

Call for Papers

We are pleased to invite papers for the Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week 2017 under the broad theme of “**Advancing economic statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals**”.

The theme has been chosen by the organizing committee for the APES 2017, which comprises statisticians from India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Turkey and ESCAP.

Papers are expected to be aligned with the broad theme and focus on one of the following topics:

Topic I: Institutional and legal setting for the production and dissemination of economic statistics

- Legal framework including statistical laws and agreements between the national statistical office and other national agencies for economic statistics production
- The effectiveness of strategic plans (e.g. NSDS) to advance and promote economic statistics production and dissemination
- Challenges and good practices in working with non-traditional data producers and sources for official statistics, e.g. private sector
- Communication and dissemination of statistical products and services to different user groups, bearing in mind developments in electronic media formats (infographics, videos, etc.) and platforms (e.g. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) as well as Open Data initiatives

Topic II: Statistical infrastructure

- Quality assurance frameworks and policies for economic statistics (data quality assurance, SUTs, etc.)
- Statistical Business Registers (ensuring quality of administrative data for SBRs, maintenance and sustainability of SBRs, alternative frames for establishment/enterprise surveys, etc.) and area-based frames, and the challenges of producing integrated statistics
- Big Data initiatives in producing or complementing the official economic indicators

Topic III: Natural resources measurement, Core Set component in focus

- Based on the Capacity Screening 2013 results and subsequent country reports, the natural resources component of the Core Set of Economic Statistics is the one that is produced and disseminated by less than 10 countries in the region. With the adoption of the SDGs, many national statistical offices are faced with the challenge of building capacity for the production and/or compilation of environment statistics and national

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accounts departments are requiring more and more assistance in the compilation of the SEEA. Contributions under this theme are expected to study links between economic and environment statistics and also provide country experiences in the preparations for and implementation of selected SEEA accounts.

Preparation and submission of abstracts

- Guidelines for abstracts
 - Must be written in English
 - Word limit: 200-350 words
 - Font Arial, size 11, single spacing

- Submission of abstracts

In the cover email, authors should indicate which one of the 3 topics their abstract relates to.

Important dates

- Deadline for submitting abstracts: 31 January 2017
- Deadline for submitting papers: 31 March 2017
- Deadline for submitting presentation slides: 30 April 2017

Detailed guidelines and templates

Guidelines and templates for abstracts and papers are provided on the Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week website (<http://communities.unescap.org/economic-statistics/asia-pacific-economic-statistics-week-2017>).

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