Statistics & Demography Programme (SDP)
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Statistics 2020 – Developing sustainable national and regional statistical capacities

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MEETING AIM AND APPROACHES

With a focus on articulating future strategic directions guiding the development of sustainable national and regional statistical capacities, this regional conference has two key aims: to report on achievements and outcomes associated with SDP's 2006 – 2009 strategic plan, and review a proposed new long-term regional statistical strategy.

Two main approaches will be used:

- Review the contributions made by the Statistics and Demography Programme (SDP) of SPC in collaboration with its development partners to statistical development in the region since our last meeting in September 2007. This will include 1 day each specifically dedicated to technical discussions pertaining to economic statistics and to population censuses.
- Discuss and consider the recommendations of the *Pacific Regional Statistical Implementation Plan* currently being developed by two ADB consultants in close collaboration with SPC and PFTAC, and guided by a steering committee comprising of 3 PICT Government Statisticians and 2 development partner representatives.

Monday 12 July: Review of SDP strategic plan period, 2006 - 2009

08.30 – 09.15 Opening Remarks - SPC Director General
Election of Office Bearers
Administrative Matters

09.15 – 16.30 **Session 1: SDP strategic plan period 2006 – 2009**

09.15 – 10.00 **Session Overview:** *SDP Strategic Plan Period 2006 – 2009: Achievements and ongoing challenges (GH)* **WP 1**

10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break (preceded by Group photo)*

10.30 – 11.15 **SP- Output 1:** *Technical assistance with population censuses and household surveys* (AJ) **WP 1.1**

11.15 – 12.00 **SP- Output 2:** *Increased range of published data, indicators and reports produced by NSSs and national planning agencies and by SPC* (AD) **WP 1.2**

12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch Break*

13.00 – 13.45 **SP- Output 3:** *PICT staff trained in data collection, analysis and management* (CR) **WP 1.3**

13.45 – 14.30 **SP- Output 4:** *PRISM: Improved data and information management by NSSs providing easy access at national, regional and international levels to broad range of PICT statistics and indicators on NSO websites* (JH) **WP 1.4**

14.30 – 15.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15.00 – 15.45 **SP- Output 5:** *PopGIS: More effective utilisation of national and sub-national population and socio-economic data for policy development and planning through national PopGIS systems* (SP, PB) **WP 1.5**

15.45 – 16.30 ***SP- Output 6*:** *Recent SDP initiatives in Economic Statistics* (AN) **WP 1.6**

18.00 – 20.00 ***Conference Cocktail***

Tuesday 13 July: Pacific Region Statistical Implementation Plan, 2010 - 2020

08.30 – 16.30 **Session 2: Presentation and discussion of consultancy report**
(Mr. Len Cook and Dr. Masasso Paunga) **WP 2**

08.30 – 10.00 **Session 2.1: Overview of the plan**

10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.30 – 12.00 **Session 2.2: The balance between regional and country solutions**

12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch Break*

13.00 – 14.30 **Session 2.3: Organisation and processes to make it work, including donor relationships and expectations**

14.30 – 15.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15.00 – 16.30 **Session 2.4: Influencing the long term position of national statistical offices and the statistical system they lead**

17.00 – 18.30 *Out-of session:* **Consultation with development partners** (closed session)

16.30 – 19.00 SPC Bar / evening free (open session)

Wednesday 14 July:
Strengthening PICTs Capacity to produce quality and timely economic statistics

08.00 – 17.00 **Session 3: Economic Statistics**

08.00 –08.30 **Session Overview:** *Current State of Economic Statistics in PICTS, Key Issues and Challenges (AN)* **WP 3**
Paper and presentation based on joint review by SPC and PFTAC, February 2010.

08.30 – 10:00 **Session 3.1: National Accounts Statistics**

- Presentation by PFTAC
- National Accounts Rebase: Lessons and Experiences (Vanuatu)
- International Comparison Programme (ICP) for the Pacific (ABS)

10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.30 – 12.00 **Session 3.2: Economic Surveys and Price Indices**

- Challenges in CPI rebase, comparability and standards: Lessons from PICTs Experiences (SPC) **IP 1**
- Design and conduct of HIES classifications to meet national accounts requirements (SPC) **IP 2**
- Design and Implementation of Establishment Surveys (Samoa)

12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch Break*

13.00 – 14.00 **Session 3.3: Administrative Data**

- Issues in international trade statistics: Compilation challenges, standards and systems (Fiji)
- Economic Administrative Data Availability and Extraction (Central Bank, PNG)

14:00 – 15.30 **Session 3.4: User and Policy Dimension**

- Statistical requirements for National Development Strategies (ESCAP: David Smith)
- Statistical challenges for economic policy monitoring (Central Bank, Solomon Islands)
- Poverty Analysis – New Caledonia Experience (Laure Hadj, ITSEE)

IP 3 (original in French)

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 3.5: Future Perspectives and Other Strategic Issues**

- Economic Statistics Implementation Plan – Recap from Day 2 (Consultant)
- Panel Discussion: Chair (David Smith, UNESCAP), panelists: Reserve Banks of PNG and Solomon Islands; Economic Statistics Divisions, NSOs (Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu), PFTAC and SPC.

17.00 – 19.00 SPC Bar / evening free

Thursday 15 July:
Strengthening PICTs Capacity to maximize census and survey efficiencies through utilizing new technology and business practices

08.30 – 10.00 **Session 4: Population censuses and household surveys** **WP 4**

08.30 – 10.00 **Session 4.1: Census planning**

- Focus on Preparation of Census Plan and Census Cartography **IP 4**
  (SPC + country response: Samoa and FSM)
- Resources mobilization (UNFPA)
- Coordination at country level – country response from Vanuatu and Solomon Islands

10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.30 – 11.30 **Session 4.2: Questionnaire design**

- Questionnaire design/Content **IP 5** (Census) **+ IP 6** (Survey-original in French)
- Focus on content (involvement of stakeholders) and design/lay-out (*Indesign*)

(SPC + country response: Kiribati)

11.30 – 12.30 **Session 4.3: Data capture and processing** **IP 7**

- Focus on scanning/processing (SPC + country response: Vanuatu)

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 – 14.30 **Session 4.4: Operations management** **IP 8**

- Evidence-based training (linking pilot test results to tailor-made field staff training)
  (SPC + country response: Vanuatu)
- Remote census activity monitoring and technical support **IP 9**
  (SPC + country response: Vanuatu)

14.30 – 15.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15.00 – 17.00 **Session 4.5: Census and Household survey applications: moving beyond standard products – addressing key national and regional policy concerns**

- *National Minimum Development Indicator* database (SPC-SDP) **IP 10**
- Gender and Culture statistics (SPC-HDP) **IP 11**
- Food security (FAO) **~~IP 12~~ (not written)**
- Improving vital statistics (HISHub, University of Queensland) **IP 13**

18.00 – 22.00 Conference BBQ

Friday 16 July: Data dissemination

08.30 – 13.00 **Session 5: Data dissemination**

08.30 – 08.45 **Session 5: Data Dissemination – overview**

08.45 – 09.30 **Session 5.1: Data quality**

- Recap of Day 4 sessions 4.1 – 4.4
- The critical role Metadata and documentation **IP 14**

09.30 – 10.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.00 – 12.00 **Session 5.2: Data accessibility – expanded role of PRISM**

- Interactive mapping interface
- Table-builder – 2 models

12.00 – 13.00 **Session 5.3: Data Visualization**

- new graphic data displays (bubble-charts and moving age-pyramids)

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 6: Agency presentations**

Reserved for agencies not previously involved in programme presentations (Focused papers on topics covered during conference; please refrain from generalised agency statements).

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 7: Adoption of Meeting Recommendations**

17.00 – SPC Bar / farewell drinks

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