Project Support Meeting for the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics

Thursday, 5 May 2016 (8.30 – 12.30)

Background

The implementation of the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific is supported by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). While in-country technical assistance focuses on South- and South-East Asia, other countries in the region can benefit from the project funds by submitting proposals to a “Resource Facility” which is designed to support analytical work on economic statistics by national statistical systems. The substantive focus areas of the project are national accounts and business statistics.

The project has a budget of around USD 2.5 million over 2015-2018 with a view to achieving the outcome of “Increased availability of high quality economic statistics and improved capacity of national statistical systems to produce quality economic statistics” through three major expected outputs:

1. Improved knowledge among the national statistical system, users and development partners on the strengths and weaknesses of national statistical systems that affect the production of the Core Set of Economic Statistics in project countries (Activities: peer reviews and in-depth assessments followed by customized technical assistance on economic statistics);
2. Improved capacity of national statistical training institutions on the Core Set of Economic Statistics (Activities: the development of economic statistics training materials, e-learning and training of trainers courses);
3. Improved technical knowledge and statistical infrastructure in national statistical systems for the production of quality economic statistics (defined as the Core Set of Economic Statistics) (Activities: national research studies on economic statistics coordinated by national statistical offices)

The country-level implementation has begun in Cambodia and the Maldives and preliminary discussions have been held with Lao PDR and Bangladesh.

ESCAP is organizing a project support meeting in the margins of the first Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week on 5 May in Bangkok.

Expected outcomes of the project support meeting

1. Ensure that project activities and modalities are clear to all countries;
2. Update on the progress of project implementation in Cambodia, and the Maldives;
3. Information sharing on possible timelines and scope of collaboration with other countries.
Target audience

Project priority countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. The consultation is open to any other interested countries.

Provisional programme

Introduction

Presentation of the project concept and practical considerations (ESCAP) (30 min)

Presentation of the national project concepts

Maldives (20 min)

Cambodia (20 min)

Tour de table with the other countries (2 hrs)

Conclusion and agreement on the next steps (30 min)
Annex: Results Framework of the Project:

[Diagram showing the results framework with various stages and outcomes, including development of training materials and tools, training of trainers, national plans, and technical assistance.]