



# ESCAP

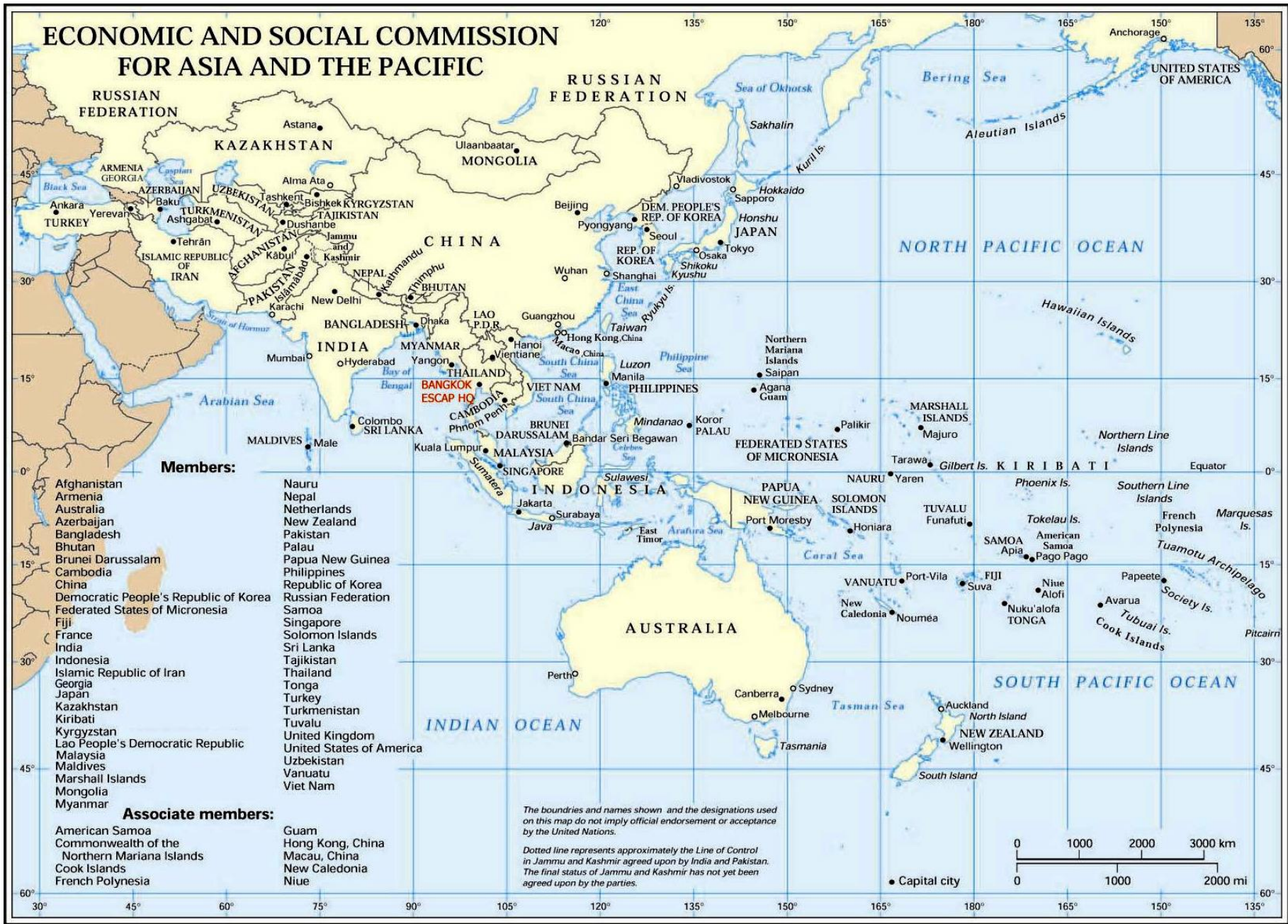
Economic and Social Commission  
for Asia and the Pacific

# The way forward in Asia-Pacific

Expert meeting on the framework to measure South-South cooperation  
Brasilia, Brazil, 11-13 July 2023

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Asia and the Pacific comprises:

**40%**

of the world **land area**

**60%**

of the world **population**

# ESCAP's membership

- 62 in total
- 4 outside the region (all OECD/DAC members)
- 1 as classified in Europe as per UN regional groupings
- 4 OECD/DAC members inside the region
- 9 associate members, i.e., non-self-governing territories

Which leaves **44** of interest for SSC



# Possible countries for project

- **19** responded to survey
- Of which **12** said that they are **mainly a provider** of SSC or **both a provider and recipient** of SSC
- Conversations have been held with several of these candidate countries, but nothing has been settled yet
- In case of interest of more than 2 countries, we can see how they can be supported through other resources



# Regional event

- Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum for South-South and Triangular Cooperation
- 5<sup>th</sup> session scheduled to be held on 10 Nov 2023 in Bangkok
- Theme: Digital Innovation and South-South Cooperation: Driving Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific
- We're exploring the possibility of including the regional event in the forum session; if that isn't possible, the regional event could be held on 8 Nov



# Drawing upon own specific SSC projects

- E.g., such as through the project [South-South Collaboration to Strengthen Statistics for Ocean-related SDGs](#)
- Similar specific SSC work has been undertaken in the areas of regional drought monitoring; policy environment for inclusive business; transport & trade connectivity; protecting & empowering persons with disabilities; tackling marine plastic pollution; production & use of natural resources



# Informing member states and partners

- The [Committee on Statistics](#), which brings the Asia-Pacific Chief Statisticians together biannually, sets priorities for our work on statistics development and is informed of related activities
- The [Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development](#) regularly features conversations on the role of SSC in accelerating progress towards the SDGs
- We convene the [Working Group on Statistics of the UN Regional Collaborative Platform](#) that brings together the 16 UN entities working on data & statistics in the region (plus PARIS21, ADB & Pacific Community)



# E-learning course

- Our [Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific \(SIAP\)](#) is highly experienced in the development and delivery of e-learning courses for official statistics
- If there is interest, we can explore whether SIAP can help to develop the course (and/or host it)





# THANK YOU

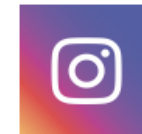
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