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Summary

The draft programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2016-2017 is submitted to the Commission for its consideration.

In preparing the draft programme of work, every effort has been made to reflect the priorities of the member States. It also reflects the secretariat's vision of supporting member States in achieving a prosperous Asia and the Pacific based on inclusive and sustainable development, bearing in mind the emerging regional development agenda, the lessons learned for the implementation of past programmes of work as well as the outcome of a series of evaluations. The programme of work further aims at making ESCAP more "fit for purpose" through ensuring a healthy balance between the normative, analytical and operational work of ESCAP, and maximizing its comparative advantages, including the adoption of multisectoral approaches with a strong focus on issues that are regional in nature. It builds partnerships between organizations within and outside of the United Nations system and provides linkages between subregions within the Asia-Pacific region for the mutual benefit of all member States.

The document contains four sections: (a) overall programme orientation; (b) subprogramme results frameworks and strategies; (c) proposed output citations by subprogramme; and (d) legislative mandates.

Sections (a), (b) and (d) are derived from the strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, as endorsed by the Commission at its seventieth session in May 2014 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/17 on programme planning. Section (c) contains the proposed outputs that are designed to enable ESCAP to achieve the planned results as set out in the strategic framework.

The draft programme of work, including its proposed outputs, reflects a balanced integration of sustainable development in key strategic areas, as articulated by the member States. It promotes regional economic cooperation and integration,

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particularly through trade and regional connectivity in transport, energy and information and communications technology infrastructure, the reduction of social inequalities, including the realization of rights and empowerment of women and strengthening the social inclusion and rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups, and sustainable management of natural resources, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and resilience to disasters and shocks. It also seeks to develop institutional mechanisms for regional cooperation in a wide range of areas, including financing for sustainable development, science, technology and innovation and national statistical capacities, and to establish an accountability framework at the regional level for the sustainable development goals.

At the subregional level, the Commission's agenda will be implemented through greater integration of the ESCAP overall programme of work with the priorities of member States for the subregion and through strengthened coordination among substantive divisions, subregional offices and regional institutions. Subregional offices will support substantive divisions and regional institutions in the implementation of regional programmes involving countries under their purview, facilitate the strengthening of strategic relationships in the subregion, build partnerships with key stakeholders and provide subregional perspectives and analysis on major activities carried out under the overall programme of work.

To ensure synergies with the work of other United Nations entities and pre-empt duplication, the ESCAP secretariat collaborated on the preparation of the programme of work with other departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, including regional commissions, working in the economic and social sectors. This process was aimed at further strengthening the national-regional-global nexus in the development work of the United Nations and contributing to greater system-wide coherence. Its strategic direction is derived from internationally agreed development mandates, including the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, which called for the adoption of collaborative approaches to support development initiatives.

The Commission may wish to provide the secretariat with further guidance on the draft programme of work.

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Programme 16: Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Overall orientation

1. The mandate of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), which is derived from Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV) and 414 (XIII) by which the Commission was established, is to promote regional cooperation for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific. The role of the Commission was subsequently elaborated upon in various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission itself.

2. This strategic framework covers the first biennium of the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly). Its strategic direction is derived from internationally agreed development mandates, including the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which emphasized the role of the regional commissions in promoting the balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development; General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, which called for the adoption of collaborative approaches to support country-level development initiatives; and Commission resolution 69/1 on a conference structure of the Commission for the inclusive and sustainable development of Asia and the Pacific.

3. Home to nearly two thirds of the world's population, Asia and the Pacific is also the largest regional economy. Despite the lingering impact of the global financial crisis, Asia stands firm as the centre of the global economic recovery; serves as the hub of international trade, investment and technology transfer; and has succeeded in eliminating half of the world's absolute poverty. Drawing on these foundations, the region stands at the cusp of its next large transformation as it rethinks and reinvests in itself, and rebalances economies towards greater reliance on domestic and regional demand to sustain economic dynamism and close infrastructural and development gaps.

4. Despite such progress, most of the world's poor and hungry still reside in the region. Poverty is not only prevalent in the least developed countries, but also in many middle-income countries. As benefits from economic growth continue to be distributed unevenly, increasing inequality between and within countries continues to pose a key challenge. With many workers remaining in vulnerable employment and millions of youths looking for jobs, creation of decent and productive jobs remains a priority. Economic insecurity is heightened by limited social protection coverage within much of the region. Eradication of poverty, balanced integration of the three pillars of sustainable development and promotion of inclusive economic and social policies to address these challenges will continue to be core priorities for ESCAP.

5. Economic growth coupled with changing patterns of production and consumption has increased the exploitation of natural resources and taken a severe toll on the region's natural environment. The need to develop and implement sound green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, including shared solutions across the region to ensure equitable access to sustainable water and energy resources, will continue to be crucial to the Commission's regional cooperation efforts.

6. Asia and the Pacific continues to be the region most prone to disasters, including those events impacted by climate change. Increased economic integration has heightened the risk that a natural disaster in one country can have significant repercussions elsewhere. Adaptation to climate change and mitigation of its impacts in the context of inclusive and sustainable development will continue to be a priority, especially in the small island developing States of the Pacific, where the sustainable development of ocean resources provides a crucial basis for livelihoods.

7. Despite some progress towards attainment of gender equality in areas such as education, women across the region remain marginalized in public life; are less likely than men to own assets or participate in non-agricultural wage employment; tend to be heavily concentrated in the informal sector; and carry a disproportionate burden of unpaid domestic work. Gender-based violence remains a pervasive threat to the well-being of women and girls everywhere. Effectively addressing the many forms of gender inequality remains an essential component of advancing inclusive development.

8. Development efforts have been hampered by the lack of basic statistics about the social, economic and environmental circumstances in which people live. To address this, there is a need for effective, open and accountable institutions supported by administrative systems and processes, such as civil registration. Effective governance and accountability depend on a well-functioning and capable national statistical system that is able to produce and disseminate high quality official statistics. Statistical capacity-building will remain a key priority for the region's cooperation efforts.

9. Given these opportunities, as well as persisting and emerging challenges, it is imperative that the region works together effectively to forge a development paradigm that builds on the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals; puts the balanced integration of the three pillars of sustainable development at the core; leaves no one behind; balances State and market roles to promote jobs and inclusive growth; and builds open and accountable institutions that are responsive to the emerging voices of non-State actors. Critical to this agenda will be the development of new policy frameworks and regional instruments to generate more sustainable economic growth; strengthen regional economic integration; enhance connectivity in areas including infrastructure, information and communications technology, trade and transport; close development and equity gaps; improve governance; strengthen resilience to natural and economic shocks; and build on past achievements by lifting further hundreds of millions of people out of poverty and continuing to help countries with special needs to implement their respective programmes of action.

10. ESCAP provides the region's most inclusive intergovernmental platform to facilitate the collective policy leadership and cooperation required to effectively seize these opportunities and address shared challenges. ESCAP will support member States by providing sound evidence-based strategic analysis, policy options and capacity development to implement innovative solutions for development that is inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient. In doing so, ESCAP will draw on the comparative advantages of its intergovernmental convening power; its regional norm-setting mandate and role; its multidisciplinary expertise and synergies across all divisions and offices; its role as a regional hub for sharing of development knowledge and lessons; network of subregional offices; and its ability to link subregions for mutual benefit.

11. The present strategic framework comprises eight mutually supportive and interconnected subprogrammes that reflect the priorities of member States. It builds on the achievements of the previous biennium and reflects the vital role of ESCAP in implementing the development pillar of the United Nations, while focusing on enhanced organizational effectiveness and attainment of measurable results.

12. During the biennium, efforts will be intensified to mainstream gender equality across all subprogrammes in line with commitments under the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. The rights of persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups will likewise be a key driver across all aspects of programme implementation.

13. Effective partnerships, including with subregional organizations, other United Nations agencies, the business sector and civil society, will continue to be strengthened in order to ensure coherent approaches to addressing regional priorities. To this end, ESCAP will reinforce its role as the convener of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism. In concert with the other regional commissions, ESCAP will also continue to promote interregional cooperation for inclusive and sustainable development and ensure that regional perspectives effectively influence global policy processes.

Executive direction and management

14. Executive direction and management is led by the Office of the Executive Secretary (hereinafter, the “Office”).

15. The Office provides overall policy direction to, and management of, the ESCAP secretariat in supporting member States, in collaboration with other parts of the United Nations system, with sound strategic analysis, policy options and capacity-building activities to address key development challenges and to implement innovative solutions for region-wide, equitable and inclusive economic prosperity, social progress and environmental sustainability. Emerging issues relevant to the regional development agenda will be identified and addressed, and regional concerns and priorities will be articulated at the global level.

16. In this context, the Office provides all divisions, subregional offices and regional institutions with direction and guidance for coordinating the implementation of, and accountability for, the ESCAP programme of work, which will continue to focus on the promotion of inclusive, equitable and sustainable economic and social development, including through regional economic cooperation and integration, regional connectivity and the balanced integration of the three pillars of sustainable development in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015. The Office will also provide overall direction in mainstreaming gender equality and women’s empowerment policies and strategies across the programme of work in the context of supporting member States in promoting inclusive, equitable and sustainable development.

17. The Office has and will continue to strengthen policy consistency and coherence both within ESCAP and among United Nations entities and development partners involved in addressing regional development issues, among others, through the Regional Coordination Mechanism, which was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1998/46.

18. Furthermore, the Office provides overall direction and management with respect to the organization of annual Commission sessions as the most inclusive intergovernmental regional platform for building regional cooperation; the implementation of reforms of the ESCAP conference structure pursuant to Commission resolution 69/1; the strengthening of organizational effectiveness and results-based management; and the implementation of United Nations system-wide change management initiatives.

19. The Office will provide overall direction to programme support units in ensuring gender-responsive programme planning, financial and human resource management as well as accountability systems. Every effort will be made to advance towards the goal of equal representation of women and men in posts at all levels.

20. The Strategic Communications and Advocacy Section will promote the analytical, normative and capacity-building work of ESCAP through all forms of media, including social media, and promoting the visibility of the Commission as the most comprehensive platform for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development in the region.

Table 1

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources of ESCAP

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Programme of work is effectively managed	(a) Timely delivery of outputs (percentage of outputs delivered within established deadlines)	<i>Target</i>	93	93	93
		<i>Estimate</i>		93	93
		<i>Actual</i>			98

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on management, programme planning and implementation (2016, 2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Identification of critical and emerging issues relevant to the regional development agenda	(b) Number of recommendations made by intergovernmental bodies on critical and emerging issues identified by the Secretariat	<i>Target</i>	110	105	100
		<i>Estimate</i>		100	100
		<i>Actual</i>			109

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Commission (5 days in 2016, 5 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
 - ii. Study series on the theme discussed at the annual session of the Commission (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
 - a. Servicing of meetings of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. Theme study of the Commission, seventy-second session (1 in 2016), seventy-third session (1 in 2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(c) Enhanced policy coherence in coordination among United Nations agencies in the Asia-Pacific region	(c) Number of joint outputs produced under the purview of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism, including through its thematic working groups	<i>Target</i>	30	30	20
		<i>Estimate</i>		20	20
		<i>Actual</i>			20

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget)
 - (i) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Organization of meetings of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (2016, 2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(d) Enhanced visibility of the role of ESCAP in the promotion of equitable and inclusive economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	(d) (i) Number of citations about ESCAP activities and policies in key media outlets in Asia and the Pacific	<i>Target</i>	160	146	132
		<i>Estimate</i>		132	132
		<i>Actual</i>			108
	(ii) Number of citations about ESCAP activities and policies through substantive mentions in top tier and/or regional and national outlets	<i>Target</i>	50	36	80
		<i>Estimate</i>		24	24
		<i>Actual</i>			39

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures
 - a. Public outreach activities, including briefings, on the work of ESCAP and the United Nations (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. Information and promotional materials on the priority issues of ESCAP and the United Nations (2016, 2017)
 - b. Annual advocacy report (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Press releases, press conferences
 - a. Organization of press conferences, press briefings and press interviews (2016, 2017)
 - b. Press releases and op-ed articles on the work and activities of ESCAP, and on behalf of United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations entities (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Special events
 - a. Organization of the annual United Nations Day and other observances (2016, 2017)
 - (v) Technical materials
 - a. Production of content for and maintenance of the web pages of ESCAP (2016, 2017)
 - (vi) Audiovisual resources
 - a. Production of audiovisual or multimedia and education materials on ESCAP (2016, 2017)
 - b. Organizing viral campaigns (through social media) (2016, 2017)
 - c. Photographic coverage of ESCAP meetings and activities (5 in 2016), (5 in 2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(e) Timely submission of manuscripts to the Conference and Documentation Services Section	(e) Percentage of pre-session documentation submitted to the Conference and Documentation Services Section by mutually agreed dates, within the word limits, and in full compliance with editorial directive ST/CS/SER.A/44/Rev.1 (23 August 2006)	<i>Target</i>	100	70	60
		<i>Estimate</i>		60	60
		<i>Actual</i>			65

Categories of outputs and final outputs

No outputs have been linked to this expected accomplishment.

External factors

21. The Office of the Executive Secretary is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) governmental and non-governmental counterparts at the national level continue to commit and assign priority to regional collaboration on socioeconomic development issues; (b) entities within the United Nations system remain committed and attach adequate resources to enhancing system-wide policy coherence; and (c) the international community is responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals.

Subprogramme 1

Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development

Strategy

22. The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, with support from the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture. The strategic direction of this subprogramme is provided by the internationally agreed development goals, including those enunciated in (a) the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex); (b) the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals (see General Assembly resolution 65/1); (c) the follow-up to the outcome document of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development (General Assembly resolution 63/303, annex); (d) the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development (General Assembly resolution 63/239, annex); (e) the programmes of action for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States; and (f) other resolutions contained in the list of legislative mandates. It will be also guided by the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly).

23. Forward-looking macroeconomic policies are essential both to ensure economic stability and to support inclusive, equitable and sustainable development. With its emphasis on strengthening capacities to formulate and implement these policies for a resilient Asian and Pacific region, the subprogramme will monitor macroeconomic trends and prospects towards reducing poverty and narrowing development gaps; promote capacity development for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly); assist in the implementation of the programmes of action for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States; promote development in fragile States by strengthening regional support measures; and strengthen regional and South-South cooperation in the form of policy dialogues and advocacy to address medium- to long-term challenges and to close development gaps. Special emphasis will be placed on efforts to strengthen regional economic cooperation and integration and on sharing good experiences and best practices. Due attention will be given to redressing gender inequalities; supporting the efforts of least developed countries to enhance their productive capacities to sustain their growth momentum and close their development gaps by 2020; and fostering a regional coordinated voice on development issues and challenges.

24. The Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture will provide a regional platform to promote research and capacity-building on sustainable agriculture and food security across member States. Efforts will be made to strengthen sustainable agriculture and food security in the region in order to reduce poverty in rural communities.

25. The subprogramme will be delivered in collaboration with the regional financial institutions, subregional organizations, regional and national centres of excellence, and national fiscal and monetary authorities.

Table 2

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To enhance regional economic cooperation and foster forward-looking macroeconomic policymaking for inclusive and sustainable development, especially in support of poverty reduction and attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced understanding among policymakers and other target groups of policies that promote economic growth, reduce poverty and narrow development gaps in the region	(a) Number of review articles and references to ESCAP publications and other activities by Governments, academia and the media	<i>Target</i>	850	850	800
		<i>Estimate</i>		800	800
		<i>Actual</i>			800

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction, inclusive development and financing for development (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction, inclusive development and financing for development (2017)
 - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Peer reviews of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, including launching (2016, 2017)
 - b. *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific: Year-end Update* (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. ESCAP Policy Briefs on topics including financing for development (6 issues in 2016, 6 issues in 2017)
 - b. Country notes and presentation materials on the socioeconomic policy and performance of Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Contribution to joint outputs
 - a. Regional inputs to and launching of *World Economic Situation and Prospects* (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Preparation of forecasts of major Asian and Pacific countries for project LINK (2016, 2017)
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. In-country policy dialogues on inclusive and pro-poor macroeconomic policies, implementation challenges and the sharing of best practices (20 participants) (5 in 2016, 5 in 2017)
 - b. Subregional workshops on the policy recommendations on key socioeconomic issues in the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (30 participants) (2 in 2016, 2 in 2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Enhanced regional voice in global development forums and strengthened economic and financial cooperation to foster inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development	(b) Number of outcome documents and resolutions reflecting consensus on regional economic and financial cooperation	<i>Target</i>	3	3	3
		<i>Estimate</i>		3	3
		<i>Actual</i>			3

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction, inclusive development and financing for development (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction, inclusive development and financing for development (2017)
 - (iii) Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to the Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific, including challenges and policy options related to regional financial cooperation (2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* (biannual) (2016, 2017)
 - b. ESCAP Working Papers Series (biannual) (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (ii) Technical material
 - a. Paper on strengthening economic and financial cooperation to foster inclusive, equitable and sustainable development (2016)
 - b. Paper on financing strategies for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (2017)
 - (iii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Regional Coordination Mechanism Thematic Working Group on Poverty and Hunger (biannual) (2016, 2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Seminar series on key social and economic issues in Asia and the Pacific (30 participants) (2 in 2016, 2 in 2017)
 - (ii) Field projects
 - a. Increase knowledge and capacity of policymakers and other stakeholders in developing countries in Asia and the Pacific for mobilizing domestic and international resources in support of inclusive and sustainable development (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(c) Improved capacity of member States, particularly countries with special needs, to design and implement development policies for achieving the development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly) and other internationally agreed development goals, including gender equality	(c) Percentage of surveyed participants indicating that they are better able to design and implement development policies, including those that are gender responsive	<i>Target</i>	85	85	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		80	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

Quantity

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report on issues related to least developed, landlocked developing and Pacific island developing countries (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs	<i>Quantity</i>
(ii) Ad hoc expert group	
a. Expert group meeting on the regional implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action for landlocked developing countries (2016)	
b. Expert group meeting on the regional implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (2017)	
(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Non-recurrent publications	
a. <i>Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report</i> (2016, 2017)	
(ii) Technical material	
a. Regional report on internationally agreed development goals (2016, 2017)	
(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Field projects	
a. Strengthening capacity of member States, in particular the countries with special needs, in formulating and implementing policies and strategies in accelerating progress towards achievement of the internationally agreed development goals (2016-2017)	
b. Strengthening national capacities in countries with special needs in addressing socioeconomic development and environmental challenges and facilitating their engagement in regional and subregional cooperation and integration (2016-2017)	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		<i>Biennium</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>
(d) Improved capacity of member States to formulate and implement rural development policies and measures that promote sustainable agriculture and food security for the equitable benefit of women and men, girls and boys	(d) Percentage of surveyed participants indicating that they have used knowledge and skills obtained from the work of ESCAP to promote sustainable agriculture and food security for the equitable benefit of women and men, girls and boys	<i>Target</i>	85	85	80
		<i>Estimate</i>		80	80
		<i>Actual</i>			80

Categories of outputs and final outputs	<i>Quantity</i>
(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)	
(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	
a. Parliamentary documentation	

Categories of outputs and final outputs	<i>Quantity</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-left: 40px;">i. Reports on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (2016, 2017) (ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Governing Council of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (2016, 2017) (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Information services and database on sustainable agriculture for poverty reduction (2016, 2017) b. <i>Palawija News</i> (triannual) (2016, 2017) (ii) Technical material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Background papers, and modules on sustainable agriculture for rural development (2016, 2017) b. Modules on measurement of sustainable agriculture (2016, 2017) c. Background papers and modules on diffusion of practices and technologies for sustainable agriculture to small-scale farmers, including women farmers (2016, 2017) (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sustainable agriculture for rural development (40 participants) (2 in 2016) b. Workshops on measuring sustainable agriculture, food security and poverty alleviation (80 participants) (2 in 2016, 2 in 2017) c. Workshops on policy advocacy for rural development (100 participants) (4 in 2016) d. Workshops on strengthening innovation systems for sustainable agriculture (600 participants) (8 in 2016, 12 in 2017) (ii) Field projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar (2016) b. Strengthening agricultural innovation systems in Asia for sustainable agriculture (2016-2017) 	

External factors

26. The objective of the subprogramme and expected accomplishments will be achieved assuming that the global, regional and national environments remain conducive to (a) continued collaboration on strengthening regional economic integration; (b) promoting and supporting sustainable agriculture and food security; and (c) supporting the efforts of least developed countries to enhance their productive capacities and that adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Subprogramme 2
Trade and investment

Strategy

27. The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Investment Division, with support from the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization. The strategic direction of the subprogramme is derived mainly from the internationally agreed development goals, including those enunciated in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development (General Assembly resolution 63/239, annex), the Almaty Programme of Action, as well as Commission resolutions 62/6 and 68/3.

28. To meet its objective, the subprogramme will be implemented through a combination of analytical and capacity-building work on trade, investment, enterprise development, sustainable agricultural mechanization, innovation and technology transfer, with a particular view to enhancing the contribution of trade and investment in meeting the development goals envisaged for the period beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly). The focus of the analytical work will be to provide inputs for evidence-based policymaking and the sharing of experiences on related policy reforms.

29. The following issues will be addressed, with a key focus on inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development and linkages with the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly): (a) strengthening the capacity of member States to effectively negotiate, conclude and implement trade and investment agreements at the international and regional levels, including the World Trade Organization Bali package and further agreements on the outstanding issues of the Doha Development Agenda; (b) designing and implementing trade facilitation policies and measures, including paperless trade systems; (c) formulating and implementing effective policy measures to strengthen responsible business practices and the integration of small and medium-sized enterprises, including agro-based enterprises, into regional and global value chains, with attention given to the different needs, challenges and interests of women and men entrepreneurs; (d) promoting foreign direct investment; (e) promoting technological innovation and transfer; and (f) establishing and strengthening common frameworks and mechanisms for regional cooperation in trade, investment, technology transfer and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, including agricultural enterprises.

30. With regard to regional cooperation, the subprogramme will continue to support further development of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement. Regional cooperation among research institutions and think tanks will continue to be fostered through the Asia Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade, which operates as a regional knowledge platform for trade and investment reform. The Asia-Pacific Network for the Testing of Agricultural Machinery will play an important role in promoting and facilitating trade of sustainable and safe agricultural machinery. The Asia-Pacific Business Forum and the ESCAP Business Advisory Council, including its Sustainable Business Network, will engage representatives of the private sector in exploring the establishment of public-private partnerships to pursue inclusive and sustainable development. The United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific will provide the regional community with the knowledge needed to achieve

concrete progress in trade facilitation and paperless trade. Mechanisms such as the Renewable Energy Cooperation-Network for the Asia-Pacific and the Regional Network for Strengthening Research and Development Management Capacity in New and Emerging Areas of Technology, will be further developed as important mechanisms for regional cooperation on technology transfer. In recognition of the differential impacts of trade and investment for women and men, gender will be mainstreamed in the work and outputs of the aforementioned entities.

Table 3

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To support the contribution of trade, investment, enterprise development, innovation and technology transfer to inclusive and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced knowledge among ESCAP member States of trends, emerging issues and evidence-based policy options in the area of trade and investment and related fields of enterprise development, innovation and technology development and transfer, for inclusive and sustainable development	(a) (i) Number of review articles and references to ESCAP publications, related materials and activities in the area of trade and investment in policy-related literature and key media outlets	<i>Target</i>	35	35	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		30	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Number of downloads of ESCAP publications on trade and investment	<i>Target</i>	40 000	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to trade and investment (2016, 2017)
 - ii. Reports on the activities of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (2016, 2017)
 - iii. Reports of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Trade and Investment
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to trade and investment (2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (iii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on emerging issues in trade and investment (2016)
 - b. Expert group meeting on science, technology and innovation (2016)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report* (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications
 - a. *Studies in Trade and Investment: Services and Global Value Chains* (2016)
 - b. *Studies in Trade and Investment: Trade Facilitation for Regional Development* (2017)
 - c. *Studies in Trade and Investment: Increasing the Inclusiveness and Sustainability of Asia-Pacific Business* (2017)
 - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kit
 - a. Trade facilitation newsletters (electronic) (2016, 2017)
 - b. ESCAP activities in trade and investment: past, present and future (2016-2017)
 - c. *Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report* country facts sheets and country briefs (2016, 2017)
 - d. Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database (APTIAD) briefing notes (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Audiovisual resources: production of multimedia/reference materials on trade and investment, including for promotion of regional integration and for the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report (2016-2017)
 - (v) Technical material
 - a. Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database (2016, 2017)
 - b. Comprehensive Trade Cost Database (2016, 2017)
 - c. Working papers on key aspects of trade and investment in Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
 - d. Trade Insights (2016, 2017)
 - e. Trade performance indicators on non-tariff measures (2016, 2017)
 - f. Report on trade facilitation and paperless trade implementation (2016, 2017)
 - g. Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology web-based resource material on technology transfer, national innovation systems and grass-roots innovations, including the *Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* (2016, 2017)
 - h. *Value Added Technology Information Service* periodicals on waste management, non-conventional energy, food processing, biotechnology and ozone layer protection (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- i. Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization web-based data and information on good agricultural practices and environmentally sustainable agriculture for poverty reduction (2016, 2017)
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Field projects
- a. Increased capacity of key institutions in the region to conduct policy-relevant research on cohesive, effective, sustainable and inclusive policies for trade, trade facilitation, investment, enterprise development and technology transfer (including through the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade) (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(b) Strengthened regional cooperation mechanisms in trade, investment, enterprise development, innovation and technology transfer for inclusive and sustainable development	(b) (i) Number of ESCAP member States indicating that they find the regional cooperation mechanisms fostered by ESCAP in trade, investment and enterprise development useful	<i>Target</i>	20	26	15
		<i>Estimate</i>		15	15
		<i>Actual</i>			18
		<i>Target</i>	10	10	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		10	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(iii) Increased number of products receiving preferences reflecting coverage and depth of commitment under the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement and/or the expansion of membership within the Agreement	<i>Number of products receiving preferences</i>			
		<i>Target</i>	10 000	6 000	5 000
		<i>Estimate</i>		5 000	5 000
		<i>Actual</i>			4 270
		<i>Percentage (average margin of preferences)</i>			
		<i>Target</i>	35	35	35
<i>Estimate</i>		32	32		
<i>Actual</i>			32		

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to trade and investment (2016, 2017)
 - ii. Reports on the activities of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (2016, 2017)
 - iii. Reports of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Trade and Investment
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Trade and Investment (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to trade and investment (2017)
 - (iii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - a. Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (2016, 2017)
 - b. Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (2016, 2017)
 - c. Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement Standing Committee (2016, 2017)
 - d. Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (2017)
 - e. Board of Directors of the Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum (2016, 2017)
 - f. ESCAP Business Advisory Council (2016, 2017)
 - g. Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (2016, 2017)
 - h. Annual meetings of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery (ANTAM) (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Technical material
 - a. Reference material on negotiating preferential trade agreements (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(c) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement policies on trade, investment, innovation, enterprise development and technology transfer for inclusive and sustainable development, including those that are gender-responsive	(c) (i) Percentage of surveyed participants in ESCAP initiatives reporting increased capacity to formulate and/or implement policies on trade, investment and enterprise development, including those that are gender-responsive	<i>Target</i>	85	80	75
		<i>Estimate</i>		80	80
		<i>Actual</i>			90
	(ii) Percentage of surveyed participants in the initiatives of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization reporting increased capacity to formulate and/or implement policies that foster innovation and technology transfer, including in the area of agricultural mechanization	<i>Target</i>	80	80	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		75	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

(a) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(i) Field projects

- a. Increased capacity of member States to develop and implement appropriate trade and investment policies, including the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement and other trade and investment related agreements and Aid for Trade programmes (2016-2017)
- b. Increased capacity of member States to develop and implement trade facilitation measures, including for paperless trading, to remove regulatory and procedural barriers to trade (2016-2017)
- c. Enhanced private sector development for inclusive and sustainable growth in Asia and the Pacific (2016-2017)
- d. Increased capacity of member States to strengthen key components of national and subsectoral innovation systems and improve the capacity of member countries to implement evidence-based science, technology and innovation policy (2016-2017)
- e. Increased capacity of member States to strengthen technology transfer and the development of technologies for sustainable development, focusing on renewable energy and nanotechnology (2016-2017)
- f. Increased capacity of member States to formulate and implement policies and strategies to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization, including through development of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery (2016-2017)

External factors

31. The objective of the subprogramme and expected accomplishments will be achieved assuming that: (a) the global, regional and national environments remain conducive to continued collaboration on trade, investment and other financial issues; (b) national institutions are willing to provide relevant information; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Subprogramme 3

Transport**Strategy**

32. The substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The strategic direction of the subprogramme is derived from phase II (2012-2016) of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, from the relevant resolutions contained in the list of legislative mandates and from the outcome of meetings of ministers of transport convened by ESCAP. It will also be guided by the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly). During the biennium, the subprogramme will support member States in working towards the vision of an international, integrated, intermodal transport and logistics system connecting the Asian and Pacific region. It will do this by supporting member States in their efforts to integrate the regional transport networks, including by continuing to act as the secretariat for the intergovernmental agreements governing the Asian Highway network, Trans-Asian Railway network and dry ports. In particular, the subprogramme will support the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in their efforts to develop and upgrade their transport networks, including through public-private partnerships and private-sector involvement in infrastructure projects. In line with the Regional Action Programme, the secretariat will also continue to focus on improving inter-island shipping in archipelagic and island countries. Special consideration will be given to mainstreaming gender considerations into the subprogramme.

33. To enhance the operational efficiency of regional transport networks, the subprogramme will assist member States' efforts to identify and implement measures to address non-physical bottlenecks, conduct training to improve the performance of logistics industry and related transport services and promote improved connectivity between subregions. The subprogramme will also assist member States in designing and implementing transport policies that support inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development. These include modal shifts from roads to railways and other more fuel-efficient means; greater use of public transport, particularly in urban areas; improvement of road safety; and policies to improve access to transport for all members of society. Such policies will also be responsive to the different needs and interests of women and men, and strengthen rural transport planning and rural-urban linkages.

34. The Transport Division will strengthen cooperation with other international, regional and subregional organizations as well as other regional commissions and transport associations that are active in the development of the region's transport systems.

Table 4

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To enhance regional cooperation and integration in transport for inclusive and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(a) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to develop and implement transport policies and programmes that support inclusive, equitable and sustainable development and are gender-responsive	(a) Increased number of measures by member States to implement policies and programmes on sustainable transport and road safety, including those that are gender-responsive	<i>Target</i>	95	90	80
		<i>Estimate</i>		80	80
		<i>Actual</i>			80

Categories of outputs and final outputs	Quantity
(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)	
(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	
a. Parliamentary documentation	
i. Reports on issues related to transport (2016, 2017)	
(ii) Ministerial Conference on Transport	
a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (5 days in 2016)	
b. Parliamentary documentation	
i. Report of the Ministerial Conference on Transport (2016)	
ii. Reports on major issues related to transport (2016)	
(iii) Ad hoc expert groups	
a. Expert group meeting on sustainable and inclusive transport development (2016)	
(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Recurrent publications	
a. <i>Review of Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific</i> (2017)	
b. <i>Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific</i> (2016, 2017)	
(ii) Non-recurrent publications	
a. Monograph series on sustainable and inclusive transport development (2017)	
(iii) Technical material	
a. Regional progress on the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2017)	

Categories of outputs and final outputs	Quantity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Update of manual and software for transport policy (Integrated Transport Planning Model) (2017) c. Regional intermodal container traffic forecast study (2017) 	
(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Field projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthening the capacity of member States to formulate and implement policies and measures for development of economically viable, environmentally sound and socially inclusive transportation systems (2016-2017) b. Strengthening the capacity of member States to formulate and implement policies to improve road safety (2016-2017) c. Strengthening the capacity of member States to mobilize finance from various sources, including the private sector, for sustainable transport infrastructure development (2016-2017) 	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		<i>Biennium</i>	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(b) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to plan, develop and implement international intermodal transport linkages, including the Asian Highway network, the Trans-Asian Railway network, inter-island shipping and dry ports of international importance	(b) (i) Increased number of national projects and programmes to upgrade regional transport infrastructure including the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway, inter-island shipping and dry ports of international importance	<i>Target</i>	73	70	60
		<i>Estimate</i>		60	60
		<i>Actual</i>			60
	(b) (ii) Increased number of ESCAP member signatories and parties to global, regional and subregional agreements	<i>Target</i>	75	70	65
		<i>Estimate</i>		65	65
		<i>Actual</i>			65

Categories of outputs and final outputs
(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Working Group on the Asian Highway Network (2017) b. Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network (2017) c. Working Group on Dry Ports (2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Technical material
- a. Updating of the geographic information system (GIS) database on transport, the Asian Highway database and the Trans-Asian Railway database (2016-2017)
- b. Maps of the integrated intermodal transport network, the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway (3 in 2016-2017)
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Field projects
- a. Strengthening the capacity of member States to develop and operationalize an integrated regional transport network, including the Asian Highway, the Trans-Asian Railway, maritime transport and dry ports of international importance (2016-2017)
- b. Strengthening the capacity of policymakers and the private sector to develop and manage efficient and sustainable regional/subregional transport connectivity, including inter-island shipping (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(c) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States and the private sector to initiate and implement measures to improve the efficiency of international transport operations and logistics	(c) (i) Increased number of measures to remove bottlenecks and facilitate efficient movements of people and goods and means of transport along transport routes and at border crossings	<i>Target</i>	34	30	24
		<i>Estimate</i>		24	24
		<i>Actual</i>			24
	(ii) Increased number of measures taken by countries to improve logistics performance	<i>Target</i>	18	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Ad hoc expert groups
- a. Expert group meeting on integrated use of a single window for trade and transport facilitation (2017)
- (ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
- a. United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia: Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Technical material
- a. Updating of training materials on freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics (2016)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- b. Updating of transport facilitation model (2017)
 - c. Meeting the needs of harmonization of standards and regulations (2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. Strengthening the capacity of member States to formulate and implement transport facilitation measures (2016-2017)
 - b. Strengthening the capacity of policymakers and the private sector to develop efficient freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics services (2016-2017)
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External factors

35. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Governments of members and associate members are willing to collaborate and are able to implement the proposed programmes and projects within the period; and (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Subprogramme 4

Environment and development**Strategy**

36. The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment and Development Division. The strategic direction of the subprogramme is mainly derived from the internationally agreed development goals, the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and relevant regional agreements within the context of ESCAP, and will be also guided by the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly).

37. The subprogramme will build on the previous achievements of the ESCAP secretariat in supporting countries of the region in their efforts to integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development. It will facilitate regional cooperation as an overarching strategy to address rapid urbanization, shortcomings in access to basic services, integrated water resources management and energy security as well as climate change, sustainable management of resources and other environmental pressures and constraints. The subprogramme will focus on supporting a long-term perspective in policymaking to sustain the quantity and improve the quality of growth based on enhanced economic dynamism, social inclusiveness, environmental sustainability and resilience, critical factors for achieving sustainable development.

38. The subprogramme's expected accomplishments are complementary in nature and represent different stages in a process of engagement between the ESCAP secretariat and member States and major stakeholders: enhanced understanding leads to improved capacity, which in turn promotes enhanced regional cooperation frameworks and networks.

39. The subprogramme will continue to facilitate regional dialogues on sustainable development, which, inter alia, will identify regional priorities and perspectives and review progress in implementation in the region. The subprogramme will promote stakeholder involvement, multidisciplinary dialogue, multisectoral approaches and interministerial coordination through strengthened frameworks for regional and interregional cooperation and networking. It will work to foster policy and other innovation on the basis of sound research and analysis and the dissemination of knowledge, policy options and good practices, taking into account gender-specific considerations and paying specific attention to countries with special needs. The efforts will be further augmented by the provision of capacity-development support to member States.

40. To achieve the above, ESCAP will collaborate with other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, including through the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism, intergovernmental organizations, public-private partnerships, community-based organizations, research institutes and other civil society organizations.

Table 5

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: Improved policies for integrating environment into development, management of energy and water resources and urban development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(a) Enhanced understanding by local and national government officials and other stakeholders of means of aligning environment and development policymaking and energy security, water resources management and urban development policies, including their gender dimensions, with the development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly) and the sustainable development goals.	(a) Number of references to ESCAP publications, policy briefs, projects and related activities in policy documents, declarations and statements showing an increased alignment of environment and development policymaking and energy security, water resources management and urban development policies, including their gender dimensions, with the development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly) and the sustainable development goals.	<i>Target</i>	15	13	20
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	15
		<i>Actual</i>			20

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on regional strategy for implementing internationally agreed development goals (2016)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(i) Recurrent publications

- a. *Greening of Economic Growth in Asia and the Pacific: implementation of internationally agreed development goals* (series on CD-ROM) (2016)
- b. *Greening of Economic Growth in Asia and the Pacific: achieving shared prosperity within planetary boundaries* (series on CD-ROM) (2017)
- c. *Regional Trends Report on Energy for Sustainable Development* (2016, 2017)

(ii) Technical material

- a. Policy briefs on emerging and critical issues related to environment, energy and water, and urban development, including climate financing and natural resources management (2016, 2017)
- b. Analysis of emerging challenges and trends of medium-sized and secondary cities in Asia and the Pacific in the context of sustainable development (2016-2017)

(iii) Special events

- a. World Habitat Day (2016, 2017)
- b. World Cities Day (2016, 2017)

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(i) Field projects

- a. Climate change and development (2016-2017)

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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Improved capacity of local and national governments and major stakeholders to operationalize environment and development policymaking and energy security, water resources management and urban development policies, including their gender dimensions, in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly) and the sustainable development goals	(b) Number of initiatives developed by governments and major stakeholders to operationalize environment and development policymaking and energy security, water resources management and urban development policies, including their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	15	15	17
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	15
		<i>Actual</i>			22

Categories of outputs and final outputs	<i>Quantity</i>
(a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Technical material	
a. Web-based regional knowledge platform on sustainable development and the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, including recurrent operation of online e-learning facilities (2016-2017)	
(b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops	
a. Strengthening institutional capacities for development and application of sustainable development strategies, policies and tools, including conducting training-of-trainers seminars and operation of online e-learning facilities (120 participants) (2016-2017)	
b. Improving capacities to develop and strengthen policies for climate resilient and low carbon cities in Asia and the Pacific (30 participants) (2016-2017)	
(ii) Field projects	
a. Institutional strengthening for strategic policy planning and innovative approaches to sustainable development (2016-2017)	
b. Improved capacity on integrated water resources management (2016, 2017)	
c. Policy advocacy and capacity-building on energy for sustainable development to facilitate the implementation of the outcome of the first Asian and the Pacific Energy Forum (2016, 2017)	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		<i>Biennium</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>
(c) Enhanced regional cooperation frameworks and networks of local and national governments and major stakeholders with respect to environment and development policymaking and energy security, water resources management and urban development policies, including their gender dimensions	(c) Number of initiatives for establishing or strengthening regional cooperation frameworks and networks related to environment and development policymaking and energy security, water resources management and urban development policies, including their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	15	20	14
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	20
		<i>Actual</i>			17

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to environment and development (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (5 days in 2016)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (2016)
 - ii. Reports on issues related to the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (2016)
 - (iii) Other intergovernmental meetings: Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (2 days in 2016, 2 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report on the outcome of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (2016, 2017)
 - ii. Report on issues related to sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Ad hoc Expert Group
 - a. Expert group meeting on means of implementation of internationally agreed development goals for Asian and Pacific cities (2016)
 - b. Expert group meeting to support the development of the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum mechanism, including the regional trends report on energy for sustainable development, energy connectivity and the energy data and policy portal
 - c. Expert group meeting on regional implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (2017)
 - (v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
 - a. United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia: Project Working Group on Water and Energy (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Regional Coordination Mechanism Thematic Working Group on Environment and Disaster Management (2016, 2017)
 - b. Regional inter-agency consultative meetings on good urban governance (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Policy dialogue on energy for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (2016)
 - b. Regional consultation meeting for the preparation of the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (2017)
 - (iii) Field projects
 - a. Strengthening regional and interregional partnerships on sustainable development, including the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (2016-2017)
 - b. Enhancing regional cooperation on sustainable, inclusive and resilient cities in Asia and the Pacific (2016-2017)
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External factors

41. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the development agenda beyond 2015 and the sustainable development goals are successfully adopted by the end of 2015; (b) economic, social and environmental conditions and trends continue to be conducive to the implementation of sustainable development strategies, including the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication approach; (c) national economic, social and political conditions in the target countries remain stable; (d) government institutions and civil society organizations have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation; and (e) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Subprogramme 5

Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management

Strategy

42. The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, with support from the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development. The subprogramme deals with pressing contemporary development challenges of building resilience to natural disasters and deepening connectivity in Asia and the Pacific, with the strategic direction provided by the resolutions contained in the list of legislative mandates and the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly). The subprogramme will be implemented through a combination of normative, analytical and capacity-building work and will be anchored in regional cooperation mechanisms.

43. The subprogramme will continue to promote regional cooperation in information and communications technology connectivity for the creation of an inclusive, knowledge-based society that is resilient to multiple, complex and interrelated threats posed by disasters. In this context, the subprogramme will provide member States with analysis on critical information and communications technology infrastructure, including cross-sectoral synergies

for electronic resilience, especially in countries with special needs. The subprogramme will also provide policy analysis, options and recommendations for promoting innovation, digital inclusion and a seamless regional information space that deepens regional connectivity. These efforts will be further augmented by information and communications technology capacity-building activities conducted by the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development and partners utilizing the Centre's programmes.

44. The subprogramme will assist member States in deepening and broadening the applications of space technology and geographical information systems for managing disaster risks and achieving sustainable development, especially in high risk and low-capacity developing countries. It will continue to provide near real-time satellite data and imagery and other products and services during disasters, pool expertise and resources at the regional and subregional levels, facilitate sharing of good practices and create synergy with other existing regional initiatives. The subprogramme will be delivered through regional cooperation mechanisms, including the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development and the Regional Cooperative Mechanism for Drought Monitoring and Early Warning, and through the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Applications of Space Technology and the Geographic Information System for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012-2017.

45. The emphasis of the disaster risk reduction and management work will be on enhancing regional knowledge and knowledge-sharing, development of disaster information and strengthening of capacities to manage risks and vulnerabilities in order to reduce socioeconomic impacts of disasters and build resilience. The subprogramme will provide member States with analysis, strategies and evidence-based policy options in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction, including climate change adaptation, into long-term development plans and strategies. The efforts will be further augmented by the regional advisory services on disaster risk reduction, the progress towards an integrated regional early warning system provided through the ESCAP Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness in Indian Ocean and Southeast Asian Countries, and capacity-building activities delivered through ESCAP-supported regional mechanisms.

46. The subprogramme will also seek collaboration with other United Nations entities, United Nations-supported mechanisms such as the Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific and relevant regional and subregional organizations to achieve synergy and maximize impact in the region.

Table 6

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To enhance the contribution of information and communications technology connectivity, space applications, and disaster risk reduction and management strategies to the achievement of inclusive, sustainable and resilient development in Asia and the Pacific

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Strengthened regional cooperation in information and communications technology connectivity, space applications and disaster risk reduction and management for inclusive and sustainable development	(a) Increased number of ESCAP member States indicating that they have benefited from ESCAP-promoted regional cooperation mechanisms devoted to information and communications technology connectivity, space applications and disaster risk reduction and management	<i>Target</i>	15	10	9
		<i>Estimate</i>		9	9
		<i>Actual</i>			17

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Information and Communications Technology
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2016)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology (2016)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to information and communications technology (2016)
 - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on regional cooperative mechanisms in space applications for sustainable development (2016)
 - b. Expert group consultation on principles and norms for the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (2016)
 - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
 - a. United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia: Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. Information materials on information and communications technology (ICT) and disaster risk reduction in the ESCAP region, including the Asia-Pacific Gateway for Disaster Risk Management and Development (2016)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

(ii) Technical material

- a. Analytical review of emerging trends in ICT developments as contained in internationally agreed development goals and related global mandates (2016)
- b. Study on the development of the Asia Pacific Information Superhighway, including a master plan covering policy and technical aspects (2016)
- c. Technical and policy brief on ICT for regional integration, including trade, transport and disaster preparedness (2017)

(iii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings

- a. World Meteorological Organization/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones (2016, 2017)
- b. ESCAP/World Meteorological Organization Typhoon Committee (2016, 2017)
- c. Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism Thematic Working Group on Environment and Disaster Risk Management (disaster risk management component) (2016, 2017)
- d. Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (2016, 2017)
- e. Meeting of the post-World Summit on Information Society process (2016)
- f. Regional Inter-Agency Working Group on Information and Communication Technology (2016, 2017)

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops

- a. Knowledge-sharing forum on disaster risk management and climate change adaptation to reduce transboundary disaster risk through South-South cooperation (2016)
- b. Seminar on ICT connectivity integration, infrastructure collocation and Internet exchange points (2016)

(ii) Field projects

- a. Project portfolio in early warning for coastal and climate-related disasters under the ESCAP Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness in Indian Ocean and Southeast Asian Countries (2016-2017)
- b. Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for the Asia-Pacific Years of Action for Applications of Space Technology and the Geographic Information System for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development (2016-2017)
- c. Enhancement of regional ICT connectivity to promote e-resilience and access to broadband (2016-2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Improved knowledge and awareness of member States of effective strategies and policies in information and communications technology connectivity, space applications and disaster risk reduction and management, including their gender dimensions, for inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development	(b) (i) Increased percentage of ESCAP member States indicating that they are more aware and knowledgeable of strategies and policies related to information and communications technology, space applications and disaster risk reduction and management, including their gender dimensions	Target	75	-	72
		Estimate		-	72
		Actual			72
	(b) (ii) Increased number of downloads of ESCAP publications on information and communications technology, space applications and disaster risk reduction and management	Target	800	-	-
		Estimate		-	-
		Actual			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) ESCAP Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to integration of disaster risk reduction and management into sustainable development planning and strategies (2017)
 - (ii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on regional strategies for managing disaster and climate risks for sustainable development (2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Asia-Pacific Disaster Report* (2017)
 - (ii) Technical materials
 - a. Working paper series on infrastructure resilience (2016)
 - b. Analysis of ICT trends and emerging challenges in particular for countries with special needs, including least developed countries and Pacific island countries (2017)
 - c. Working paper on the digital divide, focusing on ICT infrastructure integration, including network diversification (2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- d. Working paper on digital inclusion, with emphasis on marginalized communities and gender-related aspects of the digital divide (2016)
 - e. Trends and policy analysis in building resilience to disasters and mitigating climate risks for sustainable development (2016)
 - f. Analysis of strengthening disaster risk reduction and disaster preparedness, including gender perspectives, to build resilience (2017)
 - g. Applications of science for effective policy making in risk reduction and prevention , including those related to climate change adaptation, for sustainable development planning of countries with special needs in the Pacific, South-East Asia and South Asia (2016)
 - h. Policy and good practices for promoting regional cooperation in space and GIS applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (2016)
 - i. Technical paper on emerging trends in geospatial information management for improving disaster risk reduction and sustainable development (2016)
 - j. Survey and compendium on the regional capacity of space and GIS applications for resilient, inclusive and sustainable development (2017)
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Regional workshop on innovative use of space and GIS applications for effective disaster risk management and achieving sustainable development (30 participants) (2017)
 - (ii) Field projects
 - a. Enhancing risk prevention and reduction for building economic, social and environmental resilience to disasters for achieving sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (2016-2017)
 - b. Institutional capacity-building in space and GIS applications for sustainable development (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(c) Strengthened capacity of member States to apply information and communications technology, space applications, and disaster risk reduction and management strategies for inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient development	(c) (i) Percentage of participants in activities of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development indicating that they are better able to apply information and communications technology for socioeconomic development	<i>Target</i>	85	85	85
		<i>Estimate</i>		85	85
		<i>Actual</i>			96
	(ii) Increased number of initiatives that reflect or incorporate training modules and/or curricula developed by the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development	<i>Target</i>	205	195	185
		<i>Estimate</i>		185	185
		<i>Actual</i>			227

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on the activities of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
 - a. Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. Training programme brochures for the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (2016-2017)
 - b. Briefing note for the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Technical materials
 - a. ICT for development training modules for government leaders and other beneficiary groups (2016-2017)
 - b. ICT for development case study series (2016-2017)
 - c. ICT for development knowledge-sharing series (2016-2017)
 - d. ICT for development trends brief (2016-2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- e. E-collaborative hub: updating of site for online convergence to strengthen capacities in the use of ICT for development (www.unapcict.org/ecohub) (continuous updating) (2016-2017)
 - f. Updating of the Virtual Academy the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (<http://ava.unapcict.org>) (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Workshop on ICT for development capacity-building for other beneficiary groups (30 participants) (2016, 2017)
 - b. Capacity-building workshops of the Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders Programme of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (75 participants each) (3 in 2016, 3 in 2017)
 - c. Workshop on promoting ICT for development education for students and youth (30 participants) (2016)
 - d. Partners meeting of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (20 participants) (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Field projects
 - a. ICT human and institutional capacity-building (2016-2017)
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External factors

47. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) member States are willing to collaborate in the areas of ICT, space and GIS applications and in disaster risk reduction; and (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Subprogramme 6

Social development

Strategy

48. The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Social Development Division. The strategic direction of the subprogramme is derived mainly from the commitments agreed upon through relevant United Nations intergovernmental processes, including: (a) the World Summit for Social Development; (b) the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; (c) the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; (d) the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; (e) the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; (f) the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; (g) the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002; (h) the World Programme of Action on Youth; (i) the United Nations Millennium Declaration (see General Assembly resolution 55/2) and the commitments adopted by the General Assembly in the outcome document, "Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals"

(resolution 65/1); and (j) the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS (General Assembly resolution 65/277, annex); it will also be guided by the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly). Regional mandates that guide the subprogramme include the Incheon Strategy, the Bangkok Statement on the Asia-Pacific Review of the Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the Bangkok Declaration on Beijing+15, the outcome document of the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Assessment of Progress against Commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals and the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development of the Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference which was adopted by a vote.

49. The subprogramme will aim to promote change at the policy and institutional levels. The main target group of the subprogramme will be government officials and institutions, particularly those involved in the formulation, implementation and management of social development policies and programmes. The strategy will focus on the conduct of applied research, analysis and the dissemination of knowledge products on social policy options, strategies and programmes as a basis for evidence-based decision-making by Governments. Good practices on social protection systems, including those that are gender-responsive and address the needs of vulnerable groups in society, will be analysed and documented for the purpose of adaptation and wider replication in the region. The Commission's convening role, particularly with regard to promoting regional cooperation and consensus building on accelerating the implementation of international commitments on population and development, gender equality and social integration of vulnerable groups, will be emphasized. Technical assistance to developing countries, including those in special situations, will be intensified to build national capacity, including through sharing of policy options, good experiences and good practices in the context of the transfer of knowledge and skills on a range of social development issues and through South-South cooperation. The subprogramme will adopt a multipronged strategy that incorporates cross-cutting issues, including gender responsiveness and a rights-based approach, into policies and programmes. Partnerships will be further strengthened with a range of stakeholders, including civil society organizations and research institutes. The subprogramme will coordinate closely with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other international organizations to achieve synergy and maximize impact in the region.

Table 7

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation in building a socially inclusive society that protects, empowers and ensures equality for all social groups in Asia and the Pacific

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced knowledge, capacity and regional cooperation to address population and development trends, including their gender dimensions, in Asia and the Pacific	(a) (i) Percentage of respondents indicating that their knowledge has been enhanced through the analytical products of ESCAP on population and development trends and policies, including their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	80	80	75
		<i>Estimate</i>		75	70
		<i>Actual</i>			93
	(ii) Percentage of participants indicating that their knowledge and skills have been enhanced through ESCAP meetings and workshops on population ageing, migration and development, youth development and other population-related issues, including their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	80	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(iii) Number of initiatives taken by member States, based on regional frameworks, to promote population and development policies and programmes, including their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	4	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- a. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Reports on issues related to social development (2016, 2017)
- ii. Report of the Committee on Social Development (2016)
- (ii) ESCAP Committee on Social Development
- a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2016)
- b. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Report of the Committee on Social Development (2016)
- ii. Reports on issues related to social development (2016)
- (iii) Other intergovernmental meetings: Intergovernmental Meeting on the Regional Review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
- a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2017)
- b. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Report of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Regional Review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2017)
- ii. Reports on issues related to older persons (2017) (regular budget)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (iv) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on the regional implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2016)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* (2 issues per year) (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications
 - b. *The Economic Implications of Population Ageing in Asia-Pacific: Harnessing the Second Demographic Dividend* (2016)
 - c. *Realizing the Potential of Youth in Asia and the Pacific* (2017)
 - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. Population data sheets (2016, 2017)
 - b. Fact sheets on youth (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Special events
 - a. Commemorations of International Youth Day (2016, 2017)
 - b. Commemorations of the International Day of Older Persons (2016, 2017)
 - (v) Technical material
 - a. Social development in Asia and the Pacific: resource facility (www.unescap.org/sdd) (2016-2017)
 - b. Technical resource material on population dynamics, including international migration (2016, 2017)
 - c. Technical resource materials on trends in population ageing in the Asia-Pacific region (2017)
 - d. Technical resource material on population trends in the context of sustainable development (2017)
 - (vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism Thematic Working Group on International Migration including Human Trafficking (2016, 2017)
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Subregional training sessions on enhancing youth development (30 participants) (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Field projects
 - a. Field project on strengthening regional cooperation for international migration and development (2016-2017)
 - b. Field project on promoting and protecting the rights of older persons (2016-2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Enhanced knowledge, capacity and regional cooperation to strengthen social protection systems, including the health and gender dimensions, in Asia and the Pacific	(b) (i) Percentage of respondents indicating that their knowledge has been enhanced through the analytical products of ESCAP on social protection policies and good practices, including the health and gender dimensions	Target	80	-	-
		Estimate		-	-
		Actual			-
	(ii) Percentage of participants indicating that their knowledge and skills have been enhanced through ESCAP meetings and workshops on social protection systems and HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services, including their gender dimensions	Target	80	-	75
		Estimate		-	75
		Actual			97
	(iii) Number of initiatives by member States and stakeholders, based on regional frameworks, to strengthen social protection systems, including access to health care, and their gender dimensions	Target	3	5	-
		Estimate		5	-
		Actual			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. Fact sheets on social protection (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Technical material
 - a. Policy paper on social protection measures to reduce inequality and promote sustainable development (2016)
 - b. Social Protection Toolbox 2.0 (2016)
 - c. Social protection training module (2016)
 - d. Disability benefit toolkit (2016)
 - e. Technical material on innovative financing for social development in the context of sustainable development (2016)
 - f. Working papers on strategies for strengthening gender responsive old-age pensions (2016, 2017)
 - g. Technical material on HIV/AIDS (2017)
 - h. Review of progress made in implementing the Regional Framework for Action on HIV and AIDS beyond 2015 (2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
- a. Subregional training workshop on using social protection to effectively reduce inequalities (20 participants) (2016)
- (ii) Field projects
- a. Field project on enhancing social protection through design and implementation of income support and pension schemes for older persons (2016-2017)
- b. Field project on promoting universal coverage of health, including universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(c) Enhanced knowledge, capacity and regional cooperation to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in Asia and the Pacific	(c) (i) Percentage of respondents indicating that their knowledge has been enhanced through the analytical products of ESCAP on gender equality and women's empowerment policies and programmes	<i>Target</i>	80	80	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		75	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Percentage of participants indicating that their knowledge and skills have been enhanced through ESCAP meetings and workshops on gender equality and women's empowerment	<i>Target</i>	80	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(iii) Number of initiatives taken by member States, based on regional frameworks, to promote gender equality and women's empowerment	<i>Target</i>	3	3	5
		<i>Estimate</i>		2	3
		<i>Actual</i>			5

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Ad hoc expert groups
- a. Expert group meeting on accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and promoting gender equality in the context of sustainable development (2016)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Non-recurrent publications
 - a. *Women's Transformative Leadership in Asia and the Pacific* (2017)
 - (ii) Special events
 - a. Commemorations of International Women's Day (2016, 2017)
 - b. Commemorations of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Technical material
 - a. Resource materials on women's empowerment in the context of sustainable development (2016, 2017)
 - b. Thematic resource material on women's empowerment (2017)
 - c. Working papers on the status of gender equality and women's empowerment in the Asia-Pacific region (2016, 2017)
 - d. Technical policy papers on the intersection between the Beijing Platform for Action and promoting gender equality in the context of sustainable development (2016)
 - (iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (2016, 2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Regional workshop on effective approaches in mainstreaming gender into development policies and programmes (20 participants) (2017)
 - b. Regional workshop to strengthen national women's machineries (30 participants) (2017)
 - (ii) Field projects
 - a. Field project on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in Asia and the Pacific through the accelerated implementation of international commitments, including the Beijing Platform for Action (2016-2017)
 - b. Field project on promoting economic empowerment and leadership of women in the Asia-Pacific region (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(d) Enhanced knowledge, capacity and regional cooperation to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific	(d) (i) Percentage of respondents indicating that their knowledge has been enhanced through the analytical products of ESCAP on disability-related policies and programmes	<i>Target</i>	80	80	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		75	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Percentage of participants indicating that their knowledge and skills have been enhanced through ESCAP meetings and workshops on disability-inclusive development and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<i>Target</i>	80	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(iii) Number of initiatives by member States and stakeholders to promote the regional implementation of the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, including goal 6: “Ensure gender equality and women’s empowerment”	<i>Target</i>	4	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
 - (i) Asia-Pacific intergovernmental meeting on the midterm review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4 days in 2017)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Asia-Pacific intergovernmental meeting on the midterm review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2017)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to persons with disabilities (2017)
 - (ii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on the Incheon Strategy indicators, including the gender dimensions (2017)
 - b. Working Group of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Disability at a Glance 2017* (2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (ii) Non-recurrent publications
 - a. *Making Room for All: Improving Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific* (2016)
 - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. Fact sheets on disability (2016, 2017)
 - (iv) Special events
 - a. Commemorations of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (2016, 2017)
 - (v) Technical material
 - a. Make the right real resource facility (2016, 2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. Field project on promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2016-2017)
 - b. Field project on enhancing the collection of reliable and comparable data on disability to report on the Incheon Strategy indicators (2016-2017)
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External factors

50. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) relevant stakeholders at the national level are prepared to provide the data and information necessary for the secretariat to conduct its analytical work; (b) national institutions are willing to pursue regional cooperation in a range of social development areas; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to add value to the secretariat's normative and analytical work and extend its outreach and services to countries in the ESCAP region.

Subprogramme 7

Statistic

Strategy

51. The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistics Division, with support from the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific. The subprogramme is guided by the Committee on Statistics, the relevant subsidiary body of the Commission that forms the basis for regional consensus-building for action and represents an effective mechanism for contributing to global mandates. The subprogramme derives its mandate from the two overarching strategic goals of the Committee on Statistics, namely, (a) ensuring that all countries in the region by 2020 have the capability to provide an agreed basic range of population, economic, social and environment statistics, and (b) creating a more adaptive and cost-effective information management environment for national statistical offices through stronger collaboration.

52. The subprogramme will aim to improve the availability, quality and use of statistics in support of good governance for equitable, sustainable,

inclusive and resilient societies in Asia and the Pacific. The strategy will focus on using core sets of statistics to focus national efforts, coordinate regional cooperation and mobilize support by all relevant development partners for national statistical capacity strengthening. Coordinated regional and in-country training, including the regular programme of training of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, is a main pillar of regional initiatives of statistical capacity strengthening. More broadly, the subprogramme will continue to work closely with the Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific, a grouping of international, regional and bilateral organizations, to improve the combined impact of capacity-building activities through enhanced coordination, synergy and complementarity among partners.

53. Within the overall programme of work, the subprogramme will also link its work closely with that of other subprogrammes to support evidence-based policy analyses and advocacy. Capitalizing on the diversity in the region, the subprogramme will emphasize sharing of knowledge, experiences and solutions in developing and implementing regional initiatives to strengthen national statistical capacity. The subprogramme will make full use of the opportunities arising from the increased capacities of member States as centres of expertise and providers of development assistance, including through South-South cooperation modalities. The subprogramme will make conscious efforts to adapt its approaches to specific country circumstances and needs of member States. For least developed member States with more acute and widespread needs, this often means targeted support.

54. The subprogramme will also seek collaboration with subregional institutions for effective implementation of regional initiatives and improved statistical integration.

Table 8

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To improve the availability, quality, relevance and use of statistics in support of effective policies for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia Pacific

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced awareness of member States of effective strategy and policy options for inclusive and sustainable development, including gender equality, in Asia and the Pacific, through increased availability of relevant statistical products and services	(a) (i) Percentage of surveyed participants in ESCAP initiatives indicating that ESCAP statistical products and services have increased their awareness of effective strategy and policy options for inclusive and sustainable development, including gender equality, in Asia and the Pacific	<i>Target</i>	65	60	60
		<i>Estimate</i>		60	60
		<i>Actual</i>			65.4
	(ii) Increased number of downloads of online statistical products provided by ESCAP	<i>Target</i>	7 000	1 300	900
		<i>Estimate</i>		5 000	350
		<i>Actual</i>			1 809

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation:
 - i. Reports on issues related to statistics (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) ESCAP Committee on Statistics
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (3 days in 2016)
 - b. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Report of the Committee on Statistics (2016)
 - ii. Reports on major issues related to the development, analysis and use of official statistics (2016)
 - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Report (2017)
 - b. Expert group meeting on the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (2016)
 - (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Recurrent publications
 - a. *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits
 - a. *Statistical Newsletter* (quarterly) (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Technical material
 - a. Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Report (2016, 2017)
 - b. Ad hoc statistical information on the region, including statistics briefs and working papers on development indicators, including internationally agreed development goals and quality of growth (2016, 2017)
 - c. Regional database on socioeconomic and environmental indicators, including gender and poverty indicators (2016, 2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. Improved knowledge base for decision makers in support of the achievement of internationally agreed development goals (2016-2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Increased capacity of member States in Asia and the Pacific to produce, disseminate and use statistics in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices in support of progress towards inclusive and sustainable development, including gender equality, in Asia and the Pacific	(b) (i) Percentage of participants in relevant ESCAP activities indicating that the knowledge gained improved their ability to produce, disseminate or use statistics in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices	Target	70	65	60
		Estimate		60	60
		Actual			97
	(ii) Percentage of officials of national statistical systems in Asia and the Pacific trained by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific indicating that they are better able to produce, disseminate or use data and statistics in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices	Target	70	70	65
		Estimate		65	65
		Actual			76

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on issues related to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on innovations in production and dissemination of integrated social, economic, and environmental statistics (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
 - a. Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Technical material
 - a. Web-based knowledge-sharing facilities, including e-learning instructional design and management systems, related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops developed by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)
 - (ii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings
 - a. Partners for Statistics Development in Asia and the Pacific (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- b. Substantive servicing of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific: meetings and activities of the Network and of its subgroup/working groups (2016-2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. Strengthening national statistical systems through institutional reform and modernization of their statistical systems to fully meet client needs (2016-2017)
 - b. Strengthened capacity of national statistical systems to produce and disseminate economic, environmental, disaster, gender, disability, population and social statistics (2016-2017)
 - c. Strengthened capacity of national civil registration and vital statistics systems to implement the Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (2016-2017)
 - d. Improved knowledge and skills of government officials and statisticians, especially countries with special needs, to produce, process, analyse and manage quality data and statistics in support of measuring progress towards sustainable and inclusive development goals through training courses on statistical frameworks, standards and basic methodologies (2016-2017)
 - e. Improved knowledge and skills of government officials and statisticians to improve the availability and quality of economic statistics and system of national accounts, agricultural statistics, vital statistics, social statistics, gender statistics, and environment statistics and environmental accounting and to apply new measurement procedures and use new data sources through regional, subregional and country training (2016-2017)
 - f. Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices on leading and managing transformative changes demanded in modernizing and assuring quality in statistical business processes (2016-2017)
 - g. Strengthened capacity of national statistical systems to provide statistical training through improved coordination and enhanced partnerships for increased innovations and collaboration and training-of-trainers courses (2016-2017)
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External factors

55. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) relevant stakeholders at the national and international levels continue to accord the necessary priority to statistics development; (b) national institutions are willing to pursue regional cooperation in a range of statistics development areas; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities and other services.

Subprogramme 8
Subregional activities for development

Strategy

56. The overall responsibility for coordinating the work of the subprogramme is vested in the Office of the Executive Secretary. The subprogramme will be implemented by the subregional offices in the Pacific, East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia and South and South-West Asia, and by ESCAP headquarters in the South-East Asian subregion. Internationally agreed development goals, including the post-2015 development agenda (as and when approved by the General Assembly), the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the programmes of action for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States provide the mandates and strategic direction for the subprogramme.

57. Given the vast coverage and diversity of the Asian and Pacific region, the subprogramme would strengthen the Commission's presence and strategic position at the subregional level, enabling better targeting and delivery of programmes that address specific key priorities of member States in the five subregions. Priority will be accorded to strengthening sustainable, equitable and inclusive development and supporting the integration of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States for a resilient Asian and Pacific region.

58. Each component of the subprogramme reflects the specific needs of the relevant subregion within the context of existing subregional cooperation frameworks and the institutional landscape. The subprogramme leverages the analytical and normative work of the Commission and supports capacity development through technical cooperation, including South-South cooperation among ESCAP member States, and the provision, on request, of advisory services. Emphasis will be placed on knowledge sharing and networking, including the dissemination of good practices for adaptation, experience sharing and replication. The subprogramme will collect data and produce subregional analysis on identified priority areas in order to ensure greater depth and coverage in its analytical work.

59. In line with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, cooperation and coordination with the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations development system will be strengthened at the regional level in order to support country-level development initiatives, at the request of recipient countries, in alignment with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. The subregional offices will also work closely with subregional organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders in their respective subregions.

60. The subregional office for the Pacific will work closely with the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific, and in particular the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme through the Sustainable Development Working Group, to assist member States in the following priority areas:

(a) National sustainable development planning to address sustainable development in the Pacific;

- (b) Balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;
- (c) Climate change, environmental degradation and management of the ocean;
- (d) Gender inequality.

61. The subregional office for East and North-East Asia will work closely with major development partners in the subregion, including the Greater Tumen Initiative, to assist member States in the following priority areas:

- (a) Promoting subregional cooperation on green economy (in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication) and subregional environmental challenges such as nature and marine conservation and transboundary air pollution, including through the North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation;
- (b) Facilitating subregional cooperation towards inclusive development while ensuring gender equality, in particular by leveraging the skills and knowledge of older persons, women, youth and persons with disabilities;
- (c) Enhancing transport and trade facilitation to promote economic growth and cooperation in East and North-East Asia;
- (d) Strengthening disaster resiliency in East and North-East Asia through enhanced cooperation on technology and knowledge-sharing.

62. The subregional office for North and Central Asia will work closely with the Economic Commission for Europe, as well as the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Eurasian Economic Commission and Eurasian Development Bank, the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to assist member States in the following priority areas:

- (a) Subregional cooperation in transport, water and energy, trade, statistics, knowledge-based development and gender and economy through the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia;
- (b) Transport and trade facilitation through improved transport links, transit transport and trade facilitation measures, and reduction of trade barriers;
- (c) Energy and water resource management, environmental protection, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

63. The subregional office for South and South-West Asia will work closely with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, international organizations, government agencies and civil society think tanks, among other stakeholders, to assist member States in the following priority areas:

- (a) Accelerating inclusive and sustainable growth, poverty eradication, gender equality and universal access to quality education and health, in line with the development agenda beyond 2015 (as and when approved by the General Assembly);
- (b) Subregional connectivity through transport, trade and transport facilitation and infrastructure investment for economic integration;

(c) Attainment of sustainable development goals on energy and food security through subregional cooperation;

(d) Subregional cooperation for increased capacity for disaster risk reduction strategies and policies;

(e) Assisting the least developed and landlocked countries of the subregion in accelerating inclusive development through increased productive capacity and achieving graduation from least developed country status.

64. ESCAP will work closely with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to assist the integration of the least developed countries into the South-East Asia subregion.

65. ESCAP will build strategic partnerships with other key intergovernmental institutions and development actors in the subregions, and develop and implement programmes in a coherent and coordinated manner, utilizing the United Nations development system at the subregional and national levels to bridge key development gaps.

Component 1

Subregional activities for development in the Pacific

Table 9

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation and integration in line with the development priorities of the Pacific subregion in order to accelerate progress towards attainment of internationally agreed development goals and to achieve inclusive and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Strengthened capacity of Pacific island countries and territories to plan and implement policies in support of balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, including gender considerations	(a) (i) Number of member States indicating that they found ESCAP activities relevant and useful in support of balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, including gender considerations	<i>Target</i>	12	10	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		8	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Number of national planning documents in Pacific countries reflecting better integration of the dimensions of sustainable development, particularly gender equality	<i>Target</i>	4	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Ad hoc expert groups
- a. Expert group meeting on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in the Pacific: Pacific perspectives (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)
- (i) Recurrent publications
- a. *Pacific Perspectives* (2017)
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Field projects
- a. The institutional programmatic priorities of ESCAP in the Pacific (2016-2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Increased effectiveness of Pacific regional arrangements to address the regional and subregional dimensions of sustainable development, including through knowledge sharing and South-South cooperation	(b) (i) Percentage of national decision makers, disaggregated by gender, indicating that they found ESCAP knowledge-sharing outputs relevant and useful in supporting effective participation in subregional and regional sustainable development forums and processes	<i>Target</i>	80	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Increase in the number of South-South cooperation initiatives in the Pacific facilitated with or through ESCAP	<i>Target</i>	12	12	6
		<i>Estimate</i>		6	5
		<i>Actual</i>			10

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- a. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Reports on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in the Pacific (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Technical material
 - a. Regular update of web page for knowledge-sharing on economic and social development policy and good practices in the Pacific (updated regularly during 2016 and 2017)
 - (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. Implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (2016-2017)
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External factors

66. The subprogramme, comprising the individual components, is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the international community is responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the development agenda beyond 2015; (b) key partners are willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Component 2

Subregional activities for development in East and North-East Asia

Table 10

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation and integration in line with the development priorities of the East and North-East Asian subregion in order to accelerate progress towards attainment of internationally agreed development goals and to achieve inclusive and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Increased engagement of policymakers of ESCAP member States in East and North-East Asia in regional cooperation as an approach for addressing key development challenges, including those of green economy (in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication), nature and marine conservation, transboundary air pollution, inclusive development through leveraging the skills and knowledge of older persons, women, youth and persons with disabilities, trade and transport facilitation, disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management, addressing the gender dimensions in all areas and for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals	(a) (i) Percentage of participants indicating improved understanding of regional cooperation as an approach for pursuing the development priorities of the subregion, including addressing their gender dimensions	Target	70	-	-
		Estimate		-	-
		Actual			-
	(ii) Number of participants engaged in discussion on addressing key development challenges	Target	40	-	-
		Estimate		-	-
		Actual			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- a. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Reports on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in East and North-East Asia (2016, 2017)
- (ii) Ad hoc expert groups
- a. Expert group meeting on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in East and North-East Asia (2016, 2017)
- (iii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
- a. North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (2016, 2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Strengthened knowledge sharing and partnerships among ESCAP member States, civil society and other relevant development partners in East and North-East Asia to address priority issues with a particular focus on green economy (in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication), nature and marine conservation, transboundary air pollution, inclusive development through leveraging the skills and knowledge of older persons, women, youth and persons with disabilities, trade and transport facilitation, disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management, addressing the gender dimensions in all areas and for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals	(b) (i) Percentage of participants indicating that they found ESCAP access to knowledge and information relevant to addressing priority issues in East and North-East Asia, including their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	70	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Number of partner institutions from East and North-East Asia collaborating in knowledge-sharing and partnership-building activities that are facilitated by ESCAP	<i>Target</i>	4	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Non-recurrent publications
 - a. *Subregional Integration in East and North-East Asia* (2016)
 - b. *Development Cooperation in East and North-East Asia* (2017)
 - (ii) Technical material
 - a. Regular update of web page for knowledge-sharing on economic and social development policy and good practices in East and North-East Asia (updated regularly during 2016 and 2017)
- (b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. The institutional programmatic priorities of ESCAP in East and North-East Asia (2016-2017)

External factors

67. The subprogramme, comprising the individual components, is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the international community is responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the development agenda beyond 2015; (b) key partners are willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Component 3

Subregional activities for development in North and Central Asia

Table 11

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation and integration in line with the development priorities of the North and Central Asian subregion in order to accelerate progress towards the attainment of internationally agreed development goals and to achieve inclusive and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States in North and Central Asia to formulate and implement inclusive, equitable and sustainable development policies and programmes that address the development priorities of the subregion and are gender-responsive	(a) Increased percentage of surveyed participants from ESCAP member States in North and Central Asia in ESCAP initiatives indicating enhanced capacity to formulate and implement inclusive, equitable and sustainable development policies and programmes that address the development priorities of the subregion and are gender-responsive	<i>Target</i>	85	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
 - a. Parliamentary documentation
 - i. Reports on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in North and Central Asia (2016, 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (ii) Ad hoc expert groups
 - a. Expert group meeting on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in North and Central Asia (2016, 2017)
 - (iii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs
 - a. Governing Council of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe (2016)
 - (b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops
 - a. Economic Forum of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (50 participants) (2016)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(b) Strengthened knowledge sharing and partnerships among ESCAP member States in North and Central Asia, regional organizations, civil society and other relevant development partners to address priority issues for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development and achievement of internationally agreed development goals	(b) (i) Percentage of ESCAP member States indicating that collaboration in addressing key priority areas in North and Central Asia to support the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the sustainable development goals, has increased	<i>Target</i>	80	60	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		40	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Increased number of partner institutions from ESCAP member States in North and Central Asia participating in knowledge-sharing activities that are facilitated by ESCAP	<i>Target</i>	8	6	4
		<i>Estimate</i>		4	2
		<i>Actual</i>			4

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Technical material
 - a. Economic integration and cooperation in North and Central Asia (2016)
 - b. Energy for sustainable development: energy cooperation in North and Central Asia (2017)
 - c. Regular update of web page for knowledge-sharing on economic and social development policy and good practices in North and Central Asia (updated regularly during 2016 and 2017)

Categories of outputs and final outputs

(b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(i) Field projects

a. The institutional programmatic priorities of ESCAP in North and Central Asia (2016-2017)

External factors

68. The subprogramme, comprising the individual components, is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the international community is responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the development agenda beyond 2015; (b) key partners are willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Component 4

Subregional activities for development in South and South-West Asia**Table 12****Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation and integration in line with the development priorities of the South and South-West Asian subregion in order to accelerate progress towards the attainment of internationally agreed development goals and to achieve inclusive and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced understanding and capacity of policymakers of ESCAP member States in South and South-West Asia to formulate and implement policies to foster regional cooperation to address key development priorities and achieve internationally agreed development goals, including those relating to gender equality and empowerment, and with special reference to countries with special needs	(a) (i) Percentage of participants indicating improved understanding and capacity to pursue regional cooperation as an approach for pursuing the development priorities of the subregion, including addressing their gender dimensions	<i>Target</i>	75	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Number of references to policy measures to foster regional cooperation in policy statements made by member States in South and South-West Asia	<i>Target</i>	10	8	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		6	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- a. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Reports on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in South and South-West Asia (2016, 2017)
- (ii) Ad hoc expert groups
- a. Expert group meeting on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in South and South-West Asia (2016, 2017)
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)
- (i) Recurrent publications
- a. *Regional Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development: South and South-West Asia Development Report 2016-2017* (2017)
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(b) Strengthened knowledge sharing and partnerships among member States, regional organizations, civil society and other relevant development partners to address key development priorities and close development gaps through regional cooperation in South and South-West Asia in support of the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the gender dimension	(b) (i) Percentage of participants indicating that the events have increased their access to knowledge and information relevant for their engagement in regional cooperation	<i>Target</i>	70	60	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		40	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Number of references and citations in media and downloads of key outputs, proposals and activities throughout the period of the programme	<i>Target</i>	120	100	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		60	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Technical material
 - a. ESCAP South and South-West Asia Development Paper series (2016, 2017)
 - b. Regular update of web page for knowledge-sharing on economic and social development policy and good practices in South and South-West Asia (updated regularly during 2016 and 2017)
 - (b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. The institutional programmatic priorities of ESCAP in South and South-West Asia (2016-2017)
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External factors

69. The subprogramme, comprising the individual components, is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the international community is responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the development agenda beyond 2015; (b) key partners are willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Component 5

Subregional activities for development in South-East Asia

Table 13

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation and integration in line with the development priorities of the South-East Asian subregion in order to accelerate progress towards the attainment of internationally agreed development goals and to achieve inclusive and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States in South-East Asia to formulate and implement inclusive, equitable and sustainable development policies and programmes that address their key development challenges, with particular focus on least developed and landlocked developing countries, within the framework of Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations partnership	(a) Percentage of participants indicating enhanced capacity to formulate and implement inclusive, equitable and sustainable development policies and programmes that address their key development challenges, including gender inequality	<i>Target</i>	70	75	-
		<i>Estimate</i>		70	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)
- (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- a. Parliamentary documentation
- i. Reports on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in South-East Asia (2016, 2017)

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures			
		Biennium	2016- 2017	2014- 2015	2012- 2013
(b) Strengthened partnerships and knowledge sharing among member States, regional organizations, civil society and other relevant development partners in South-East Asia in priority areas in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including gender equality	(b) Number of collaborative initiatives involving member States, civil society or other key development partners from South-East Asia facilitated by ESCAP, in support of the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including gender equality	<i>Target</i>	6	6	4
		<i>Estimate</i>		4	2
		<i>Actual</i>			5

Categories of outputs and final outputs

- (a) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Technical material
 - a. Report on initiatives towards regional integration to narrow the development gaps in the subregion in cooperation with ASEAN (2016, 2017)
 - (b) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)
 - (i) Field projects
 - a. The institutional programmatic priorities of ESCAP in South-East Asia: maximizing the economic and social benefits from the ASEAN Economic Community in the least developed countries of South-East Asia (2016-2017)
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External factors

70. The subprogramme, comprising the individual components, is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the international community is responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the development agenda beyond 2015; (b) key partners are willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Legislative mandates*General Assembly resolutions*

55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
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60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
63/239	Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
64/1	High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation
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64/193	Follow-up to and implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the outcome of the 2008 Review Conference (Doha Declaration on Financing for Development) (subprogrammes 1, 2, 4 and 6)
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2011/7	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
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- 69/4 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Dialogue: From the Millennium Development Goals to the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015
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64/7	Financing for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in the ESCAP region
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67/3	Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific
68/11	Connectivity for energy security
69/8	Enhancing knowledge-sharing and cooperation in integrated water resources management in Asia and the Pacific
69/9	Implementation of the Green Bridge Partnership Programme towards voluntary follow-up to the Rio+20 outcome "The future we want"

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| 2012/3 | Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations |
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2010/15	Strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women
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- 69/14 Implementation of the Bangkok statement on the Asia-Pacific review of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
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