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Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions: macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development**Report of the Governing Council of the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture on its twelfth session*****Summary*

The twelfth session of the Governing Council of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture was held in Bangkok on 19 February 2016. During the session, the Governing Council reviewed the activities of the Centre in 2015, its administrative and financial status and its proposed focus of work and strategic direction.

The Governing Council endorsed the activities and accomplishments of the Centre since its eleventh session, the 2015 financial statement, the business plan framework of the Centre for 2016-2018 and its workplan for 2016. The Governing Council expressed appreciation for the progress achieved by the Centre over the years as a knowledge hub on poverty alleviation and food security through sustainable agriculture in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Governing Council acknowledged the strong relevance of the work of the Centre to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. It reiterated the recommendation made at its eleventh session that the Centre should continue to operate as an independent regional institution of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bogor, Indonesia.

The Governing Council underscored the need to enhance ownership of the Centre by Governing Council members, other ESCAP member States and associate members. The Council recommended the following measures to sustain and enhance the Centre's long-term funding and operations:

- (a) Efforts should be made to continue to ensure and enhance the relevance of the Centre's work to the needs of member States;
- (b) The Centre's secretariat should strengthen the business plan of the Centre for 2016-2018;
- (c) All members of the Governing Council should be urged to implement in a timely manner and in full the earlier recommendation of the Governing Council, adopted at its eighth session, that developing and middle-income countries should boost their voluntary contributions to \$30,000 and least developed countries raise their contributions to \$7,000. Other member States should also consider increasing their contributions to the Centre;
- (d) The host country should continue and increase its financial support to Centre, in particular through in-kind contributions;

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(e) The members of the Governing Council and the ESCAP secretariat should raise awareness of the fact that the Centre's work and activities served all member and associate member States of ESCAP;

(f) ESCAP should make efforts to reach out to relevant political leadership in member States to mobilize funding for the Centre;

(g) The Centre should intensify its efforts to secure additional projects for extrabudgetary support, targeting multilateral donors and ESCAP member States that were not members of the Governing Council.

The Governing Council noted the commitment expressed by the host country, Indonesia, to strengthen the Centre and enable it to grow as a meaningful regional institution of ESCAP. It also noted the confirmation from the Government of Indonesia that it would increase its in-kind contribution to the Centre.

The Governing Council noted that the secretariat would consider options for the future of the Centre's operations on the basis of progress in mobilizing increased voluntary contributions from member States for the Centre by the seventy-second session of the Commission.

The Governing Council accepted the proposed revision of the Centre's statute with some amendments, and submitted the revised statute for the endorsement of the Commission at its seventy-second session.

The Commission may wish to deliberate on the above-mentioned issues and propose policy recommendations for the alleviation of poverty through sustainable agriculture in the region.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

1. The Governing Council acknowledges the strong relevance of the work of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA) to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It reiterates the recommendation made at its eleventh session that CAPSA continue to operate as an independent regional institution of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bogor, Indonesia, and urges all ESCAP member States and Associate members to support it to grow further.

2. The Governing Council expresses appreciation for the progress achieved by CAPSA over the past years as a knowledge hub on poverty alleviation and food security through sustainable agriculture in the Asia-Pacific region. It recommends that the knowledge and resources produced by CAPSA through its projects be further disseminated. It also suggests that CAPSA make efforts to collaborate with institutions working in the area of south-south cooperation.

3. The Governing Council underscores the need to enhance ownership of CAPSA by Governing Council members as well as other ESCAP member States.

4. In relation to measures to sustain and enhance long-term funding and operations of CAPSA, the Governing Council recommends that:

(a) Efforts should be made to continue to ensure and enhance the relevance of CAPSA's work to the needs of member States by engaging member States for inputs on programmatic activities to be included in CAPSA's yearly work plan.

(b) The CAPSA secretariat should be urged to strengthen the CAPSA Business Plan 2016 – 2018, with particular emphasis on activities/programmes relevant to member States and for mobilizing funding support for CAPSA. The Governing Council expresses hope that CAPSA would move towards sufficient and sustainable funding support from member States and other stakeholders while ensuring that CAPSA activities/programmes are in line with the needs of member States and will benefit member States. With regard to mobilizing funding support, CAPSA should develop a clear and systematic strategy for raising and ensuring long-term funding support from relevant stakeholders.

(c) All members of the Governing Council should be urged to implement in a timely manner and in full the earlier recommendation of the Governing Council, adopted at its Eighth session, that developing and middle-income countries boost their annual voluntary contributions to \$30,000 and least developed countries raise their contributions to \$7,000. Other member States should also consider increasing their contributions to the Centre. In addition to these contributions, other contributions could be made in the form of in-kind services such as consultancies, capacity building and training.¹

¹ In the event that ESCAP will not receive the indications from member States regarding their enhanced contribution as articulated above, by the seventy-second session of the Commission to be held in May 2016, ESCAP Secretariat should initiate an intergovernmental consultation towards the eventual discontinuation of CAPSA as an independent institution, and explore alternative scenarios for maintaining ESCAP's overall delivery in the mandated area of poverty reduction, food security and rural development through sustainable agriculture. Such alternatives could include; 1) merging CAPSA with the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization based in China, and 2) absorbing CAPSA's activities in Bangkok-based substantive divisions of ESCAP, such as Environment and Development Division, among others.

(d) At the same time, the host country should be called on to further continue and increase its financial support to CAPSA, in particular through in-kind contributions. The host country should also be called on to contribute, following discussions and agreement by the host government, to the strengthening of CAPSA on a comparative scale to be further discussed with the host country the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, in order to ensure that CAPSA can obtain its objectives.

(e) The members of the Governing Council and the ESCAP Secretariat should raise awareness of the fact that CAPSA's work and activities serve all member and associate member States of ESCAP and not just Governing Council members.

(f) ESCAP should make efforts to reach out to relevant political leadership in member States to mobilize funding for CAPSA.

(g) In the interim, each of the members of the Governing Council and other ESCAP member and associate member States should be urged to submit a proposal of at least one regional capacity building event, and/or research project which is in line with the mission of CAPSA and based on the needs of member States.

(h) CAPSA should be encouraged to intensify its efforts to secure additional projects for extra-budgetary support, targeting multilateral donors and ESCAP member States which are not members of the Governing Council. The projects should be designed to fully support regional cooperation in the areas of CAPSA's mandate and respond to the urgent needs of member States.

5. The Governing Council notes the commitment expressed by the host country Indonesia to strengthen CAPSA and enable it to grow as a meaningful regional institution of ESCAP. It also notes the confirmation from the Government of Indonesia that it will increase its in-kind contribution to CAPSA.

6. The Governing Council notes that the Secretariat will consider options for the future of CAPSA's operations based on progress attained in mobilizing increased voluntary contributions from member States for CAPSA by the seventy-second session of the Commission to be held in May 2016.

7. The Governing Council suggests i) natural disasters and agriculture, and ii) impact of climate change on agricultural production, as well as support to member States in reviewing implementation of the SDGs, especially SDGs 1 and 2, for consideration as future areas of work of CAPSA.

8. The Governing Council accepts the proposed revision of the statute of CAPSA to reflect the following changes and submits the revised statute as contained in Annex I for endorsement of the Commission at its seventy-second session to be held in May 2016:

(a) Abolish the provision of a technical committee of CAPSA;

(b) Ensure that the members of the Governing Council are represented by the relevant line ministries;

(c) Consider that CAPSA will be primarily funded by extra-budgetary resources;

(d) Ensure that CAPSA develops its capacities to assist member States in an efficient and effective manner;

(e) Encourage all members and associate members of ESCAP to make the necessary regular annual contributions, on a voluntary basis, which is essential to the operation of CAPSA.

II. Summary of proceedings

A. Activities and accomplishments of CAPSA since the eleventh session of the Governing Council

(Agenda item 4)

9. The Governing Council had before it the report of the Head of CAPSA to the Governing Council (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2, section III). The agenda item was introduced by the Chair.

10. CAPSA staff presented an overview of the achievements of the Centre since the eleventh session of the Governing Council in relation to two extra-budgetary projects, namely: i) Network for Knowledge Transfer on Sustainable Agricultural Technologies and Improved Market Linkages in South and South-East Asia (SATNET Asia), supported by the European Union; and ii) An Integrated Rural Economic and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar, supported by the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT). Highlights of activities undertaken with funding from other sources were also presented.

11. Statements were made by the representatives of the following members of the Governing Council: Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

12. The Governing Council expressed appreciation for the progress achieved by CAPSA over the past years as a knowledge hub on poverty alleviation and food security through sustainable agriculture in the Asia-Pacific region. It recommended that the knowledge and resources produced through projects like the SATNET Asia project and the LIFT-supported project be further disseminated. It was also suggested that CAPSA make efforts to collaborate with institutions working in the area of south-south cooperation such as the NAM South-South Cooperation Centre based in Indonesia and other relevant think tanks and organizations.

13. The Governing Council suggested i) natural disasters and agriculture, and ii) impact of climate change on agricultural production, as well as support to member States in reviewing implementation of the SDGs, especially SDGs 1 and 2, for consideration as future areas of work of CAPSA. It urged CAPSA to expand its activities in the Pacific sub-region. The Council also invited member States to suggest additional areas of work to CAPSA for consideration.

14. The Governing Council recommended that wherever possible, CAPSA's capacity building programmes should be open to participants from different countries of the region.

B. Administrative and financial status of CAPSA

(Agenda item 5)

15. The Governing Council had before it the report of the Head of CAPSA to the Governing Council (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2, section V). The agenda item was introduced by the Chair.

16. CAPSA staff provided an overview of the financial situation of the Centre including details of institutional, regular budget and technical cooperation grants support for the Centre, interim status of total expenditures in 2015, annual financial needs, and fund mobilization efforts.

17. Representatives of the following Governing Council members made statements: Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

18. The representative of Malaysia conveyed that Malaysia is committed to maintaining its current contribution level of USD 10,000 per annum to CAPSA. A proposal for enhancing the level of funding is pending approval. Malaysia further proposes to contribute in-kind support to CAPSA for capacity building.

19. The representatives of Sri Lanka and Pakistan also indicated that proposals for providing voluntary contributions to CAPSA are under consideration within their respective Governments.

20. The representative from Fiji indicated that Fiji has paid all its outstanding dues, including subscription for the current financial year, and strongly encouraged Governing Council Members to consider doing the same.

C. Proposed focus of work of the Centre
(Agenda item 6)

21. The Governing Council had before it the report of the Head of CAPSA to the Governing Council (E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/2, section IV). The Chair invited the Director of the Environment and Development Division of ESCAP to moderate a Roundtable Discussion on CAPSA's status and strategic direction.

22. The Chief of the Environment and Development Policy Section of the Environment and Development Division (EDD) of ESCAP, CAPSA's backstopping division, made a presentation highlighting CAPSA's comparative advantage as a regional institution of ESCAP, particularly in relation to its potential to support efforts of member States in achievement of the SDGs. She also outlined CAPSA's proposed Business Plan framework for 2016-2018 focusing on analytical work, capacity building and regional cooperation; the Centre's workplan for 2016; and key financial issues facing CAPSA. She stressed that substantial increases in voluntary contributions and multi-year commitments from member States are required to keep CAPSA operational as an independent regional institution of ESCAP.

23. The Chair of a Subcommittee formed at the eleventh session of the Governing Council, under the Chairmanship of Fiji and with representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan as members, to look into measures to sustain and enhance long-term funding and operations of CAPSA, presented the report of the Subcommittee including its recommendations to the Governing Council.

24. Representatives of the following Governing Council members made statements: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

25. The Governing Council acknowledged the strong relevance of the work of CAPSA to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including the SDGs. It reiterated the recommendation made at its eleventh session that CAPSA continue to operate as an independent regional institution of ESCAP in Bogor, Indonesia, and urged all ESCAP member States and Associate members to support it to grow further.

26. The Governing Council underscored the need to enhance ownership of CAPSA by Governing Council members as well as other ESCAP member States.

27. The Governing Council unanimously endorsed the following recommendations of the Subcommittee:

(a) Efforts should be made to continue to ensure and enhance the relevance of CAPSA's work to the needs of member States by engaging member States for inputs on programmatic activities to be included in CAPSA's yearly work plan.

(b) The CAPSA secretariat should be urged to strengthen the CAPSA Business Plan 2016 – 2018, with particular emphasis on activities/programmes relevant to member States and for mobilizing funding support for CAPSA. Hope was expressed that CAPSA would move towards sufficient and sustainable funding support from member States and other stakeholders while ensuring that CAPSA activities/programmes are in line with the needs of member States and will benefit member States. With regard to mobilizing funding support, CAPSA should develop a clear and systematic strategy for raising and ensuring long-term funding support from relevant stakeholders.

(c) All members of the Governing Council should be urged to implement in a timely manner and in full the earlier recommendation of the Governing Council, adopted at its Eighth session, that developing and middle-income countries boost their voluntary contributions to \$30,000 and least developed countries raise their contributions to \$7,000. Other member States should also consider increasing their contributions to the Centre. In addition to these contributions, other contributions could be made in the form of in-kind services such as consultancies, capacity building and training.²

(d) At the same time, the host country should be called on to further continue and increase its financial support to CAPSA, in particular through in-kind contributions. The host country should also be called on to contribute, following discussions and agreement by the host government, to the strengthening of CAPSA on a comparative scale to be further discussed with the host country the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, in order to ensure that CAPSA can obtain its objectives.

(e) The members of the Governing Council and the ESCAP Secretariat should raise awareness of the fact that CAPSA's work and activities serve all member and associate member States of ESCAP and not just Governing Council members. This should be done with the aim of mobilizing contributions from a greater number of ESCAP member and associate member States.

(f) ESCAP should make efforts to reach out to relevant political leadership in member States to mobilize funding for CAPSA.

(g) In the interim, each of the members of the Governing Council and other ESCAP member and associate member States should be urged to submit a proposal of at least one regional capacity building event, and/or research project which is in line with the mission of CAPSA and based on the

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needs of member States. Such activities would be hosted by them with technical and organizational support from their institutions, as well as from CAPSA. Member States will be invited to send their participants to such capacity development events, in principle, at their own cost. The subject of such activities may be selected from among the areas that each of the host countries has comparative advantage in and in consultation with CAPSA, and;

(h) CAPSA should be encouraged to intensify its efforts to secure additional projects for extra-budgetary support, targeting multilateral donors and ESCAP member States which are not members of the Governing Council. The projects should be designed to fully support regional cooperation in the areas of CAPSA's mandate and respond to the urgent needs of member States.

28. The representative of Indonesia emphasized that his country is committed to strengthening CAPSA and enabling it to grow as a meaningful regional institution of ESCAP. He confirmed that the Government of Indonesia will increase its in-kind contribution to CAPSA. He recommended that the Secretariat continue active engagement and dialogue with the host country for increasing the host country's funding to CAPSA. The representative of Indonesia also suggested that the Secretariat consider the option of engaging researchers from the host country as a means of lowering the operations cost of CAPSA.

29. The Chair noted that a communication from ESCAP secretariat has been sent to all member States to seek voluntary contributions to ESCAP regional institutions. He urged the Council members to follow up on this communication within their Governments to pursue opportunities for contributing to CAPSA. He also suggested that the seventy-second session of the Commission will be an opportunity for member States to announce voluntary contributions for CAPSA.

30. The Chair noted that the Secretariat will consider options for the future of CAPSA's operations based on progress attained in mobilizing voluntary contributions from member States for CAPSA by the seventy-second session of the Commission to be held in May 2016.

31. The Chair requested the Secretariat to circulate CAPSA's workplan for consideration of the Governing Council members 1-2 months in advance of the Council session so that members have sufficient time to hold consultations within their offices on the direction of CAPSA's work and come prepared with concrete proposals for cash and/or in-kind contributions to support workplan activities.

32. The Governing Council endorsed the activities and accomplishments of CAPSA since the eleventh session of the Council, the 2015 financial statement, the Business Plan framework of the Centre for 2016-2018 and its workplan for 2016.

D. Review and revision of the statute of the Centre (Agenda item 7)

33. The Governing Council accepted the proposed revision of the statute of CAPSA to reflect the following changes, as contained in document E/ESCAP/CAPSA/GC(12)/3 and further amended during the current session as enclosed in Annex I, and submitted it for endorsement of the Commission at its seventy-second session to be held in May 2016:

- (a) Abolish the provision of a technical committee of CAPSA;
- (b) Ensure that the members of the Governing Council are represented by the relevant line ministries;
- (c) Consider that CAPSA will be primarily funded by extra-budgetary resources;
- (d) Ensure that CAPSA develops its capacities to assist member States in an efficient and effective manner;
- (e) Encourage all members and associate members of ESCAP to make the necessary regular annual contributions, on a voluntary basis, which is essential to the operation of CAPSA.

E. Date and venue of the next session of the Governing Council

(Agenda item 8)

34. The Governing Council decided that the venue of the next session of the Governing Council be Bogor, Indonesia. The date will be determined at a later stage.

F. Other matters

(Agenda item 9)

35. No other matters were brought to the attention of the Governing Council.

G. Adoption of the report

(Agenda item 10)

36. The Governing Council had before it a set of draft decision points. The decision points were adopted. The Chair made a closing statement, thanking everybody for their participation, and then declared the session closed.

III. Organization of the session

A. Opening, duration and organization of the session

37. The Governing Council of the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture held its twelfth session in Bangkok, Thailand, on 19 February 2016.

38. The Director of EDD welcomed the members of the Governing Council. He then invited the Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP to deliver welcome remarks. In his remarks, the Deputy Executive Secretary stressed the relevance of CAPSA's work in the context of the SDGs and urged the Governing Council members to enhance their voluntary contributions to enable continuation of CAPSA's operations. He stated that in the event sufficient voluntary contributions cannot be mobilized, plans for the discontinuation of CAPSA as an independent regional institution of ESCAP will need to be considered.

39. In his remarks, the Chair of the eleventh session of the Governing Council thanked all member country representatives, observers and other invited organizations for their attendance and cooperation last year.

B. Attendance

40. The session was attended by representatives of the following members of the Governing Council: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippine, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
41. Representatives of Japan attended as observers.
42. Representatives of the following United Nations body attended: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific).
43. Representatives of the following organizations attended: Asia-Pacific Association for Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), and Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).
44. Representatives of CAPSA and other representatives of ESCAP secretariat attended the session.

C. Election of officers

45. The Governing Council elected the following officers:

Chair: Mr. Inia B. Seruiratu, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Fiji

Vice-Chair: Dr. Handewi P. Saliem, Director, Indonesian Center for Agricultural Socio Economic and Policy Studies, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia

D. Adoption of the agenda

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Annex I

Revision of Statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture in Asia and the Pacific

Note by secretariat

Statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture in Asia and the Pacific

Establishment

1. The Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “CGPRT Centre”), established in April 1981 pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolution 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 and its statute adopted by Commission resolution 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982, and turned into the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crop Development in Asia and the Pacific in May 2005 pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolution 60/5 of 28 April 2004 1977 and its statute adopted by Commission resolution 65/4 of 29 April 2009, shall continue in existence under the title Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture in Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “CAPSA” or “the Centre”) and under the terms of the present statute.
2. The membership of CAPSA is identical to the membership of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “ESCAP” or “the Commission”).
3. The Centre has the status of a subsidiary body of ESCAP.

Objective

4. The objective of CAPSA is to promote a more supportive policy environment in member countries to enhance the living conditions of rural poor populations in disadvantaged areas, and to promote research and development related to sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture to alleviate poverty and improve food security in the Asian and Pacific region.

Functions

5. The Centre shall achieve the above objective by undertaking such functions as:
 - (a) Coordination of socio-economic and policy research on sustainable agriculture and food security;
 - (b) Networking and partnership with other international organizations and key stakeholders;
 - (c) Research and analysis of trends and opportunities with regard to improving the economic status of rural populations;
 - (d) Production, packaging and dissemination of information and successful practices on poverty reduction;
 - (e) Dissemination of information and good practices on poverty reduction measures;

(f) Training of national personnel, particularly national scientists and policy analysts;

(g) Advisory services.

Status and organization

6. CAPSA shall have a Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”), and a Director and staff.

7. CAPSA is located in Bogor, Indonesia.

8. The activities of CAPSA shall be in line with relevant policy decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission. CAPSA shall be subject to the Financial and Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the applicable administrative instructions. CAPSA shall engage actively with the host country Government of the Republic of Indonesia in an open and transparent manner.

Governing Council

9. The Governing Council shall consist of representatives of the relevant line ministries as nominated by the Government of Indonesia and eight members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission, respectively. The members and associate members elected by the Commission shall be elected for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Secretary of the Commission or his/her representative shall attend the meetings of the Council.

10. The Director of the Centre shall serve as Secretary of the Council.

11. Representatives of (a) States that are not members of the Council, (b) United Nations bodies and specialized and related agencies and (c) such other organizations as the Council may deem appropriate, as well as experts in fields of interest to the Council, may be invited by the Executive Secretary to attend meetings of the Council.

12. The Council shall meet at least once a year and may adopt its own rules of procedure. Sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, who may propose special sessions of the Council at his/her own initiative and shall convene such special sessions at the request of a majority of Council members.

13. A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be a majority of its members.

14. Each member of the Council shall have one vote. Decisions and recommendations of the Council shall be made by consensus or, when that is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.

15. The Council shall, at each regular session, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council. The Chairperson or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the Council. If the Chairperson is unable to serve for the full term for which he/she has been elected, the Vice-Chairperson shall act as Chairperson for the remainder of that term.

16. The Council shall review the administrative and financial status of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP shall submit an annual report, as adopted by the Council, to the Commission at its annual sessions.

Director and staff

17. CAPSA shall have a Director and staff, who shall be ESCAP staff members appointed under the appropriate United Nations regulations, rules and administrative instructions. The Director shall be appointed in a manner consistent with United Nations regulations and rules. The Council will be invited to nominate candidates for the position of Director, once the vacancy is announced, and provide advice, as appropriate. Other members and associate members of the Commission may also submit nominations for the post.

18. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work.

18bis. The Centre will endeavour to develop its capacities to assist member States in an efficient and effective manner.

Resources of the Centre

22bis. Pursuant to ESCAP resolution 71/1, the Centre and its Governing Council will duly consider that the CAPSA should be primarily funded by extrabudgetary resources.

23. All members and associate members of ESCAP should be urged to make a regular annual contribution to CAPSA, as it is essential to the operation of the Centre. The United Nations shall administer a joint contribution trust fund in which those contributions shall be deposited.

24. The Centre will endeavour to mobilize sufficient resources to support its activities.

25. The United Nations shall maintain separate trust funds for voluntary contributions for technical cooperation projects or other extraordinary voluntary contributions for the activities of CAPSA.

26. The financial resources of CAPSA shall be administered in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules.

Amendments

27. Amendments to the present statute shall be adopted by the Commission.

Matters not covered by the present Statute

28. In the event of any procedural matter arising that is not covered by the present statute or rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council under paragraph 16 of the present statute, the pertinent part of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall apply.

Entry into force

29. The present statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Commission.

Annex II**CAPSA Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2015**

CAPSA
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2015
(In United States Dollars)

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
Income		
Contributions	669 902	1 596 766
Transfer from ESCAP Reserve Funds	-	-
Interest Income	638	7 224
	670 541	1 603 990
Less: Expenditure	869 165	1 517 779
Net Income over Expenditure	(198 624)	86 211
Fund Balance as at 1 Jan 2015	921 316	835 105
Refunds to Donors	-	-
Fund Balance as at 31 December 2015	722 692	921 316

“The amounts above may be subject to change during the year-end accountsclosing process, in progress at the time of printing this report”.

Annex III

**CAPSA Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2015
by Project Components**

	<i>Joint Contributions Capacity Development Project - Institutional Support</i>	<i>EU Project led by CAPSA: Network for Knowledge Transfer on SATNET Asia^{a/}</i>	<i>An Integrated Rural Economics and Social Development Programme for Livelihoods Improvement in the Dry Zone of Myanmar^{b/}</i>	<i>UN Regular Programme for TC (Section 23)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Income					
Contributions	104 408 ^{c/}	-	492 673	72 821	669 902
Interest Income	310	316	13	-	638
	104 718	316	492 686	72 821	670 541
Less: Expenditure	117 770	307 656	370 918	72 821	869 165
Net Income over Expenditure	(13 052)	(307 340)	121 768	0	(198 624)
Fund Balance as at 1 Jan 2015	219 864	485 746	215 706	-	921 316
Refunds to Donors	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance as at 31 December 2015	206 812	178 406	337 474	0	722 692

^{a/} This project is jointly implemented by CAPSA, APCTT and TID with CAPSA as the lead.

^{b/} This project is jointly implemented by CAPSA, APCTT and CSAM with CAPSA as the lead.

^{c/} Please refer to the following page for the detail of contributions.

Annex IV**CAPSA Cash contribution for Institutional Support received during the year 2015****CAPSA
Cash contributions for Institutional Support received during the year 2015
(In United States Dollars)**

<i>Country/Area</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
Bangladesh	1 000	1 000
Cambodia	2 000	-
Indonesia	57 381	63 097
Macao, China	3 000	3 000
Malaysia	10 027	10 000
Myanmar	1 000	1 000
Philippines	-	10 500
Republic of Korea	20 000	20 000
Thailand	10 000	10 000
TOTAL	104 408	118 597