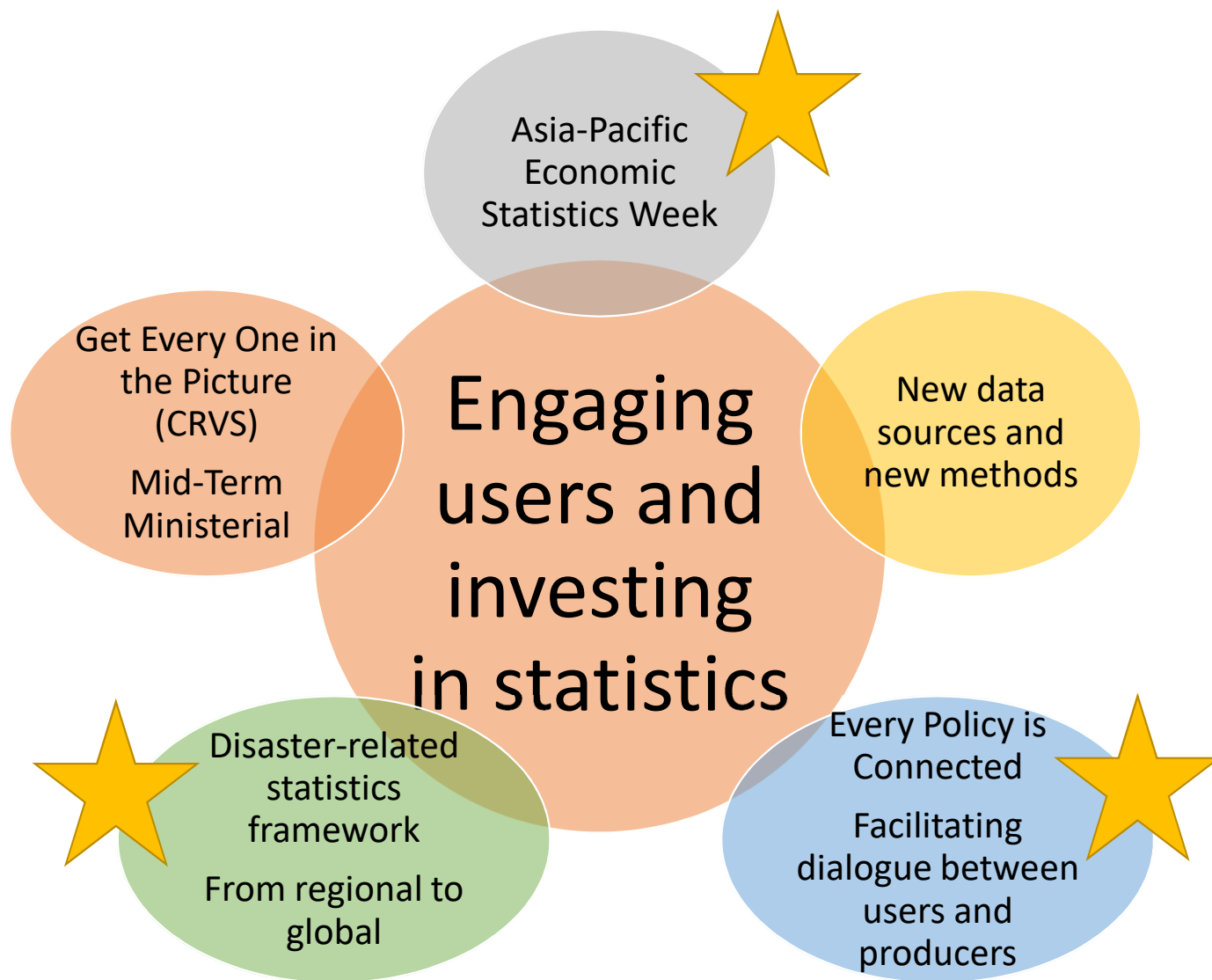**Civil Registration and Vital Statistics**
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Asia and the Pacific Regional Expert Workshop on Ocean Accounts

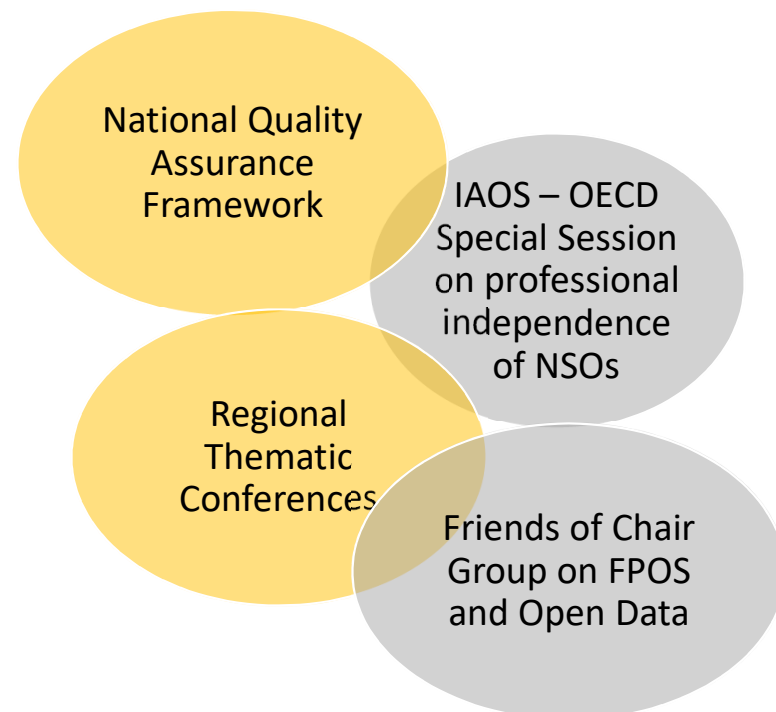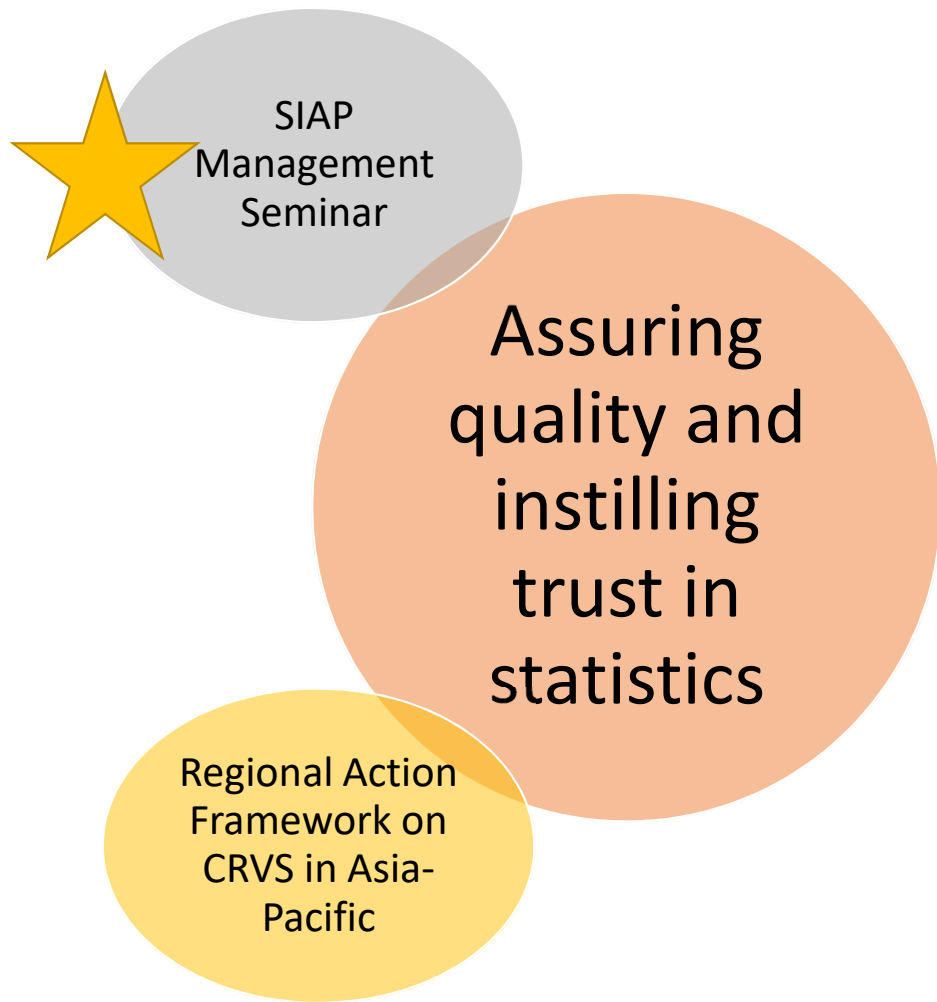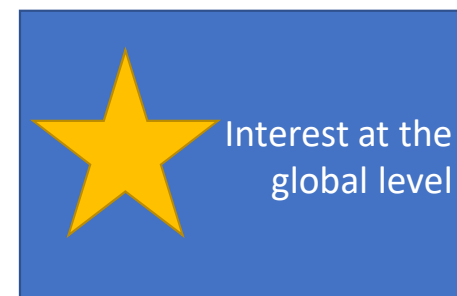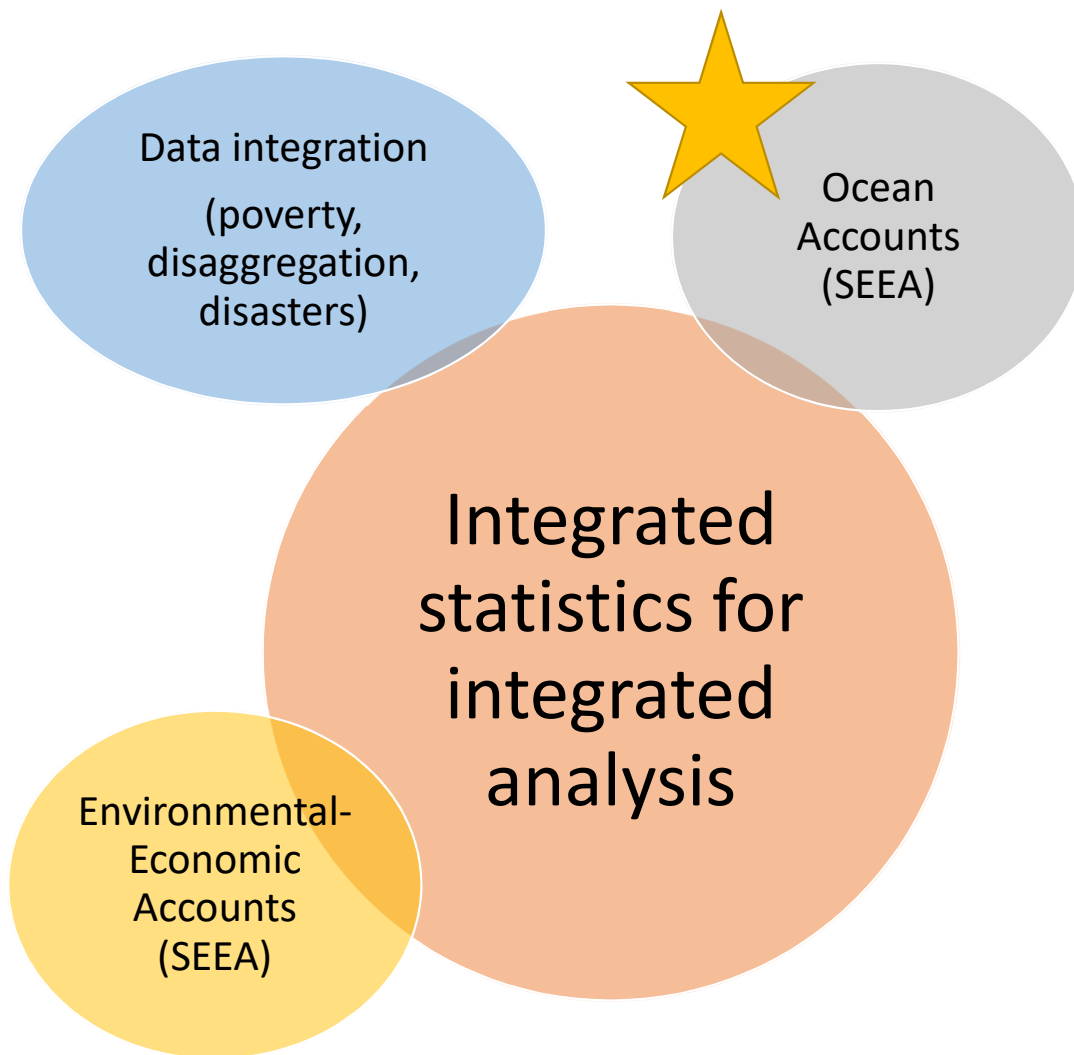# Collective Vision for transformation

" … by 2030, national statistical systems are enabled and empowered to lead development of and to deliver innovative, trusted and timely products and services for urgently needed and evolving statistical requirements of Agenda 2030."
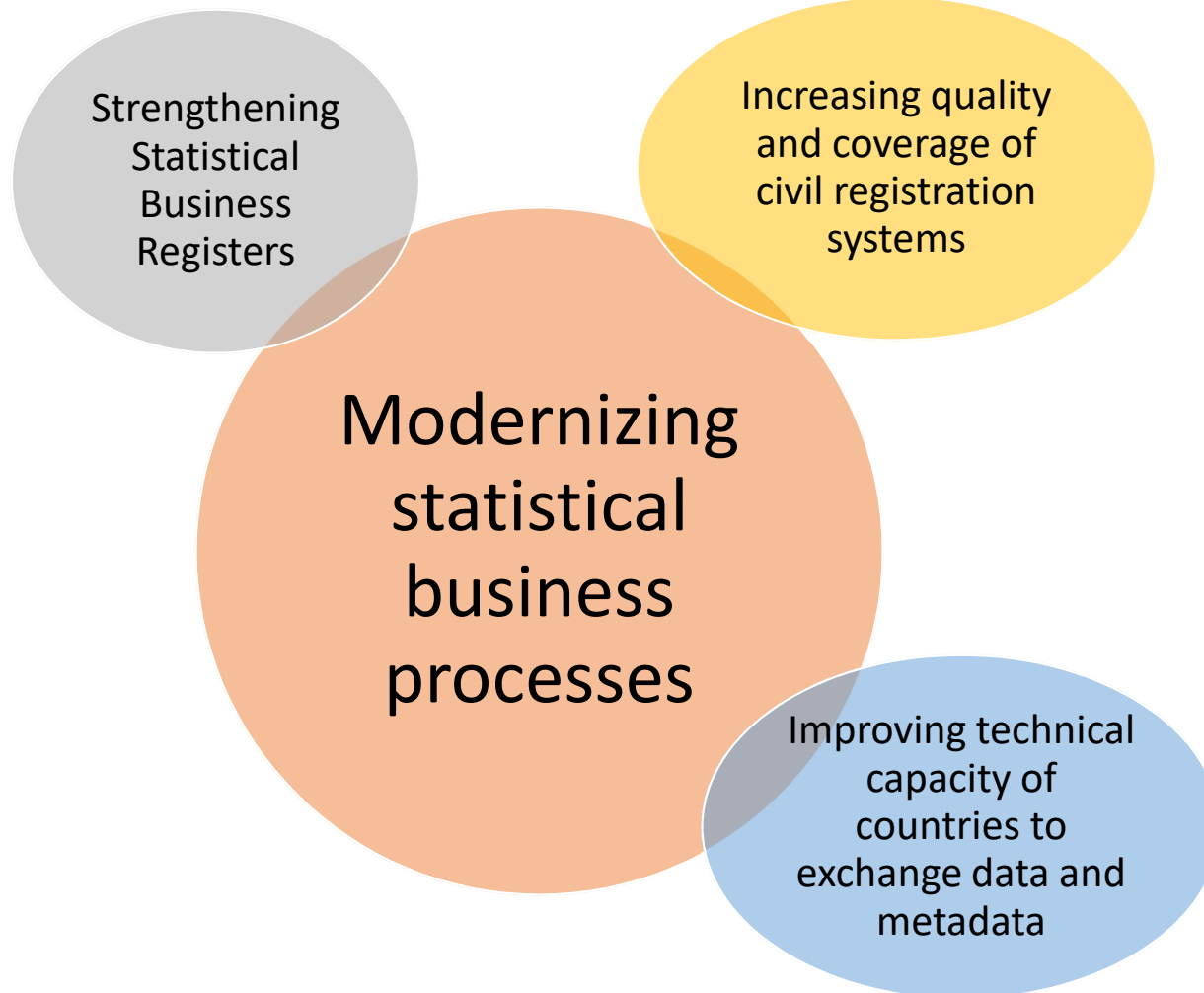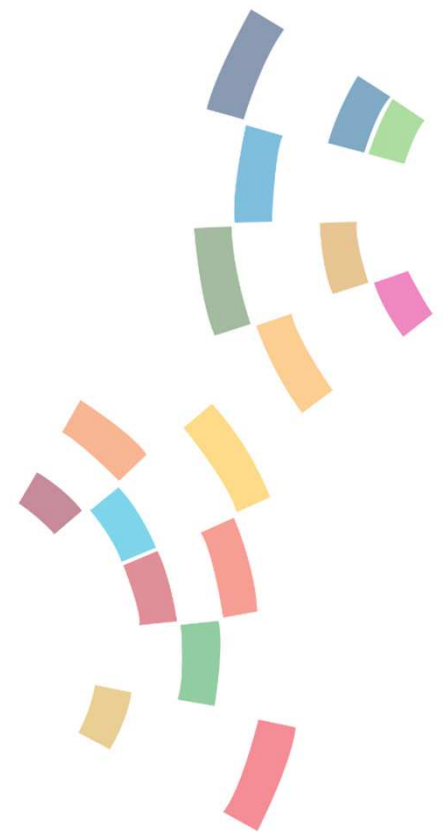
Key actions areas

- Action A: Engaging users and investing in statistics
- Action B: Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics
- Action C: Integrated statistics for integrated analysis
- Action D: Modernizing statistical business processes
- Action E: Having requisite skills set

Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week

Get Every One in the Picture (CRVS)

Mid-Term Ministerial

Engaging users and investing in statistics

New data sources and new methods

Disaster-related statistics framework

From regional to global

Every Policy is Connected

Facilitating dialogue between users and producers

Interest at the global level

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SIAP Management Seminar

Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics

Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia-Pacific

Interest at the global level

National Quality Assurance Framework

IAOS – OECD Special Session on professional independence of NSOs

Regional Thematic Conferences

Friends of Chair Group on FPOS and Open Data

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Data integration (poverty, disaggregation, disasters)

Ocean Accounts (SEEA)

Integrated statistics for integrated analysis

Environmental-Economic Accounts (SEEA)

Interest at the global level

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Train the trainer (economic statistics)

Communication

SIAP

24 training courses, workshops and seminars, 2,786 participants from 73 countries (2018)

Having requisite skills set

Compiling global SDG indicators at the national level

Vital Statistics Report Writing

Disaster-related statistics (training modules)

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Technical support and capacity building

Capacity building programmes

- Economic Statistics
- Environment Statistics
- Gender statistics
- Peace and justice statistics
- Population and social statistics
- Strengthening Institutions
- CRVS
- Big data for official statistics

Workshops and expert group meetings
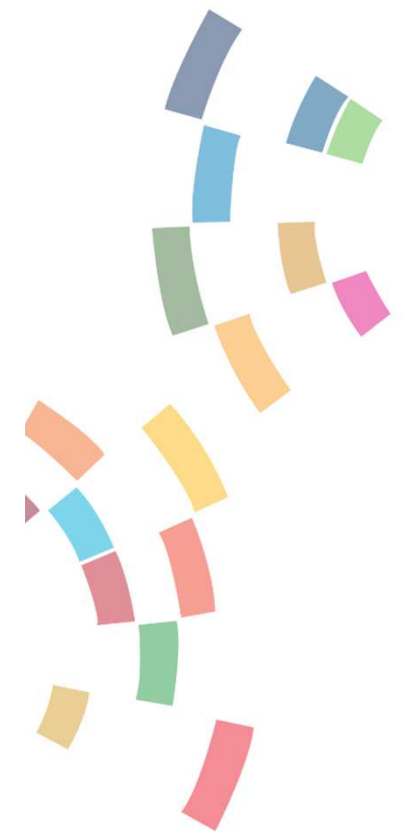**21**

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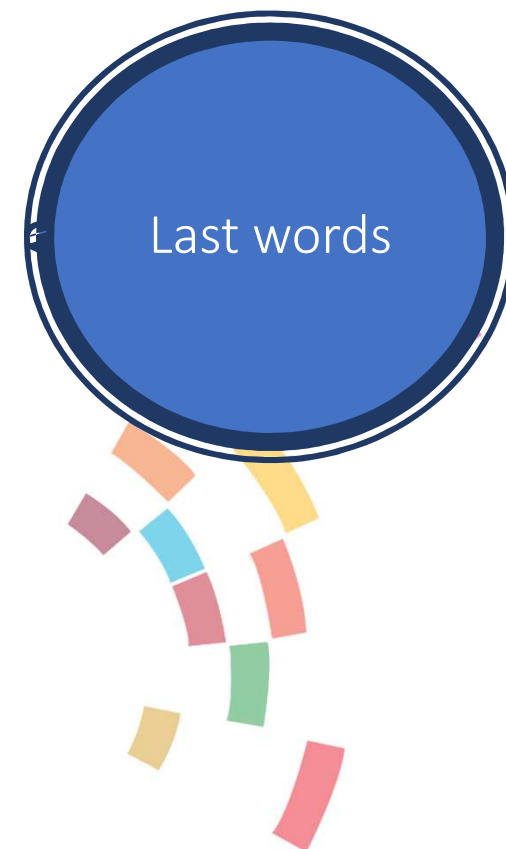# Technical support and capacity building

2018

UN-ESCAP prioritises enablement and empowerment of NSOs. This includes contributing the Asia-Pacific perspective to global standard setting

Asia and the Pacific's diversity provides a 'test bed' for global standard setting. If it works in Asia-Pacific, it is likely to work elsewhere

Statistical standards can be developed regionally and adopted globally

Asia and the Pacific, and UN-ESCAP, looks forward to contributing to the future of economic statistics

Last words

Thanks…. ☺