



Regional Programme on Economic Statistics Asia and the Pacific

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**Workshop on the Implementation and Links between the System of
National Accounts 2008 and the Government Finance Statistics Manual**



Regional Programme for Economic Statistics

Definition

A **capacity building framework for Asia-Pacific countries** with its scope determined by the Core Set of Economic Statistics.

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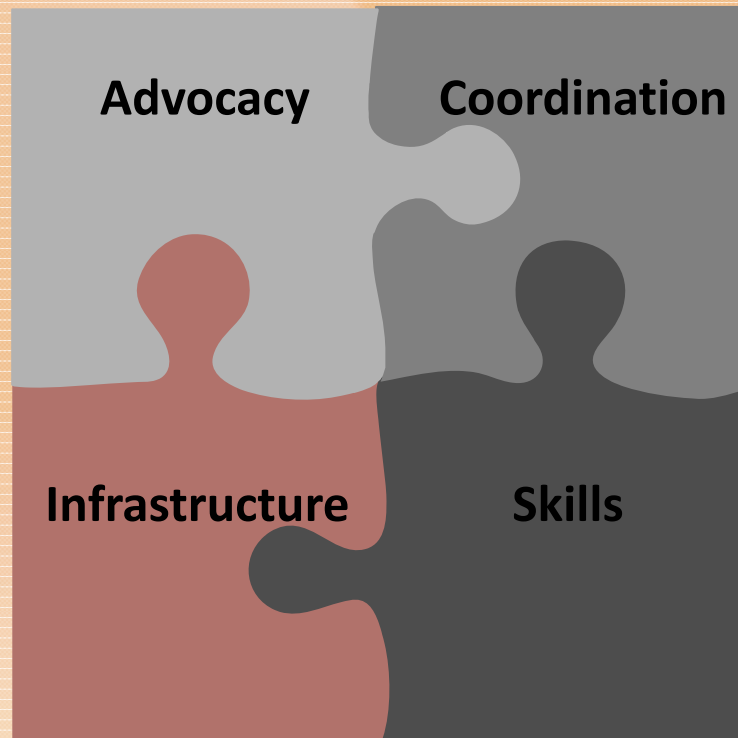
RPES and its Core Set were designed by countries and development partners at the request of the **ESCAP Committee on Statistics in 2009**. The programme and its Core Set were endorsed by the **Committee on Statistics in 2010**, i.e. the heads of NSOs.

Value-added

Platform for coordination facilitating planned/concerted actions towards the Asia-Pacific countries having the capacity to produce basic economic statistics within a common reference framework (i.e. the **Core Set**) by 2020.

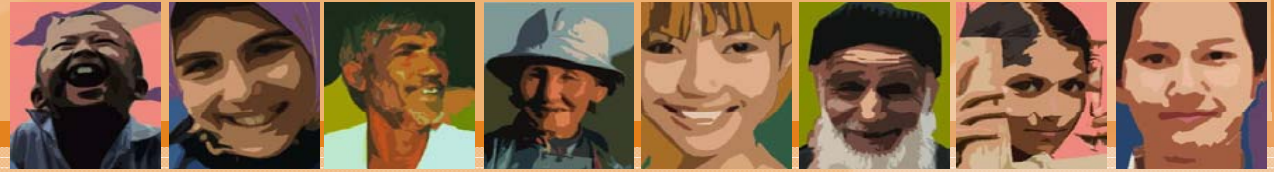


Goal: Better policies through better economic statistics



Outcome 2020

**NSSs in Asia-Pacific
have capacity to
produce & disseminate
the Core Set**



RPES Governance

CST and
Bureau

Heads of NSOs in Asia and the Pacific

SGRPES
and CC

Heads of macroeconomics statistics, senior staff working on economic statistics (NSOs), Central Bank and Ministry of Finance representatives and development partners

ESCAP
secretariat

Economic statistics team

Partnership
and NSS
stakeholders



Core Set: Emphasis on basic economic statistics

Prices and costs

Demand & output

Income & wealth

Money & banking

Government

Labour market

Natural resources
& the environment

- Consumer, producer, product price indices, labour cost, wages, exchange rates, PPPs, terms of trade
- GDP (p/e), external trade, industrial structure statistics; short-term indicators (industry output/demand) and productivity
- National accounts for the economy and by sector to measure income, savings, investment, wealth, balance of payments to measure international income and capital flows, IIP and external debt
- Assets and liabilities of banking sector, monetary measures and interest rates
- Public revenue, expenditure, borrowing and lending, government accounts
- Labour supply and demand, characteristics of labour force, employment/unemployment, underemployment, hours worked, employment in informal/formal sector, job creation and vacancies
- Measures of sustainable economic growth, discovery/depletion and degradation of natural assets



Capacity Screening

- First activity of RPES implementation:
 - to attract and coordinate regional support activities
- Developed by the Steering Group as a rapid assessment tool based on RPES and Core Set
- Provides a baseline for the implementation of the Core Set of Economic Statistics
- 49 out of 58 ESCAP member countries responded (March-May 2013)
- Of the countries that are participating in this workshop Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkey responded



Structure of Capacity Screening

RPES Technical Cooperation

- Existing capacity building agreements and interest in participating in RPES

Institutional setting

- Legislation, planning, national statistical coordination and dissemination and advocacy for economic statistics

Information technology and Human Resources

- Adequacy of IT systems and staff skills

Statistical infrastructure

- Quality assurance, metadata, BR, data collection instruments

Availability of Core Set of Economic Statistics

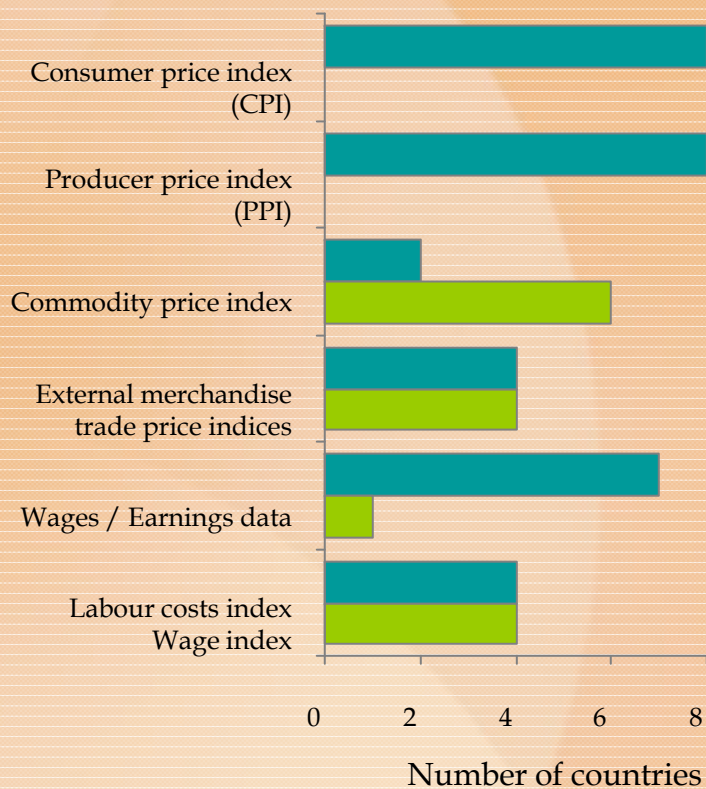
- Based on the seven components and the recommended frequency



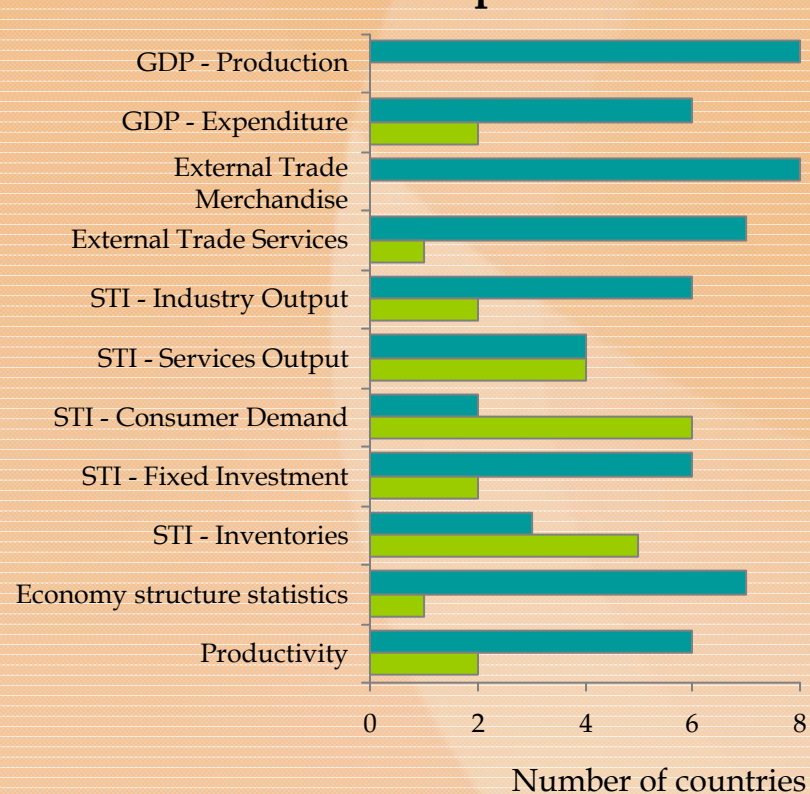
Results for participating countries

Core Set availability and quality gaps (1/2)

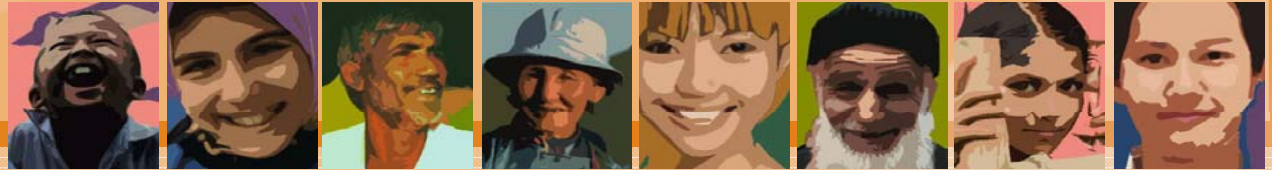
Prices and Costs



Demand & Output

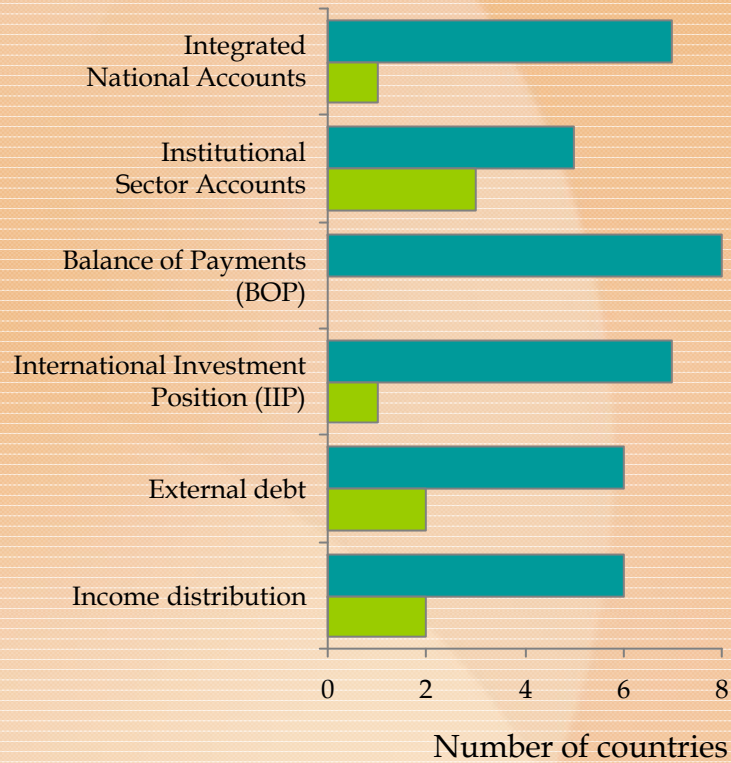


■ Meeting recommended frequency
■ Not meeting recommended frequency

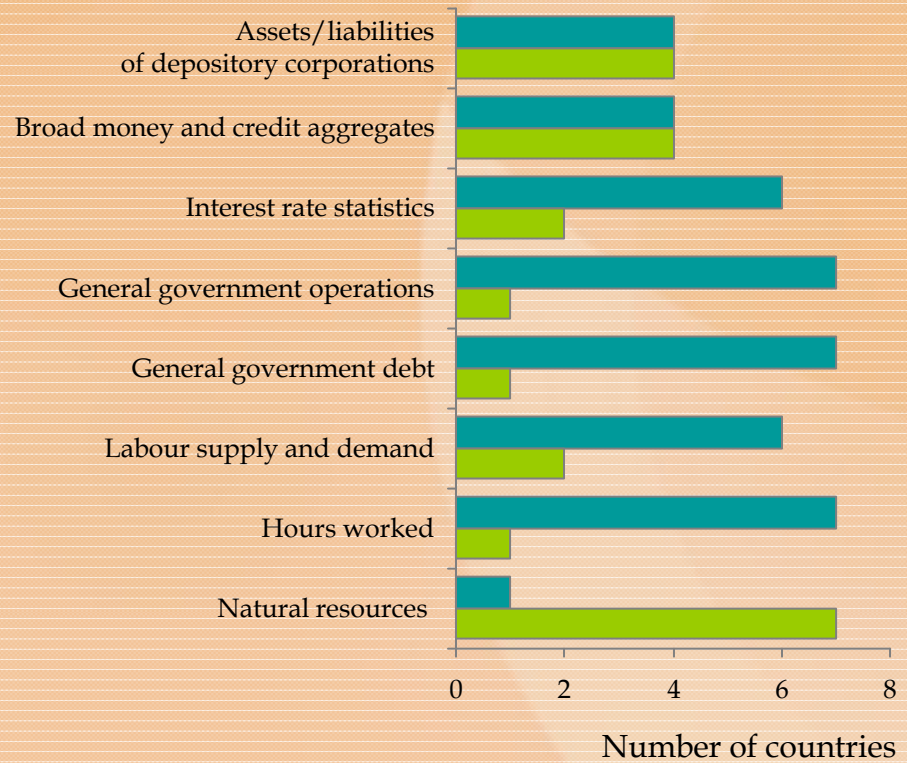


Results for participating countries Core Set availability and quality gaps (2/2)

Income & wealth



Money, labour, government & natural resources



■ Meeting recommended frequency
■ Not meeting recommended frequency



What are the next steps of RPES implementation?

- Consultations among economic statistics providers and stakeholders at the national level (supported by (sub)regional activities)
- Development/enhancement of national economic statistics development plans in line with NSDS/equivalent
- Work on priority areas regarding infrastructure and skills development based on Capacity Screening results (e.g. business registers, labour and natural resources at the regional level):
 - For the Russian speaking countries: RF-funded project supporting the implementation of the Regional Programme with a focus on 2008 SNA
 - Other resources: UN DA on national accounts and SEEA, possible funding from WB and DfID



For more information:

<http://www.unescap.org/stat/econ/>

Thank you