Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Asia-Pacific in the global system

The Future of Economic Statistics
Agenda item 3 Response to 2030 Agenda

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Who is ESCAP?

The **United Nations E**conomic and **S**ocial **C**ommission for **A**sia and the **P**acific

"…the regional development arm of the United Nations for the Asia-Pacific region"

One of five Regional Commissions of the United Nations

Works closely with other UN programmes and agencies, the Asian Development Bank, NGOs and civil society

53 Member States (including China) and 9 Associate Members

Two thirds of the world's population is located in the ESCAP region. China is ranked No. 1 by population.

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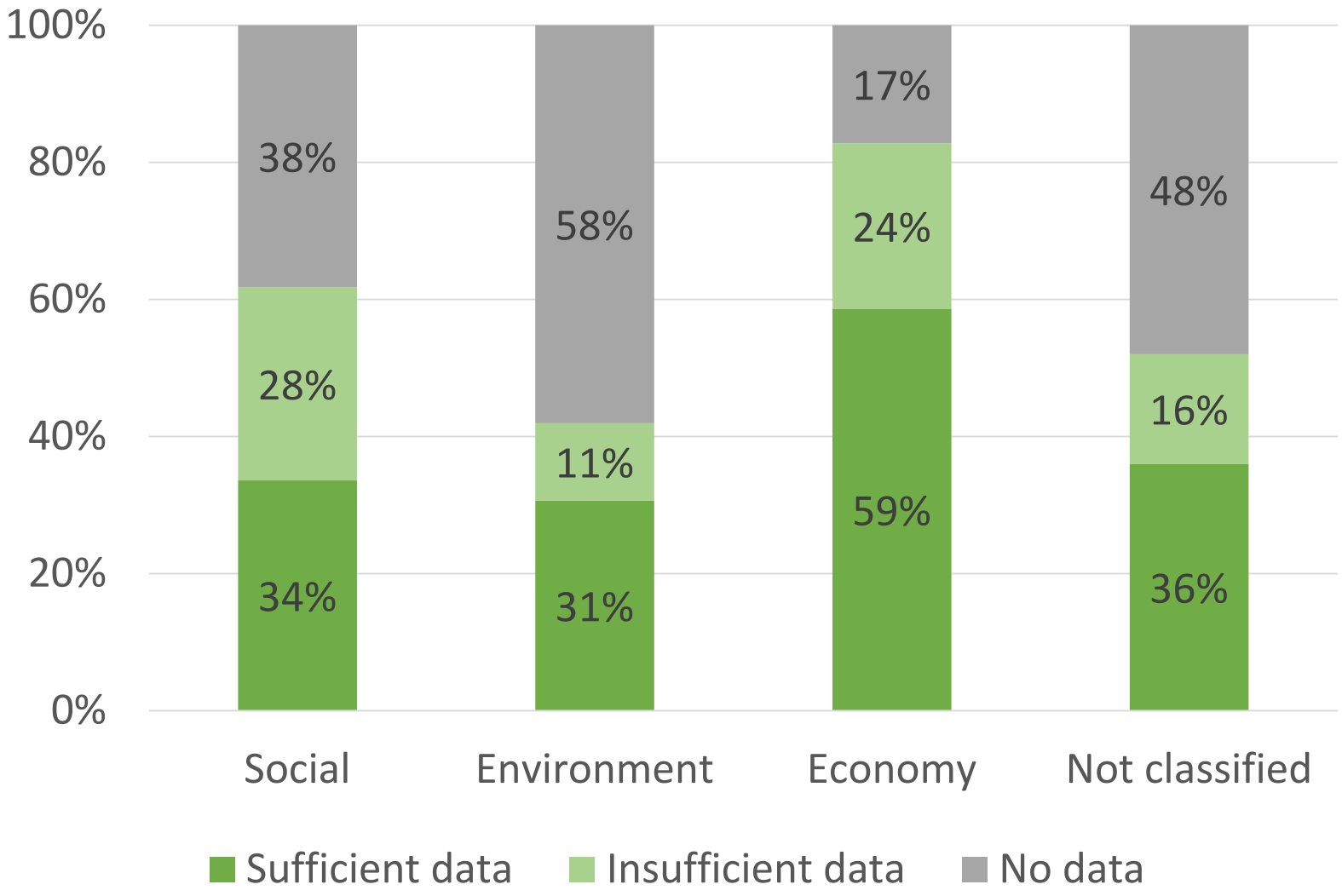
SDG data availability in Asia-Pacific by development dimension



Economy: SDGs 8, 9, 29 indicators

Social: SDGs 1-5; 10-11; 16, 128 indicators

Environment: SDGs 6,7; 12-15, 62 indicators

Not classified: SDG 17, 25 indicators

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Key messages

Lots of data gaps

- But data availability for economic statistics is pretty good

Lots of ‘technical assistance’ required

- How should countries actually produce these indicators?

Lots of ‘statistical infrastructure’ gaps

- What are the ‘killer statistics’ in a SEEA account? What is the GDP equivalent?
- How do we integrate all dimensions of sustainable development?
- Is the economic-social-environmental distinction holding us back?

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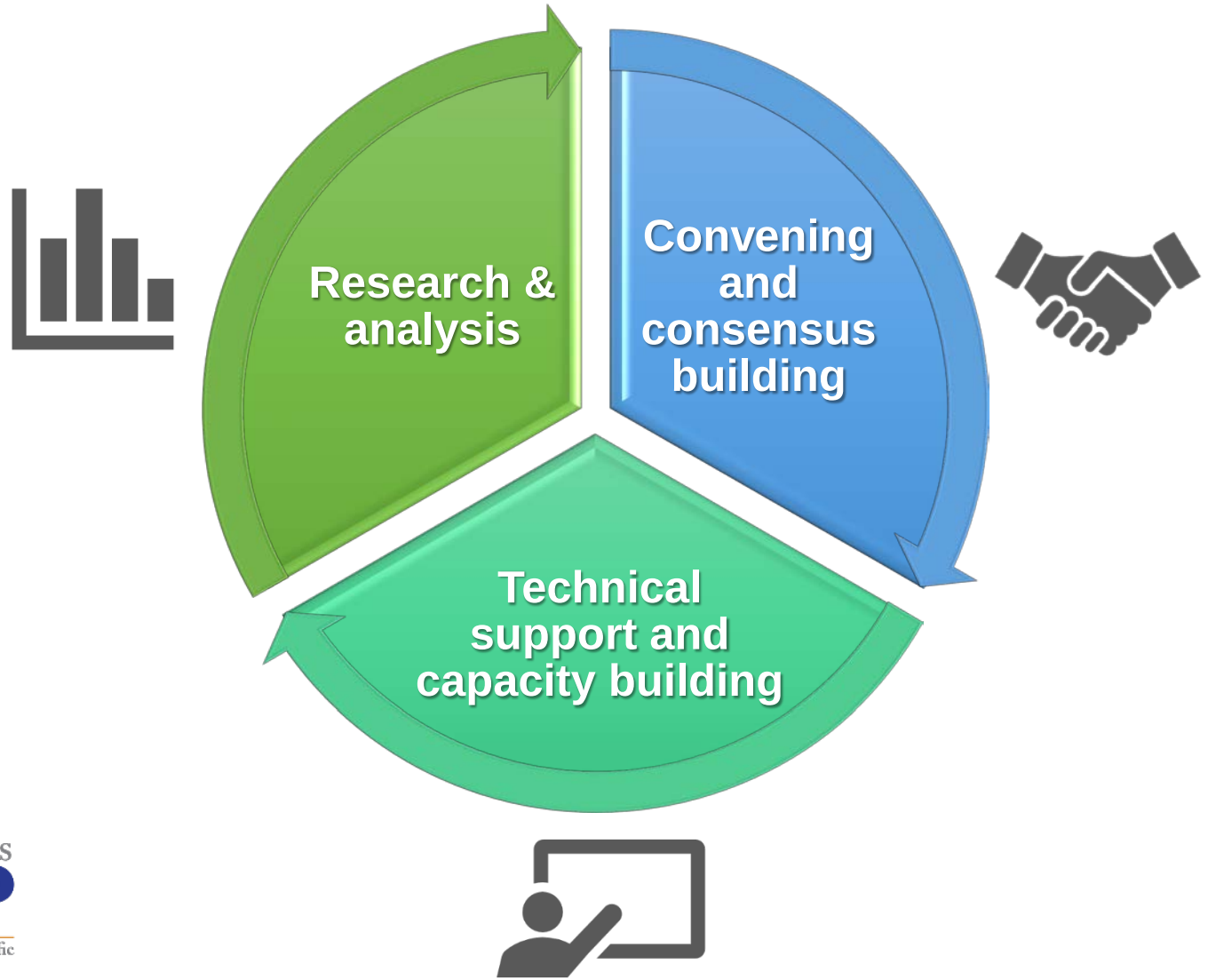
Three key approaches to standard setting by UN ESCAP



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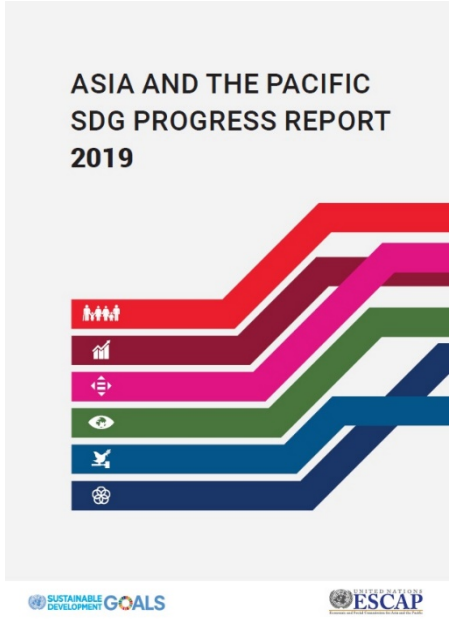
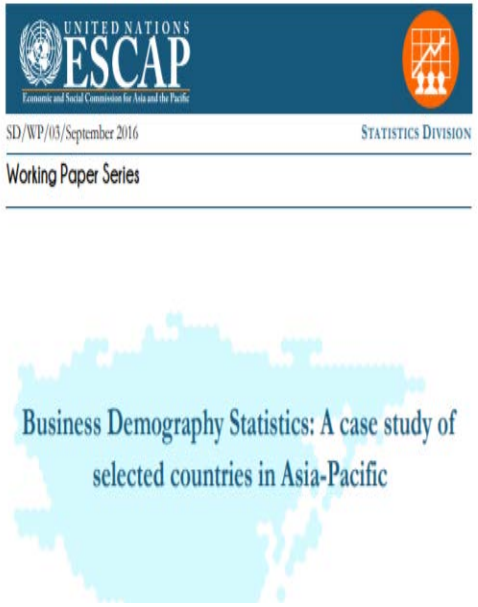
Research and Analysis

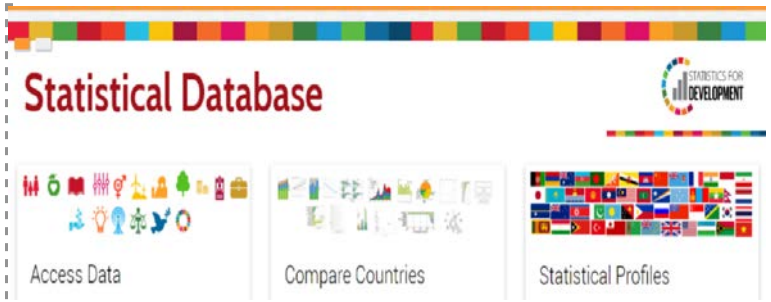
Knowledge Products





Support mechanisms

Data Portals



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Intergovernmental convening and consensus building

Declaration: *Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind*

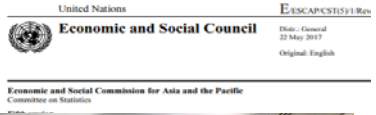
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Committee on Statistics

Sixth session
Bangkok, 16–19 October 2018

Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind

We, the Ministers and representatives of the members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, assembled at the sixth session of the Committee on Statistics, held in Bangkok, from 16 to 19 October 2018:

Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda: a *collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community*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Core set of economic statistics

Core set of population and social statistics

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Get every one in the picture

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Asia and the Pacific Regional Expert Workshop on Ocean Accounts

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Collective Vision for transformation

“ … by 2030, national statistical systems are enabled and empowered to lead development of and to deliver innovative, trusted and timely products and services for urgently needed and evolving statistical requirements of Agenda 2030.”

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Key actions areas

- Action A: Engaging users and investing in statistics
- Action B: Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics
- Action C: Integrated statistics for integrated analysis
- Action D: Modernizing statistical business processes
- Action E: Having requisite skills set

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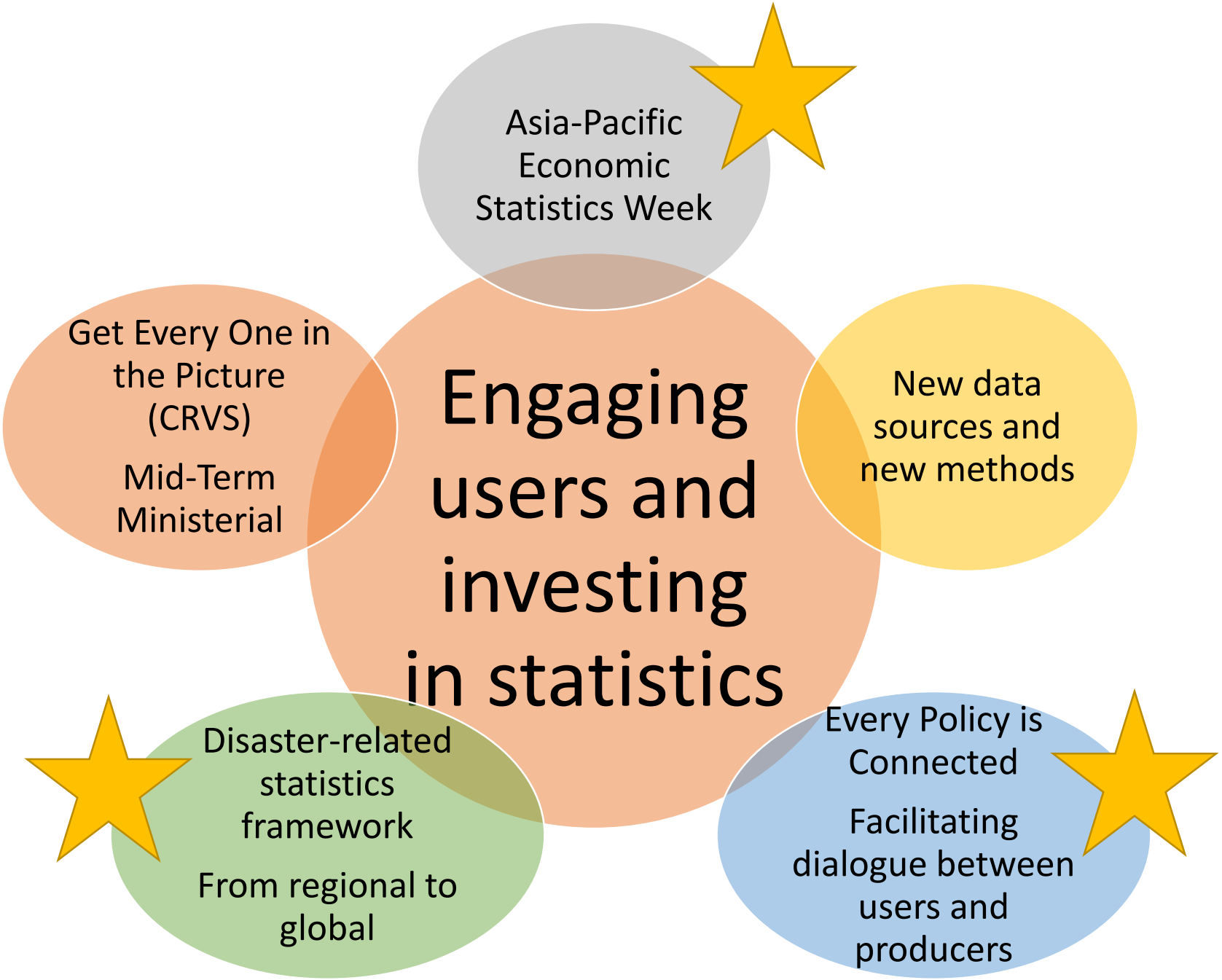

Interest at the global level

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Interest at the global level
SIAP Management Seminar
Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics
National Quality Assurance Framework
IAOS – OECD Special Session on professional independence of NSOs
Regional Thematic Conferences
Friends of Chair Group on FPOS and Open Data
Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia-Pacific
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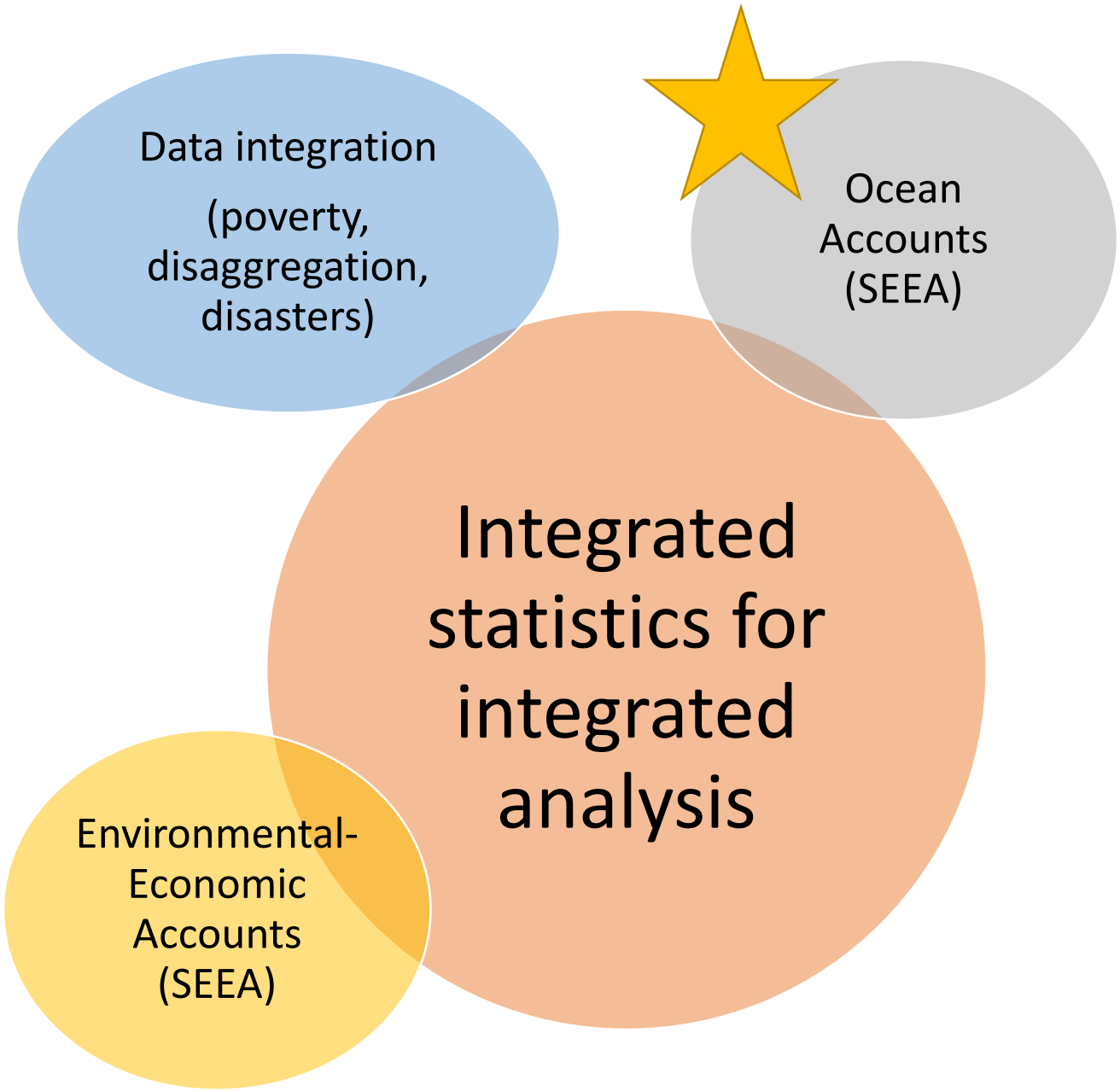

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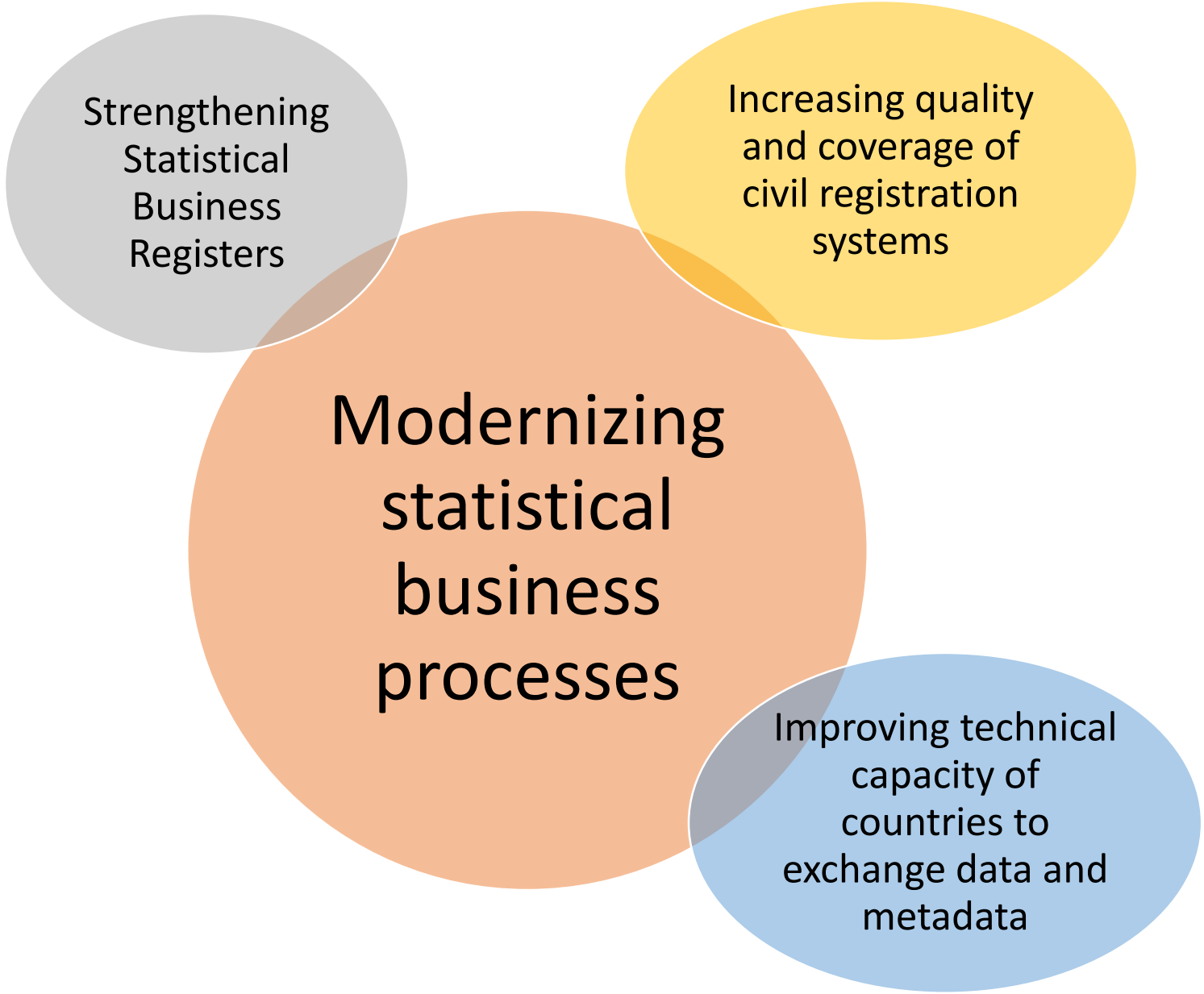

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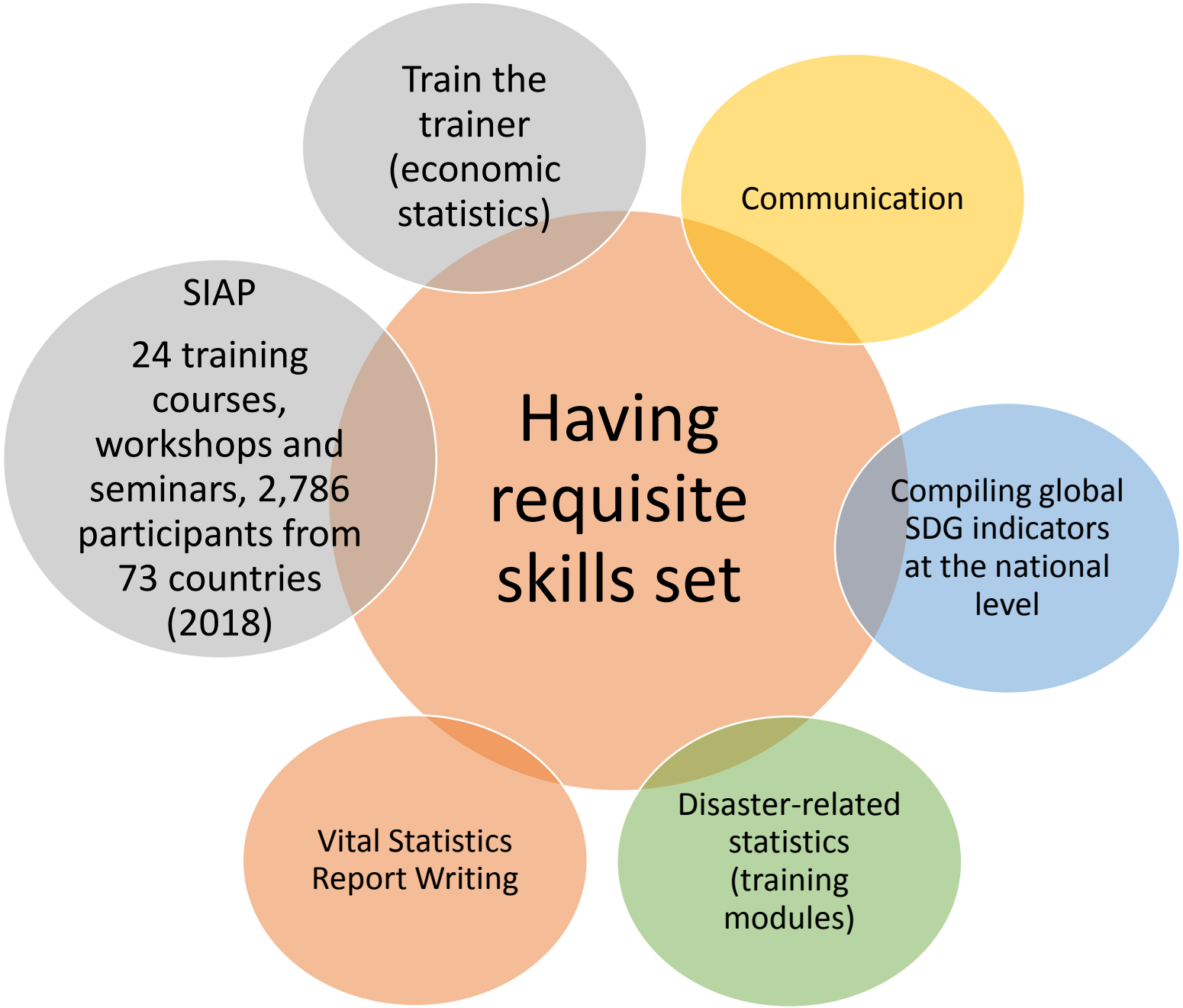

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Technical support and capacity building

Capacity building programmes

Economic Statistics
Environment Statistics
Gender statistics
Peace and justice statistics
Population and social statistics
Strengthening Institutions
CRVS
Big data for official statistics

35 workshops in 2019

Events

RPES REGIONAL PROGRAMME IN ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC STATISTICS

62nd ISI World Statistics Congress
ISI 2019 Kuala Lumpur
18 - 23 August 2019

Number of countries

21

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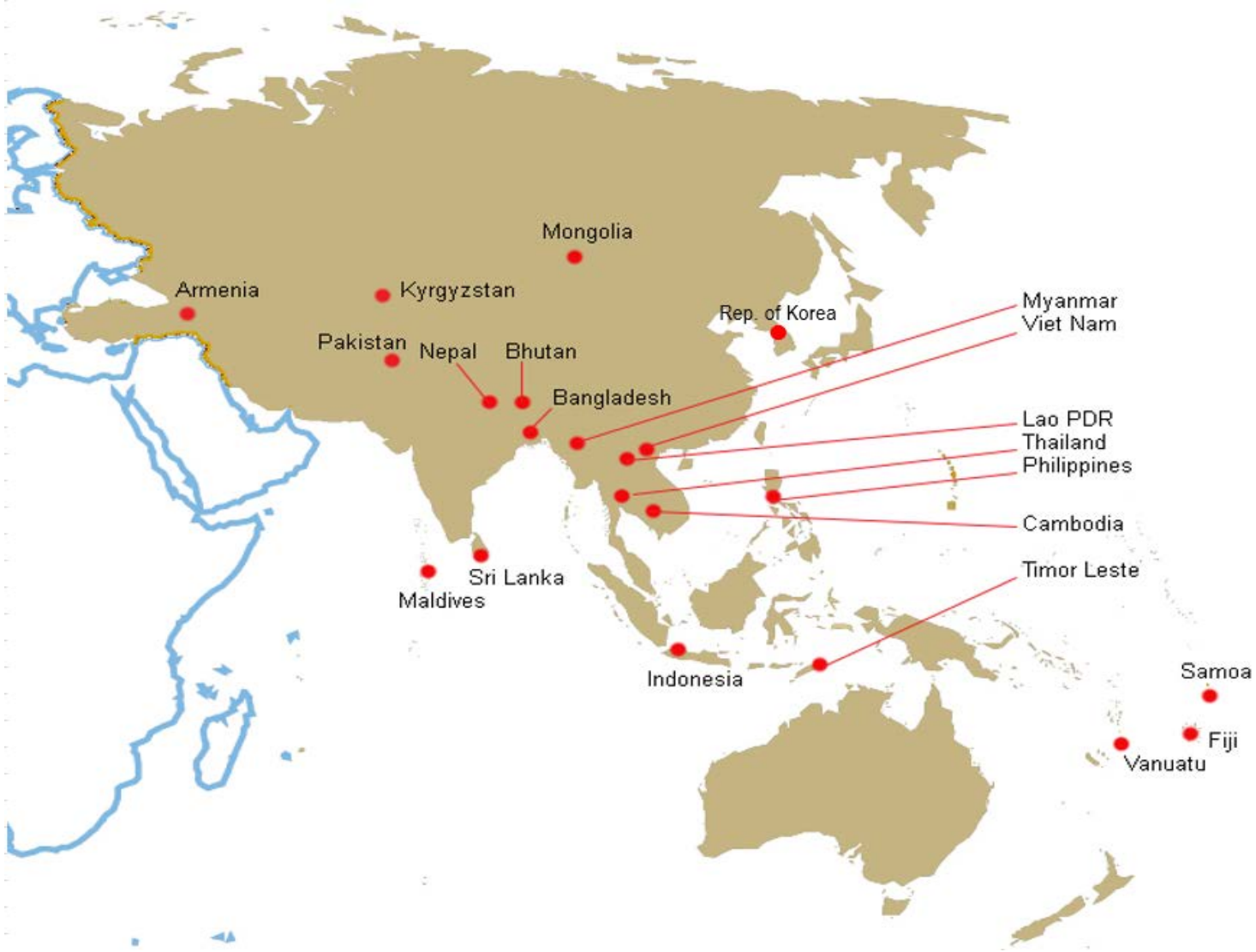
2018



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Last words

UN-ESCAP prioritises enablement and empowerment of NSOs. This includes contributing the Asia-Pacific perspective to global standard setting

Asia and the Pacific's diversity provides a 'test bed' for global standard setting. If it works in Asia-Pacific, it is likely to work elsewhere

Statistical standards can be developed regionally and adopted globally

Asia and the Pacific, and UN-ESCAP, looks forward to contributing to the future of economic statistics

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Thanks…. ☺

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