

REGIONAL MEETING OF HEADS OF PLANNING AND HEADS OF STATISTICS (HOPS)
(Noumea, New Caledonia, 22–26 July 2013)

Implementation of Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy, Phase 1

CONFERENCE AGENDA (12 July 2013)

Monday 22 July

- 07.30 – 08.00 **Registration**
- 08.00 – 08.45 Opening Remarks - SPC Director General
Election of Office Bearers
Administrative Matters
- 08.45 – 17.00 **Part 1: Review of *Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy* implementation**
Background: Review contributions made by the Statistics for Development Division in collaboration with its development partners to statistical development in the region since our last meeting in July 2010, reporting against the six objectives of the Pacific Statistics Strategy Action Plan, Phase 1 (2011-2014) – the first of three distinct phases of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy endorsed at HOPS 2010.
Each topic will be introduced by a SDD staff member, followed by short country or agency statements and plenary discussion.
- 08.45 – 10.00 ***Session 1/TYPPS Objective 1: (Lead: Arthur Jorari)***
PICTS are undertaking key statistical collections as scheduled
Population and Housing Censuses, 2010 - 2013
- 10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break (preceded by Group photo)*
- 10.30 – 11.15 ***Session 1/TYPPS Objective 1 (continued)***
Household Income and Expenditure Surveys, 2010 – 2013
- 11.15 – 12.00 *Demographic and Health Surveys, 2010 – 2013*
- 12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch Break*
- 13.00 – 17.00 ***Session 2/TYPPS Objective 2: (Lead: Scott Pontifex)***
PICTS are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors
- 13.00 – 15.00 *Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), Health statistics*
- 15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 15.30 – 17.00 *Education Statistics*
- 18.00 – 19.30 ***Conference Cocktail hosted by SPC Director-General***

Tuesday 23 July

- 08.00 – 17.00 **Part 1: (continued)**
- 08.00 – 10.00 **Session 2/TYPPS Objective 2: (continue)**
Economic Statistics
- 10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 10.30 – 12.00 **Session 3/TYPPS Objective 3: (Lead: Chris Ryan)**
PICTS have their own capacity or are accessing regional capacity to undertake agreed core and some specialists statistical functions
Report on skills audit, SDD training activities, South-South program, development of long-term training programme
- 12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch Break*
- 13.00 – 14.30 **Session 4/TYPPS Objective 4 (Lead: James Hemphill)**
Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and are being utilized
Report on PRISM redesign, NMDI, PopGIS redevelopment/PRISM mapping facility, increased utilization of national and regional statistics by data users; development of Pillar-3 statistical indicators; data user workshops
- 14.30 – 15.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 15.00 – 16.00 **Session 5/TYPPS Objective 5: (Lead: Pierre Wong)**
New and innovative statistical tools and systems have been introduced
New field monitoring tools; Advanced HIES output system; Use of tablets/computer assisted interview – field tested during Tuvalu 2012 census
- 16.00 – 17.00 **Session 6/TYPPS Objective 6: (Lead: Gerald Haberkorn)**
National and regional statistics governance is functioning effectively
Approved statistical master plan or NSDS; PIC establishment of national statistical advisory committees; effective functioning of PSSC
- 17.00 – 19.00 SPC Bar / evening free (open session)

Wednesday 24 July

- 08.00 – 17.00 **Part 2: Report of an external mid-term review of Phase 1 of *Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPPS)* implementation**
- Background:** This review was jointly commissioned by AusAID and SPC to provide feedback on TYPPS implementation thus far, lessons learned, the ongoing relevance of TYPPS objectives and priorities amidst newly emerging regional and international development policy issues, to guide completion of Phase 1 (2013-2014) and assist in design of Phase 2 (2015 – 2017) activities. The review will be introduced by the consultants, followed by a plenary discussion, and subsequent break-out groups, to workshop the implementation of review recommendations.
- 08.00 – 09.00 **Session 7**
Reflection by PSSC Chair on TYPPS implementation 2010-2013 and the future of statistical developments in the region, followed by plenary discussion
- 09.00 – 10.00 **Session 8/Mid-term review of TYPPS Phase 1**
Introduction of mid-term review report by consultants, followed by plenary discussion
- 10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 10.30 – 12.00 **Session 8 (continues)**
*Plenary discussion continues followed by formation of **break-out groups**, to workshop implementation/prioritization of report recommendations*
- 12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch Break*
- 13.00 – 16.00 **Session 8 (continues)**
*Formation of/continue with **break-out groups**, to workshop implementation/ prioritization of report recommendations (decision on timing of coffee break taken by working-group convenor)*
- 16.00 – 17.30 **Session 8 (continues)**
Breakout groups report back to plenary
- 17.30 – 19.00 SPC Bar / evening free (open session)

Thursday 25 July

08.00 – 17.00 **Part 3: Discussion of pressing and newly emerging policy challenges impacting on statistical activities**

Background: This agenda item has been tabled to address pressing and newly emerging policy matters and their implications on national and regional statistical activities. The selection of topics has been guided by new SPC Corporate Plan and regional policy discussions, as well as in response to requests from some international stakeholders, to have an opportunity to engage with Heads of national statistical agencies of SPC member countries and territories.

08.00 – 09.00 **Session 9.1**
International Comparison program (ABS)

09.00 – 10.00 **Session 9.2**
National accounts as an integrated framework for economic statistics (PFTAC)

10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.30 – 12.30 **Session 9.3**
Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNSD, UNESCAP)

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch Break*

13.30 – 15.00 **Session 9.4**
Food security (SPC working group)

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15.30 – 17.00 **Session 9.5**
Disability Statistics (WHO, UNICEF)

18.00 – 22.00 **Conference BBQ**

Friday 26 July

08.00 – 10.30	Session-9.6 Human Development (SPC – HDP)
08.00 – 09.00	Culture statistics
09.00 – 10.30	Gender Statistics
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	Session-9.7 Busan Action Plan for Statistics and its implication for statistical development in the Pacific Island region (Paris21)
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 15.00	Session-9.8 Information and Communication Technologies (ABS) Increasing access to, and enhancing the use of statistical information
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15.30 – 17.00	Session 10: Review and adoption of Conference recommendations
17.00 –	SPC Bar / farewell drinks