

First Meeting of Partners for Statistics Development in Asia-Pacific 14 December 2010, Bangkok, Thailand

Objective: The meeting's objective is to define the Terms of Reference of the Partnership, discuss its functioning and strategic focus, and agree on concrete steps to move forward. The outcomes of the meeting will be presented to the ESCAP Committee on Statistics at its second session for consideration and guidance.

Morning session

08:00-08:45	Registration	
09:00-09:30	Opening Welcome remarks Election of Co-Chairs Adoption of the agenda	Ms Haishan Fu, ESCAP Co-chairs
09:30-09:45	Coffee/Tea break	
09:45-12:00	Session 1: Terms of Reference, membership and functioning of the Partnership <i>Objective: To agree on the purpose and operation of the Partnership, including membership, organization of work and modalities for information sharing.</i>	Presentation by Mr Eric Bensel, OECD, on PRESS Introduction of TOR & points for discussion by Co-chairs Plenary discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	

Afternoon session

13:00-14:30	Session 2: Strategic directions for statistics development in Asia-Pacific <i>Objective: To decide on the strategic focus of the Partners for Statistical Development in Asia-Pacific, including its link to the Committee on Statistics & its priority areas of work.</i>	Presentation by Mr Brian Pink, ABS, on the Strategic directions of the Committee on Statistics Plenary discussion
14:30-14:45	Coffee/Tea break	
14:45-16:15	Session 3: Immediate areas of work and way forward <i>Objective: To agree on immediate areas of work and next steps towards improved coordination of statistics development in the Asia-Pacific region.</i>	Plenary discussion
16:15-16:30	Summary of decisions and concluding remarks	Ms Haishan Fu