

**ASSESSMENT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE
ON STATISTICS**

Bangkok, Thailand
15-17 December 2010

Summary Assessment

The second session of the Committee on Statistics was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 15-17 December 2010. A questionnaire was distributed towards the end of the session to obtain feedback from participants on its relevance, effectiveness and quality, to enable the secretariat to improve on its preparations for and servicing of future sessions. The response rate to the questionnaire was not very good with 57.1 percent or 20 of 35 participating delegations responding. While the Committee session's attendance was the highest compared to other ESCAP Committee sessions, the response rate compared to ESCAP's membership (N=20/62) means that the responses cannot be generalized.

The present assessment has been conducted on the basis of the feed-back received from delegations together with a qualitative analysis of the draft report of the session, bearing in mind the terms of reference for the Committee on Information and Communications Technology as contained in resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure of the Commission.

I. Attendance

The Committee session's attendance was fair with 56% (N=35/62) of ESCAP members and associate members participating.

Fifteen (15) or 75 % respondents indicated that their delegation was from the Capital ,(0) or no delegation was from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and (0) or no one indicated that their representatives was from the Embassy representatives in Bangkok, while 2 or 10% indicated that their delegation was a combination of representatives from the Capital and the Embassy in Bangkok.

Some delegations provided comments and suggestions on how to encourage higher and wider representation from their countries at the Committee sessions, including: (a) (a) Keeping regular contact with NSOs and coordinating with training institutes and assisting with financial aid, (b) Introduction of good practices on building the legal framework and (c) Extending representation to major data users in government and a direct contact with NSOs.

II. Ownership

The sense of ownership by participants of the Committee was relatively good, as demonstrated by 50% (N=10/20) of respondents indicating that the Committee session was owned and driven by member States to a great extent and 40% (N=8/20) to a good extent, and 50 % (N=10/20) responding that the overall outcome of the deliberations was a result of a collaborative effort to a great extent and 35% (N=7/20) to a good extent. Sixty percent (N=12/20) of respondents felt that the draft report adequately reflected the discussions, decisions and recommendations of the Committee to a great extent and 20% (N=4/20) indicated to a good extent, Fifteen percent (15%) or N=3/20 did not provide an answer. Additionally, 75% (N=15/20) indicated that the secretariat's in session interventions contributed to effective conduct and outcome of the session to a great extent, and 20% (N=4/20) indicated to a good extent.

III. Relevance

The feed-back indicates that participants were of the view that the agenda items of the Committee were timely and relevant to issues and trends regarding Statistics development in the Asian and Pacific region. The majority 60% (N=12/20) of respondents agreed to a great extent and 30 % (N=6/20) indicated to a good extent. Nine respondents or 45% agreed to a great extent that the agenda items reflected the needs and priorities of their countries, while 35 percent of the respondents (N=7/20) agreed to a good extent. Eleven respondents (55%) agreed to a great extent that the benefits of their delegation's attendance justified the costs (travel, time opportunity cost of absence from the office), while 25% (N=5/20) agreed to a good extent, and 15% were neutral.

The most relevant agenda items for the delegations in attendance included (in order): (1) Coordination of Statistical capacity-building activities. (Statistical Training), (2) Regional Initiatives, (Vital Statistics) and Regional Initiatives, Economic Statistics, Core Set of Economic Statistics and (3) Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics.

IV. Efficiency

The feed-back indicates that member States were satisfied with the efficiency of organization and conduct of the Committee session, with 55% (N=11/20) indicating that they were satisfied to a great extent and 20% (N=4/20) indicating that they were satisfied to a good extent and 20% (N=4/20) were neutral. Many respondents agreed to a great extent that the pre-session documents conveyed clear messages 40% (N=8/20), while 35% (N=7/20) indicated to a good extent while 15% (N=3/20) remained neutral. There were mixed feelings about the pre-session documents being issued in a timely manner, 20% (N=4/20) indicated to a greater extent, while 25% (N=5/25) indicated to a good extent, 25% (N=5/25) remained neutral, 15% (N=3/20) disagreed and 10% (N=2/20) did not answer. Eleven or 55% (N=11/20) of the respondents agreed to a greater extent that the Committee used efficiently the time provided, while 40% (N=8/20) indicated to a good extent. The majority of participants also indicated that the conference services provided by the secretariat were efficient 50% (N=10/20) indicating to a greater extent and 35% (N=7/20) indicating to a good extent.

V. Outcomes in light of ESCAP resolution 64/1

The responses regarding the outcomes relating to the general terms of reference for the Committee were positive the majority felt that the Committee was successful in addressing its Terms of Reference. The session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on Committee on Statistics and development effectively covered the issues outlined in resolution 64/1 that should be addressed by all Committees subsidiary to the Commission. The majority of participants indicated that they were satisfied with the committee session addressing its terms of reference in particular; to review and analyze regional trends, 15% (N=3/20) indicating to a greater extent, and 55% (N=11/20) indicating to a good extent. However, 15% (N=3/20) remained neutral and 15% (N=3/20) did not provide an answer.

Many felt that the committee session succeeded in identifying priorities and emerging issues 50% (N=10/20) to a greater extent while 45% (N=9/20) indicated to a good extent, Many felt that the committee session promoted dialogue on regional and subregional approaches to a great extent 35% (N=7/20), while 60% (N=12/20) indicated to a good extent. Additionally some participants indicated to a greater extent that the committee

session succeeded in promotion of a collaborative approach to address development challenges at the regional and sub regional levels, 50% (N=10/20) indicating to a greater extent and 45% (N=9/20) indicating to a good extent. Overall the majority of respondents felt that the Committee was able to fulfill its terms of reference to a good extent. Of those 60% (N=12/20) felt that there was no need to further improve the way the committee had addressed its terms of reference, while 40% (N=8/20) felt that there was room for improvement such as:

1. Frequent Interactions and collaboration among South-South member countries.
2. Forming Sub-Committees to address specific issues.
3. Issuance of documents in advance for better preparation.
4. Closer work with NSO and improvement of communication strategies.

VI. Most and least successful

Some participants felt that the most successful feature of the committee session included but not limited to; Addressing key issues of NSOs in the region, capacity building session, Wide participation and Interaction amongst countries, Endorsement of the principles of bureau selection and the strategic directive, Redefining the role of Statistics in the ESCAP region, summary by the Secretariat at the end of each session and the role performed by the chairman and the secretary.

Of the least successful features of the session were; Less Attention given to emerging NSOs, Some items needed better preparation and more attention, e.g. Vital Statistics, International Corporation programme, Lack of depth in discussing other fundamental issues such as Agencies collecting data/statistics and sometimes there is poor translation and bias especially when one' delegation's view influences the final view of the committee.

Conclusion

In general, participants at the second session of the Committee on Statistics were satisfied with the ownership, relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the Committee. However, this assessment concludes that the second session was affected negatively by the low participation of member States.

Annex I. Questionnaire results**A. Overall relevance of the session**

1. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?	To a great extent (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	No Answer
a. The agenda items were timely and relevant to issues and trends regarding statistics development in the Asian and Pacific region.	60% (12)	30% (6)	5% (1)	0%	0% (0)	5% (1)
b. The agenda items reflected the needs and priorities of my country.	45% (9)	35% (7)	5% (1)	-	-	5% (1)
c. The benefits of my delegation's attendance justified the costs (travel, time, opportunity cost of absence from the office).	55% (11)	25% (5)	15% (3)	-	-	5% (1)

B. Organization

2. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?	To a great extent (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	No Answer
a. The pre-session documents conveyed clear messages concerning the issues placed on the agenda.	40% (8)	35% (7)	15% (3)	-	-	10% (2)
b. The pre-session documents were issued in a timely manner.	20% (4)	25% (5)	25% (5)	15% (3)	5% (1)	10% (2)
c. The Committee used efficiently the time available for discussions.	55% (11)	40% (8)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
d. The conference services provided by the secretariat were efficient.	50% (10)	35% (7)	10% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
e. The organization of work prior to/in between Committee sessions contributed to the effective functioning of the Committee.	55% (11)	20% (4)	20% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)

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C. Substantive outcome of the session

3 To what extent did the deliberations on the following substantive agenda items meet the expected outcomes as described below?	To a great extent (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Not at all (5)	No answer
a). Agenda item 2: Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics: <i>Expected Outcome: The Committee reviews and agrees on the strategic direction of its work.</i>	55% (11)	40% (8)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
b) Agenda Item (3a), Regional Initiatives: Vital Statistics: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews the progress of work of the secretariat on Vital Statistics and Civil Registration and expresses its commitment to the development and implementation of a regional programme for the improvement of vital statistics in the region.</i>	45% (9)	40% (8)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	10% (2)
c) Agenda Item 3(b) (I) Regional Initiatives: Economic Statistics, Core Set of economic Statistics: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews and endorses the proposal of the Technical Advisory Group on a core set of economic statistics and encourages all of its members to endorse the core set as a guideline for developing the capacity of national statistical systems.</i>	60% (12)	30% (6)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
d) Agenda Item 3 (b) (ii), Regional Initiatives: Economic Statistics, regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews and endorses the proposed regional programme for the improvement of economic statistics in Asia and the Pacific and provides advice on its implementation, and encourages all of its members to endorse the proposed programme as a formal strategy for the improvement of economic statistics in the region</i>	40% (8)	55% (11)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
e). Agenda Item 4(a), Global Initiatives: Agricultural Statistics: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews the implementation plan for the global strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics and discusses a regional approach for the implementation of the proposed strategy.</i>	45% (9)	40% (8)	15% (3)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

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3. To what extent did the deliberations on the following substantive agenda items meet the expected outcomes as described below?	To a great extent (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Not at all (5)	No answer
<p>f). Agenda Item 4(b): Global initiatives: International Comparison Programme: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews the progress of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme and expresses its views on the work plan and timetable, and encourages all of its members and associate members to participate in the next round of the Programme in 2011 and to use it as an opportunity for capacity development.</i></p>	40% (8)	40% (8)	20% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
<p>g). Agenda Item 5a, Coordination of Statistical capacity –building activities: Statistical Training: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee discusses and identifies mechanisms for developing and implementing a regional approach to the coordination of statistical training among training providers that could strengthen and support their ability to better meet the needs of member States.</i></p>	45% (9)	50% (10)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
<p>h) Agenda item 5(b), Coordination of statistical capacity-building activities: Coordination mechanism: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews and discusses the current support for statistical development in the region and endorses the proposed strategy of the coordination mechanism.</i></p>	45% (9)	45% (9)	10% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
<p>i) Agenda item 6, Items for information: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee is provided with an update on recent developments in different areas of official statistics.</i></p>	45% (9)	50% (10)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
<p>j) Agenda item 7, Reports brought to the attention of the Committee: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee takes note of the reports of the Bureau on its activities since the first session of the Committee, and of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its fifth session.</i></p>	50% (10)	45% (9)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

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<p><i>k)</i> Agenda item 8, Consideration of future programme focus: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee provides the secretariat with guidance on the focus of its short- and long-term work in the area of statistics, taking into account the programme direction and priorities outlined in the strategic framework for 2010-2011 and the draft strategic framework for 2012-2013, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session, and to enable the full integration of the outcome of deliberations at the current session into planning and implementation of the secretariat's work programme.</i></p>	40% (8)	45% (9)	10% (2)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
<p><i>l)</i> Agenda item 9, Consideration of possible draft resolutions and decisions for submission to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session: <i>Expected outcome: The Committee considered possible draft resolutions brought to its attention.</i></p>	50% (10)	35% (7)	5% (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	10% (2)
<p><i>m)</i> Agenda item 10, Other matters <i>Expected outcome: The Committee considered other matters brought to its attention.</i></p>	35% (7)	35% (7)	10% (2)	0% (0)	5% (1)	15% (3)

D. Committee's General terms of Reference

5. To what extent did the Committee Session succeed in addressing its Terms Of Reference?	To a great extent (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	No Answer
a. Review and analyze regional trends.	15% (3)	55% (11)	15% (3)	0% (0)	0% (0)	15% (3)
b. Identify priorities and emerging issues, particularly those with implications for the work of the secretariat.	50% (10)	45% (9)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
c. Promote dialogue on regional and subregional approaches and an exchange of experiences on policies and programmes.	35% (7)	60% (12)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
d. Promote a collaborative approach to addressing the development challenges at the regional and subregional levels.	50% (10)	45% (9)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

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E. Participation

7. To what extent do you feel that...	To a great extent (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Not at all (5)	No answer
a. The Committee session was owned and driven by member States?	50% (10)	40% (8)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)
b. The overall outcome of the deliberations is a result of a collaborative effort by members of the Committee?	50% (10)	35% (7)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	10% (2)
c. The draft report adequately reflects the discussions, decisions and recommendations of the Committee?	60% (12)	20% (4)	5% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	15% (3)
d. The secretariat's in-session interventions contributed to effective conduct and outcome of the session?	75% (15)	20% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)

8. My delegation's attendance at the Committee session was:

75% (15)	mainly from the Capital
0% (0)	mainly from the Capital – Ministry of foreign Affairs
0% (0)	mainly by representatives in Bangkok (Embassy)
10% (2)	a combination of the above
0% (0)	other:
15% (3)	

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Additional comments

[Verbatim from the completed questionnaires]

1. What was the most relevant agenda item for your delegation?

- Develop capacity of the NSO. Coordination among the development partners. Information about training facilities in the region. Sharing good practices.
- Agenda items 3 and 5.
- Capacity-building for NSO to meet the challenges of new area of statistics. Implementation plan for the global strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics.
- Item 5, capacity building.
- Agenda item 5
- 3a agenda item 2, strategic direction of the Committee followed by core set of economic statistics.
- 3(b)(ii), 4(b), 5(a) and (b).
- Agenda item 2 – strategic direction of the COS.
- Core set of economic statistics. Social statistic development.
- Item 5: coordination of statistical building activities.

2. How can the Committee more effectively address its terms of reference (5 (a-d) above)?

- Interact frequently. Collaboration among South-South. Formation of sub-committees including more developing countries.
- By forming sub-committees to address specific issues.
- It would help if the secretariat circulated well in advance to permit delegations to have better prepared.
- Please issue documents earlier for the delegates' preparation. Especially, for the decentralized country, which has to consult the other agencies, the given period is too short.
- More close work with NSOs by e-mail.
- Committee shall focus on NSO's that are disadvantage and behind the expectation of the regional requirements.
- If the Bureau/Secretariat can initiate activities/communication strategies between Committee session to assume continuity of efforts.
- Very happy with the current arrangements.

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3. Is there anything that could have been done to encourage higher and wider representation from your country at the Committee session?

- Direct contact with NSOs. Financial aid.
- I think the secretariat has the best inviting and even making personal calls.
- Introducing the good practice of building the legal frame work.
- The representative of such meeting must be extended to the major data users in the government to strengthen the coordination between NSO and data users.
- Funding availability will enhance wider participations.
- With funding, yes.

4. What was the most successful feature of the Committee session?

- Strong and wide participation. Collaborative approach of delegates.
- Interaction among the countries. Decisions regarding capacity building. Sharing good practices.
- Well organized and well participated from member countries as well as development parties.
- To make a very good arrangement and also very good discussion.
- We think the endorsement of the principles of bureau selection and the strategic directive were the key decisions of this session.
- All been successful, the most successful is that in redefining the role of statistics in ESCAP region.
- Making much of the capacity building.
- Believe to statistical development within Asian and Pacific region. More outcomes of qualified statisticians and quality statistics. Exchange experiences among delegates.
- The committee addresses the real key issues of the NSO's in the region and push for future work program.
- The summarization by the secretariat at the end of each agenda item.
- The chairman and secretary did a really good job.

5. What was the least successful feature of the Committee session?

- Less attention to emerging NSOs. Commitment from development partners regarding coordination.
- The item on Vital Statistics needed more preparation and circulation to countries.

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- The contents of the documents were sometimes too ambitious. The actual situation was somewhat different. For example, why can't the agencies collect the precise data? Discussing such a fundamental issues would be useful.
- The topic on international corporation programme has been given less attention to by the committee. This is important part where it involves capacity building.
- When one delegation's position on an issue derails the final Committee decision.
- Translation sometimes.

6. Please provide any additional comments you may have on the Committee session and further suggestions on how we may improve on secretariat preparations for and the servicing of future session:

- Keeping regular contact with the NSOs. Informing NSOs about the good practices in the other regional NSOs. Coordinate among the training institutes. Training on SDMSX.
- I personally think the session was well organized and managed.
- Documents for the meeting to be distributed "well in advance" to allow time for deliberations by participants.
- Already well prepared and good, lively discussion as well.
- In organizing any group (steering group, technical group, etc.), please never fail to give the information of recruitment. Our country would like to contribute to ESCAP region as much as possible. We would express thanks to your great work.
- May you need to ask all NSOs to nominate a coordinator for all ESCAP statistical activities and keep a close contact with this person.
- I'd like to suggest to make clear suggestions to member countries and some documents are need to send earlier to delegates. The delegates may be changed according to policy.
- Participation by Pacific Island countries was excellent. The session was marked by many countries contributing, which is very encouraging and reflects a good approach by the secretariat. The side-session on modernization was useful for extending participation on collaboration.
- One of the pressing issues which was not mention in this session was environmental accounting. Looking at the global interest on climate change and environmental problem created by economic activities is on the increase, we need to address this issue at the regional level. UNSD have already coming up with the manual of environmental statistics, this would provide the basis for developing environmental accounting frame work for the region.
- More effective consultation with member states on agenda item materials.
- Coffee for the breaks.

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Agenda Item	Substantive Outcome	Quantitative survey response	Qualitative assessment based on a review of the draft report of the session
Agenda item 2: Strategic direction of the Committee on Statistics:	<i>Expected Outcome: The Committee reviews and agrees on the strategic direction of its work.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 55% agree to a great extent and 40% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved 	The substantive outcomes were met to a great extent. The Committee will have a note by the secretariat reviewing outcomes of the sixty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the forty-first session of the UN Statistical Commission. Also the Committee will discuss and formulate a common position on key topics of importance that could have significant implications for official statistics in the Asia Pacific region.
<p>Agenda Item (3a), Regional Initiatives: Vital Statistics</p> <p>Agenda Item 3(b) (I) Regional Initiatives: Economic Statistics, Core Set of economic Statistics:</p> <p>d) Agenda Item 3 (b) (ii), Regional Initiatives: Economic Statistics, regional</p>	<p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews the progress of work of the secretariat on Vital Statistics and Civil Registration and expresses its commitment to the development and implementation of a regional programme for the improvement of vital statistics in the region.</i></p> <p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews and endorses the proposal of the Technical Advisory Group on a core set of economic statistics and encourages all of its members to endorse the core set as a guideline for developing the capacity of national statistical systems.</i></p> <p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews and endorses the proposed regional programme for the improvement of economic statistics in Asia and the Pacific and provides advice on its implementation, and encourages all of its members to endorse the proposed programme as a formal strategy for the</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 45% agree to a great extent and 40% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved <p>Appx. 60% agree to a great extent and 30% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved</p> <p>Appx. 40% agree to a great extent and 55% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved</p>	<p>The substantive outcomes were met to a great extent. The secretariat will provide an update on its on-going work on vital statistics in response to a request made by the committee on its first session. Document E/ESCAP/CST (2)/3 outlines the institutional and partnership arrangements necessary for the development of regional programme on vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific. The proposed set of Economic Statistics sets a clear and achievable target for the region by identifying the minimum set of economic statistics that all countries in Asia and the Pacific will have the capacity to produce by 2020.</p> <p>The draft regional programme for the improvement of economic statistics in Asia and the Pacific aims to elevate the capacity of countries in the Asia and Pacific region to produce economic statistics in accordance to international standards and good practice. The committee will review and endorse the draft regional programme and provide advice on its implementation.</p>

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<p>Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics.</p> <p>Agenda Item 4(a), Global Initiatives: Agricultural Statistics</p>	<p><i>improvement of economic statistics in the region</i></p> <p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews the implementation plan for the global strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics and discusses a regional approach for the implementation of the proposed strategy.</i></p>	<p>Appx. 45% agree to a great extent and 40% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved</p>	<p>The Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN will summarize the progress made in developing a global strategy for the improvement of agricultural statistics and future steps to be taken in the implementation of the strategy. The document outlines a strategy that focuses on integration of agricultural information into national statistical systems.</p>
<p>Agenda item 4 (b): Global initiatives: International Comparison Programme</p>	<p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews the progress of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme and expresses its views on the work plan and timetable, and encourages all of its members and associate members to participate in the next round of the Programme in 2011 and to use it as an opportunity for capacity development.</i></p> <p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee discusses and indentifies mechanisms for</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 40% agree to a great extent and 40% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved <p>Appx. 45% agree</p>	<p>The Asian Development Bank will provide an update on the status of preparations of the 2011 round of the International Comparison programme, including a timetable and description of the institutional and partnership arrangements for the implementation of the programme in Asia and the Pacific.</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 5(a) Coordination of Statistical capacity – building activities: Statistical Training</p> <p>Agenda Item 5(b) Coordination of statistical capacity-building activities: Coordination mechanism</p>	<p><i>developing and implementing a regional approach to the coordination of statistical training among training providers that could strengthen and support their ability to better meet the needs of member States.</i></p> <p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee reviews and discusses the current support for statistical development in the region and endorses the proposed strategy of the coordination mechanism.</i></p>	<p>to a great extent and 50% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved</p> <p>Appx. 45% agree to a great extent and 45% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved</p>	<p>The Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat E/ESCAP/CST (2)/8) providing an overview of the factors that shape the statistical training opportunities available to ESCAP member states.</p> <p>The Committee will have a short note prepared by the secretariat describing the progress achieved in the establishment of a coordination mechanism for statistics development partners in Asia and the Pacific.</p>
<p>Agenda item 6, Items for information</p>	<p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee is provided with an update on recent developments in different areas of official statistics.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 45% agree to a great extent and 50% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved 	<p>The secretariat will submit a note for the information of the Committee (E/ESCAP/CST(2)INF/5) that provides an update on the availability of data needed to assess the progress made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and highlight the need for statistical capacity development. The secretariat will also submit a note for the committee (E/ESCAP/CST (2) INF/6) providing an update on recent developments in the area of informal sector and informal employment statistics, including the work undertaken by the UN Development Account Project. The secretariat will also submit a note for the Committee 9E/ESCAP/CST (2) INF/7) providing an update on recent developments in the area of disability</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 7 , Reports brought to the attention of the Committee</p>	<p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee takes note of the reports of the Bureau on its activities since the first session of the Committee, and of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its fifth session.</i></p>	<p>Apex. 50% agree to a great extent and 45% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved</p>	<p>statistics under the UNDAP on disability statistics. The secretariat will also submit a note for the Information of the Committee (E/ESCAP/CST (2)/INF/8) providing an overview of recent developments in the area of gender statistics and will outline future work planned in the region in this area.</p> <p>The Committee will have before it the report of the Bureau on its activities since the first session of the Committee (E/ESCAP/CST (2)/10), which will be supplemented by an oral report by the chair of the outgoing bureau. The Committee will have before it a report of the Governing Council of the Statistical institute for Asia and the Pacific at its fifth session (E/ESCAP/CST/ (2) (11).</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8 : Consideration Of Future Programme Focus</p>	<p>Expected outcome: The Committee takes note of the reports of the Bureau on its activities since the first session of the Committee, and of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its fifth session.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 40% agree to a great extent and 45% to a good extent that outcomes were met. 	<p>The Committee wishes to provide the secretariat with guidance on the focus of its short and long term work in the area statistics, taking into account the programme direction and priorities outlined in the strategic framework for 2012-2013, as endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 : Consideration of possible draft resolutions and decisions for submission to the Commission at its</p>	<p><i>Expected outcome: The Committee takes note of the reports of the Bureau on its activities since the first session of the Committee, and of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its fifth session.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 50% agree to a great extent and 35% to a good extent that outcomes were met. 	<p>The Committee may wish to circulate, in advance proposals and/or text of draft resolutions on priority issues relating to statistics for the consideration of the Commission at its sixty-seventh session.</p>

Annex III. Achievement of substantive outcomes

<p>sixty-seventh session</p>			
<p>Agenda item 10, <i>Other matters</i></p>	<p><i>Expected Outcome: Member States are informed and decide on any outstanding concerns related to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appx. 35% agree to a great extent and 35% to a good extent that outcomes were achieved and 10 % was neutral and 35% did not give an answer 	<p>The committee may wish to consider other matters raised: Adoption of the Report: Draft Report (E/ESCAP/CST(2)/L3) Draft Recommendations (E/ESCAP/CST (2)/L2). The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its second session for the submission to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session, to be held from 19-25 May 2011.</p>