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Implementation of Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy, Phase 1

Appendix 1: RECOMMENDATIONS and ACTION POINTS

This summary report makes reference to titles of working papers, information papers and other presentations, without detailed reference to the full presentations. A full set of all working and information papers, as well as of all PowerPoint presentations will be made available to participants on USB keys and is available on the Internet at www.spc.int/sdd. The focus of this report is to capture comments from meeting participants which addressed specific discussion points and recommendations listed in the working papers.

NB: (*) Represents recommendations presented orally, and accepted by HOPS, as compared to being derived from working papers.

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PART 1 SESSION-1 <u>Objective 1:</u> <i>PICTS are undertaking key statistical collections as scheduled</i>	Working Paper 1.1: <i>Progress Population and Housing Censuses, 2010 – 2013</i>	<u>REC. 1.</u> In the lead-up to the 2020 Round of Population and Housing censuses, SPC to circulate the Pacific Statistics Strategy Technical Assistance Plan (subset related to the Census), so countries are aware of how and from whom to request specific technical assistance.	<u>Action 1.</u> HOPS to note a census planning meeting to be convened by SPC in the early half of 2014.
		<u>REC. 2.</u> Adopt key recommendations from the 2010 round censuses as contained in the 2012 SPC/UNFPA workshop report reviewing the 2010 round of censuses.	<u>Action 2.</u> (*) HOPS to note UNFPA intention to promote: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement of young people to develop interest in statistics; Engagement of new graduates in statistics and census operations; Substantive engagement with parliamentarians and legislators; Enhanced coordination among partners; and Engagement with sectors on planning and use of statistics.
	Working Paper 1.2: <i>Progress in Adopting a Standardized Pacific HIES Methodology</i>	<u>REC. 3.</u> All countries to subscribe to the regional HIES methodology, which was developed in line with the Pacific Leaders' call in the Pacific Plan, for a greater harmonization of statistical concepts, classifications and systems, and which has been endorsed by the <i>Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy</i> and the Pacific Statistics Steering committee. SPC is requested to identify the common core set of economic and social indicators that can be derived from this new regional HIES methodology. <i>(Additions proposed by FSM)</i>	<u>Action 3.</u> Reach an agreement on a list of common desirable outputs upon completion of HIES, including a poverty assessment and CPI rebase within an acceptable timeframe, and the conduct of a data analysis and report writing workshop with key staff from national statistical and planning agencies. The outputs would address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPI National Accounts Poverty measures (pertaining to MDG Goal 1) all population-based NMDIs that can be compiled from data generated by HIES Additional sectoral outputs <i>(Additions proposed by SPC).</i>

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		REC. 4. SPC to conduct a data analysis and report writing course within 4-5 months of completion of field-work. Such a course would produce short informative pamphlets (similar to DHS) across a range of sectors.	
		REC. 5. SPC requested to develop a regional HIES survey plan for the coming years to provide opportunities to look for national and external funding support.	
	Working Paper 1.3: <i>Recent Progress on Demographic and Health Survey (DHS)</i>	REC. 6. Given the technical and operational complexities of DHSs, SPC to continue to provide technical assistance to countries with DHS survey implementation.	Action 4. (*) HOPS noted UNFPA proposal to commission a comparative study of past DHSs in the Pacific, in collaboration with other technical assistance providers.
		REC. 7. SPC to review current coordination and communication modalities amongst and between national, regional and international stakeholders to improve overall efficiency and effectiveness of survey planning and implementation management.	
		REC 8. Countries are requested to seek early confirmation of financial support from their governments and key development partners.	

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SESSION-2 Objective 2: <i>PICTS are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors</i>	Working Paper 2.1: <i>Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)</i>	REC 9. Countries are encouraged to formalise their CRVS committees, and ensure CRVS is explicitly included in national statistics strategies.	Action 5. SPC to develop guidelines to be submitted to countries for endorsement out of session.
		REC 10. Countries are encouraged to endorse development of a regional guideline on what data they should generate from their CRVS systems and how frequently, and in what format this should be reported.	Action 6. Priority actions for countries to consider should include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If not already done, conduct an assessment of the CRVS systems. Develop detailed national CRVS improvement plans. Obtain high-level endorsement and support for the improvement plans. Ensure CRVS is embedded in the National Statistics Strategy. Ensure vital statistics are routinely updated in NMDIs.
			Action 7. HOPS to note SPC current work on developing a draft legislation framework for civil registration, which once completed would be provided to countries for review, discussion, and further action.
			Action 8. HOPS to note, BAG partners commitment to continue to support in countries to improve their CRVS systems under the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan, with this commitment confirmed by all partners at the BAG strategic planning meeting in Noumea.
		REC 11. HOPS is invited to endorse the TYPSS Phase 1 Mid-Term review recommendation Number 12, which calls for continued funding for Brisbane Accord Group (BAG) activities, recognising the need to sustain regional CRVS work.	
	Working Paper 2.2: <i>Health Statistics and Health Information Systems (HIS)</i>	REC. 12. SPC should seek funding support to resource a joint SDD/PHD specialist HIS position. <i>(Recommendation proposed by Nauru, and endorsed by HOPS)</i>	Action 9. HOPS to take note of SPC's decision to create a joint SDD/PHD specialist HIS position recognising improvement to health statistics and information systems as one of two strategies priorities in the second half of TYPSS Phase 1 action plan.

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	Working Paper 2.3: <i>Education Statistics</i>	REC. 13. SPC should seek funding support for the establishment of a regional EMIS support facility, with an emphasis on introducing the EMISs to the countries that do not yet have this facility. <i>(Recommendation proposed by Nauru, and endorsed by HOPS)</i>	Action 10. HOPS to note the establishment of a regional EMIS support facility at SPC, commencing in early 2014, given the importance of education statistics and information management systems as the second of two strategies priorities in the second half of TYPPS Phase 1 action plan.
			Action 11. HOPS to note that, in line with SPC intention to streamline regional statistical classifications and systems, the development of a Pacific Education Development Framework (PEDF) monitoring database to be linked with SPC, NMDI, and present systems.
	Working Paper 2.4.1: <i>Developing Price and National Accounts Statistics</i>	REC. 14. NSOs encouraged reinvigorating user-producer dialogues or establishing such fora in the first place to form good working relationships with the primary producers of economic statistics pertaining to the compilation of national accounts.	Action 12. (*) NSOs should ensure a strong advocacy component in the development the NSDSs. <i>(Proposed action point by Samoa)</i>
		REC. 15. HOPS endorses the joint recommendation by PFTAC and SPC at the most recent Finance and Economic Ministers meeting (FEMM) in Nuku'alofa, 3-5 July 2013, “ <i>inviting Ministers to note and consider provision of appropriate financial and technical resources to National Statistical Offices through national budgets and/or development partners’ support to enhance national statistical systems</i> ”. <i>(Latest joint recommendations by PFTAC and SPC to FEMM meeting, 3-5 July 2013).</i>	
		REC 16. NSOs are requested to enhance statistical advocacy to ensure key national policy makers are aware of resource needs and challenges in the production of regular and quality statistics.	Action 13. (*) In the process of developing their NSDS, NSOs should ensure advocacy for relevant statistical areas, given the fact that NSDS is an advocacy vehicle. <i>(Proposed action point by Samoa)</i>

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	Working Paper 2.4.2: <i>Progress of work on International Merchandise Trade Statistics in PICTs</i>	REC. 17. With customs records being the main and normally the preferred data source, to improve the quality and timeliness of IMTS compilation, HOPS is invited to recommend that countries strengthen their working relationships between NSOs and Customs offices, to enable NSOs to regularly source all required data from Customs.	Action 14. SPC to continue its technical assistance and capacity building support regarding the compilation and of analysis of IMTS. This will also include for SPC to continue its dialogue with technical partners, in particular the Oceania Customs Organisation and Statistics New Zealand.
	Working Paper 2.4.3: <i>Progress of work on Business Statistics in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs)</i>	REC. 18. Given the importance of private sector led economic development, it is imperative for Governments to have regular access to up-to-date business registers. HOPS are invited to recommend that countries engage in greater public-private sector partnerships and to allocate sufficient resources to allow for regularly conducted establishment surveys.	<i>(See reference to Action point 28)</i>
		REC. 19. Access to administrative data is sometimes hindered by legislative, technical or practical issues and NSOs are requested to engage with relevant government authorities to try to overcome these barriers.	
		REC. 20. HIES data, census data and other key data sources used for the compilation of national accounts should be incorporated in periodic benchmarks which enable regular reconciliation of extrapolated data with collected data. <i>(revised text supplied by PFTAC, 27/7/13)</i>	

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SESSION-3 Objective 3: <i>PICTS have their own capacity or are accessing regional capacity to undertake agreed core and some specialist statistical functions</i>	Working Paper 3.1: <i>Update on Statistics for Development Division (SDD) Training Activities since last 2010</i>	REC. 21. SDD is requested to integrate data analysis and report writing workshops as integral components of all census and household survey technical assistance activities.	
	Working Paper 3.2: <i>Report on the 2011 Skills Audit</i>	REC. 22. Following from, and supporting the recommendations of Working Paper 3.1, HOPS should consider a revised Skills-Audit to be administered a second time, to determine if the training gaps have increased, which types of training are in highest demand, the extent of staff turnover, and also to give PNG another opportunity to participate.	
		REC. 23. Following from, and supporting the recommendations of Working Paper 3.1, HOPS should consider requesting PSSC to convene a Statistical Training technical working group to develop a long-term Pacific statistical training strategy, acknowledging statistical capacity gaps and training needs apparent from the Skills-Audit, and statistical training programs/capacity building undertaken by other developing countries' NSS.	
	Working Paper 3.3: <i>Report on South-South technical collaboration</i>		Action 15. Based on combined experience by SPC and other providers of statistical technical assistance (including PFTAC, ABS, Brisbane Accord Group agencies) over recent years, and informed by the recent Skills-Audit, SPC to finalize the compilation of a list of NSOs' subject matter expertise by the end of 2013, which can be used for short-term south-south type technical deployments.

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		<p>REC. 24. HOPS to endorse the implementation of the Official Statistics (OSS) Certificate proposal, with New Zealand committed to deliver the certification course for another 2-3 years in other Pacific countries. <i>(Recommendation proposed by Nauru, and endorsed by HOPS)</i></p>	
		<p>REC. 25. HOPS to endorse providing USP with urgent feedback on the proposed curricular changes for its course on official statistics. <i>(Recommendation proposed by Nauru, and endorsed by HOPS)</i></p>	
SESSION-4 Objective 4: <i>Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and being utilised</i>	Working Paper 4.1: <i>Pacific National and Regional Statistics are Accessible and are being utilised</i>	<p>REC. 26. After the success of the metadata projects and national data archives thus far, countries are requested to continue documenting census and survey datasets, as an integral output of their census and survey programs.</p>	<p><u>Action 16.</u> SDD to translate entire PRISM/NMDI/MDG website into French, populate territory data, release NMDI Version 2, and consider the inclusion of additional thematic folders (such as food security, environment, and education).</p>
		<p>REC. 27. NSOs are requested to include more spatial representation of data in their publications, online and in reports.</p>	<p><u>Action 17.</u> SDD to enhance its GIS systems, and ensure PopGIS is populated with latest Census data, and integrate this technology into data user workshops.</p>
SESSION-5 Objective 5: <i>New and innovative statistical tools and systems have been introduced</i>	Working Paper 5.1: <i>CAPI - Computer Assisted Personal Interviews</i>	<p>REC. 28. Given demonstrated gains in data quality and overall gains in enumeration effectiveness and efficiency, CAPI technology could be readily implemented during the 2020 round of censuses, pending careful NSOs' consideration of cost-benefits relative to traditional paper-based interviews.</p>	<p><u>Action 18.</u> SPC to continue with the work currently being undertaken (with the experiences of Tuvalu) and consider CAPI applications for other surveys, such as HIES, and also look at other partners that can provide technical expertise. <i>(Proposed action point by Nauru)</i></p>

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	Working Paper 5.2: <i>HIES Field Based Data Capturing and Monitoring</i>	REC. 29. NSOs are requested to consider adoption of <i>Computer Assisted Field Editing</i> (CAFE) methodology for future HIES field work regardless of data entry location, as evidence derived from the proposed new common Pacific HIES methodology applied thus far shows substantial improvements in data quality. NSOs adopting this methodology need to ensure adequate logistics and IT support.	
	Working Paper 5.3: <i>New and innovative statistical tools and systems have been introduced - Implementation of Pacific Living Condition (Hybrid) survey prototype in Vanuatu</i>	<u>Original recommendation deleted in favour of Session 9.6 recommendation.</u>	<u>Action 19.</u> NSOs commit to review their survey field management procedures and request a facility to update training for use of CAFE tools and methodology.
	Working Paper 5.4: <i>New and innovative statistical tools and systems have been introduced - Testing of new thematic modules in the Vanuatu Pacific Living Condition (Hybrid) survey</i>	REC. 30. With all countries undertaking regular household surveys, and the Pacific people proud of their cultural roots and heritage, NSOs are invited to consider including cultural practice questions in regular household surveys that would provide an important barometer of social and cultural development.	
SESSION-6 Objective 6: <i>National and regional statistics governance is functioning effectively</i>	Information Paper 6.1.1: <i>Terms of Reference: Statistical Steering Committee (SSC)</i>	(No recommendation)	<u>Action 20.</u> HOPS members to review draft Terms of Reference of existing PSSC, and agree on new ToR and PSSC membership. (Note by SPC: this has already been implemented on Days 4 and 5.)
	Information Paper 6.1.2: <i>Australian Bureau of Statistics: TYPSS Briefing for HOPS Meeting</i>	REC. 31. In light of the recent success of ABS's mentoring program for government statisticians in three selected countries, ABS is requested to consider extending mentoring to others expressing interest in benefiting from this type of training. (text change proposed by Samoa)	

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PART 2 SESSION-7 <i>Reflection by PSSC Chair on TYPPS implementation 2010-2013 and statistical developments in the region, followed by plenary discussion</i>	Working Paper 7.1: <i>Reflections on the Future Directions of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy, 2011 - 2020</i>	<p>REC. 32. Introducing a proposal for a restructuring of PSSC, the outgoing chair made several recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. He suggested that for TYPPS to be more actively driven, rather than just happen, PSSC Secretariat needs strengthening and a Project Coordinator should be appointed to assist the PSSC Chair and SDD Manager, and that the chair should also be supported by a small budget for travel and communication. ii. To facilitate a more continuous engagement between statisticians and planners, the latter should be represented on PSSC alongside their government statistician counterparts. 	<p>Action 21. Within this framework PSSC would be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Setting the work-programme for the Project Coordinator, and ii. Monitoring the progress of TYPPS implementation, and iii. In doing so, the Project Coordinator reports to the PSSC Chair and works under day-to-day supervision of the SDD Manager.
		<p>REC. 33. For statisticians to assist in implementing the Pacific Plan recommendations there is a need for more attention to be given to the institutional aspects of statistics development in the region. In this regard there is a need for more governments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establish their own national statistics development strategies in accordance with Paris 21 recommended principles; ii. Review their statistics legislation to ensure it meets the needs of today's electronic age; iii. Strengthen links between NSOs and the users of statistics at national and regional levels; iv. Improve analytical capability in order to be able to meet the needs of users for statistics that are meaningful in a policy context and sufficient to enable countries to meet their reporting needs under international agreements and conventions; v. To continue to develop and implement NSDSs in the region, with strong links to national development plans; and vi. Build institutional and human capacity in all aspects of statistics compilation and use. <p><i>(text change/amendments proposed by Paris21)</i></p>	<p>Action 22. SDD would continue to be the principal supporting agency, and the work programmes of both SDD and TYPPS would need to be integrated and mutually supportive.</p>

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		<p>REC. 34. A further recommendation for HOPS' consideration by the outgoing PSSC Chair was for a small regional institutional strengthening and capacity building team (a core team of perhaps 2 or 3) to be established with access to additional funding resources in order to be able to conduct training courses at regional, sub-regional and national levels and call on other specialist inputs as necessary; this team would, inter alia, assist countries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Develop their national statistics strategies; ii. Provide institutional development support to smaller NSOs (and others as requested); iii. Conduct regular country or sub-regional based training, calling on specialist inputs as necessary; iv. Promote the use of statistics for policy analysis, and reporting at regional and international levels (MDGs/NMDI); and v. Bring about the harmonisation aspects of the Pacific Plan and TYPSS strategies. 	<p>Action 23. Meeting the Pacific Plan expectations will be greatly facilitated through stronger linkages between Pacific statisticians as a group and Ministers responsible for statistics acting collectively. To make this happen the PSSC Chair could attend major annual regional governance meetings such as FEMM and SPC's annual CRGA meetings.</p>
		<p>REC. 35. (*) SPC consider establishing dedicated country support teams to assist specific statistics-related activities at country level, which SDD is about to pilot in one country.</p> <p><i>(Recommendation by SPC Director General)</i></p>	<p>Action 24. Thanking the outgoing PSSC Chair for his thoughtful reflections and pragmatic recommendations to HOPS, SPC Director General Jimmie Rodgers acknowledged to take on board recommendations that can be fully integrated into SPC work, such as Recommendation 34, which fits well with his strategic vision of establishing technical country support teams across various SPC divisions.</p>

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SESSION-8 <i>Mid-term review of TYPSS Phase 1</i>	Working Paper 8.1: <i>Pacific Statistics Strategy Action Plan Phase 1 (2011 – 2014): Mid-term Evaluation Report</i>	<p>Following extensive discussions of the recommendations contained in the Mid-term Review of Pacific Statistics Strategy Action Plan Phase 1 (see Appendix 1), HOPS endorsed all twelve recommendations with minor proposed suggested amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 1, while acknowledging the importance to address many of the newly emerging issues recommended by the review, several countries noted that adoption of these recommendations should be left to the discretion of countries to ensure additional statistical work is in line with national policy priorities. Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 2, on advocacy and communication, reference was made to leveraging the technical expertise of Paris21 in this area. Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 3, on data analysis and dissemination and associated comments about training, HOPS noted to also include a focus on statistical methodology (for example, sampling). Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 6, to engage a part-time coordinator, HOPS noted that a decision on whether or not this position should be part-time or full-time would ultimately become more apparent once the exact Terms of Reference have been established and agreed upon, and also be dependent on available funding. Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 12, on the sustained financial support SPC's CRVS activities, SPC noted that the reference to the UQ Health Information Systems Knowledge Hub is no longer relevant given its pending closure at the end of 2013, necessitating other administrative arrangements. A further recommendation proposed by SPC was <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To replace the reference to "PSSC" in recommendations 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10 with "HOPS". Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 6, it is HOPS that recommends engagement of a part-time Coordinator of PSSC. Regarding Mid-term Review Recommendation 9, it is HOPS that reviews the Terms of Reference of PSSC. 	<p><u>Action 25.</u> Consultants to undertake further evaluations, at the mid-term and end of Pacific Statistics Strategy Action Plan Phase 2. These evaluations should entail a broader coverage of countries than present review, asking not just NSOs for feedback but also include users and producers of statistics, making efforts to address the full statistical system. <i>(Proposed action point by Nauru)</i></p>

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PART 3 SESSION-9 <i>Discussion of pressing and newly emerging policy challenges impacting on statistical activities</i>	Session 9.1: <i>International Comparison Program</i>	REC. 36: NSOs are requested to classify all products priced in the ICP round as either important or unimportant based on whether or not they are purchased by the majority of the population or just high-end purchasers <i>(revised text supplied by Bruce Hockman, ABS, 30/7/13)</i>	Action 26. NSOs to complete data validation for the Pacific International Comparison Program. Each NSO will be asked to sign off on their data by late August before final data are submitted to the World Bank. <i>(revised text supplied by Bruce Hockman, ABS, 30/7/13)</i>
		REC. 37. For fuller participation in the next ICP round, NSOs are requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Expand price collection beyond household consumption items; ii. Expand outlet and location coverage; iii. Develop GDP expenditure estimates for BHs; and iv. Harmonise statistical concepts and classifications. 	
	Session 9.2: <i>National accounts as an integrated framework for economic statistics</i>	REC. 38. Governments are requested to consider strengthening their compilation of source data and use a phased out approach to compile SUT.	Action 27. SPC commits to work with PICTs and the technical support agencies wishing to compile a Supply and Use Table (SUT) in a step-by-step approach to compile the SUT in accordance with best practices.
		REC. 39. NSOs are requested to liaise with tax offices, and other tax-related administrative offices, for better data integration and for better coverage of statistical needs where VAT is developed (for capital formation). <i>(Added rec language from Nauru)</i>	Action 28. Technical and Financial partners are requested to assist NSOs wishing to conduct business surveys.
		REC. 40. NSOs are requested to create business registers or improve them if already available.	Action 29. SPC commit to provide financial and technical assistance to business surveys in questionnaire design, planning, sampling, and data analysis.

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		REC. 41. Governments are encouraged to conform to the higher G-20 Gaps Initiative standards of data comprehensiveness, timeliness, and dissemination from market participants (ratings agencies, investors, banks). NSOs could consider using the core set of economic statistics. (Added proposed language from FSM, UNESCAP)	Action 30. PFTAC is invited to provide guidance to NSOs and governments on the G-20 Gaps Initiative standards. (Added action language from FSM)
		REC. 42. (*) NSOs are requested to utilise business surveys as much as possible to obtain economic statistics not available from administrative and other data sources.	Action 31. PFTAC and SPC are invited to collaborate in providing trainings for NSOs on the use of business surveys to obtain economic statistics not available from other data sources.
	Session 9.3: <i>Environmental-Economic Accounting</i>	REC. 43. Recognising the need for better policy-relevant indicators on sustainable development and the environment, representatives of National Statistical Systems are encouraged to consider implementing the SEEA in order to mainstream environmental data into the NSS and to improve the production and dissemination of policy-relevant environment indicators. (proposed new language by UNESCAP)	Action 32. The SEEA is an international standard and thus UNSD is mandated to develop tools to help with national implementation. Samoa, ESCAP, ABS and UNSD, along with SPC, PFTAC and SPREP, will conduct a workshop to develop views on SEEA implementation in the Pacific. The PSSC will review the outcome from that workshop and provide further direction for the inclusion of this area in the TYPSS action plan. (proposed by UNESCAP)
	Session 9.4 – <i>Food security</i>	REC. 44. WHO, FAO, USP, UNICEF and other technical assistance organisations are requested to collaborate in the collection, storage, processing, analysis and dissemination of food security information.	Action 33. SPC to formalise general consensus within the <i>Food Secure Pacific Working Group (FSPWG)</i> regarding SPC's leadership of the regional design work on food security indicators.
		REC. 45. To effectively address the growing importance of food security in the context of rising food prices, the exposure of many Pacific island countries to regular disasters and climate change, and in ongoing discussions pertaining to the post-2015 international development agenda, countries and their development partners are requested to show stronger commitments to ongoing national and regional efforts in this field.	Action 34. To effectively address the growing importance of food security in the context of rising food prices, the exposure of many Pacific island countries to regular disasters and climate change, and in ongoing discussions pertaining to the post-2015 international development agenda, SPC is committed to continue its work on food security with the latter representing one of its multi-sectoral corporate priorities (2013-2017).

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			<u>Action 35.</u> SPC, in collaboration with FAO and NSOs, will develop a core set of food security indicators relevant to Pacific island countries' circumstances as well as FAO's global and regional agricultural statistical priorities under the regional action plan for Asia and the Pacific, and develop survey modules that can be integrated in regular household surveys by countries requiring information in this area. (Added language requested by UNSIAP)
	Session 9.5: <i>Disability Statistics</i>	REC. 46. National government agencies are requested to revisit and assess their data collection methods for adult and childhood disability in light of international standards, and consider including standard disability questions into regular household survey activities. (Added language proposed by Tonga). ILO has for some time encouraged and supported the measurement of disability through labour force surveys (LFS), which provides a useful illustration for other household surveys (ILO, SPC).	<u>Action 36.</u> UNICEF and WHO are requested to continue the dialogue and engagement with NSOs on the topic of disability statistics, including on secondary analysis of census data to obtain information on social inclusion and "equalization of opportunities," in collaboration with NSOs, SPC, PDF, and other stakeholders. (Added language proposed by UNICEF & FSM)
		REC. 47. NSOs are requested to re-analyse existing census data on disability to obtain richer information, such as on "equalization of opportunities".	
		REC. 48. SPC is requested to include disability as a theme in the NMDI database.	
			<u>Action 37.</u> HOPS to note that PIFS, PDF, and WHO will be hosting a regional workshop on disability statistics for country statisticians and economic planning officers in November 2013. (Added language proposed by UNICEF)
	Session 9.6: <i>Human Development – Culture Statistics</i>	REC. 49. With NSOs undertaking regular household surveys, and Pacific people proud of their cultural roots and heritage, NSOs might wish to include a module/add questions (to address national cultural "specifics") in regular household surveys to provide an important barometer of social and cultural development. (Kept in favour of Working Paper 5.3 Rec. 27)	

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		<p>REC. 50. HOPS notes the work carried out so far by SPC and partners and endorses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The integration of cultural statistics into TYPSS according to the recommendations of the 2011 Pacific Region Cultural Statistics Meeting; ii. The integration of cultural statistics into the NSDS of countries; and <p>The development of national cultural statistics frameworks in countries.</p>	
	<p>Session 9.6: <i>Human Development – Gender Statistics</i></p>	<p>REC. 51. Representatives of national statistical systems are requested to regularly collect and analyse sex-disaggregated data across all data collections and disseminate gender indicators and analysis to support gender-mainstreaming initiatives.</p>	
		<p>REC. 52. Representatives of national statistical systems are requested to produce sex-disaggregated data in HIESs where feasible. (Wording proposed by SPC)</p>	
		<p>REC. 53. Technical assistance providers are requested to include these indicators in monitoring and evaluating frameworks for national development strategies and sector policy frameworks, and in their capacity building and skills development initiatives, and involve both the users and producers of statistics.</p>	
		<p>REC. 54. SDD is requested to strengthen its capacity to provide technical assistance to PICTs by recruiting a designated gender statistician to provide training, and technical assistance, and contribute to the timely and regular compilation, analysis, and dissemination of gender statistics (with data warehousing support through the NMDDI).</p>	

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	Session 9.7: <i>Busan Action Plan for Statistics and its implication for statistical development in the Pacific Island region</i>	REC. 55. Paris21 is requested to continue to develop and implement NSDSs in the region with strong links to national development plans. <i>(proposed wording by Paris21)</i>	Action 38. Paris21 in collaboration with SPC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Support countries to develop and implement NSDSs ii. Assist countries in undertaking statistical advocacy programs
		REC. 56. Paris21 is requested to promote the dialogue on statistical concerns in the overall context of the post-2015 development agenda. <i>(proposed wording by Paris21)</i>	Action 39. Paris21 in coordination with SPC to organise user-producer dialogue as part of the debate on the Post-2015 development agenda. <i>(proposed wording by Paris 21)</i>
	Session 9.8 - Information and Communication Technologies: Increasing access to, and enhancing the use of statistical information	REC. 57. Establish an ICT Working Group, comprised of selected ICT experts. It should be tasked with recommending to PSSC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Standards and guidelines, ii. Priorities, and iii. The case for shared facilities and infrastructure, modalities for South-South ICT cooperation. 	Action 40. ABS and SDD to develop a draft on the structure and Terms of Reference for the ICT Technical Working Group for consideration by the next PSSC.
		REC. 58. TYPSS should include more ICT-specific outputs to drive the implementation of sustainable IT and the adoption of common systems. <i>(As stated in ABS Presentation.)</i>	
		REC. 59. Expand range of ICT related training and development activities. Initial priority should be on ICT and information management for Statisticians. New, "on-demand", delivery methods need to be exploited. <i>(As stated in ABS Presentation.)</i>	