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Dear Mr Bajwa,

**2018 Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week:
Closing the Gaps in Economic Statistics for Sustainable Development**
Bangkok, Thailand, 7-10 May 2018

I am pleased to invite your organization to attend the 2018 Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week which will take place on 7-10 May 2018 in the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) Bangkok, Thailand.

The 2018 Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week features a seminar, the seventh meeting of the Steering Group for the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics and a project support meeting.

The seminar is designed within the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics for Asia and the Pacific, under the theme of Closing the Gaps in Economic Statistics for Sustainable Development. A variety of sessions will add perspectives on the theme. The organization of the seminar is supported by a Task Force working under the Steering Group and comprising India, Indonesia, Malaysia (chair), New Zealand, Turkey, UNSD and ESCAP.

The seminar will take place from 7 to 9 May and will feature papers authored by experts and practitioners from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, aligned with one of the following topics:

Topic 1: Inclusive economic statistics for informed decision-making;

Topic 2: Use of modern technologies and new data sources for production and dissemination of economic statistics;

Topic 3: Communication and use of economic statistics in decision-making

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Chief Statistician/Chief Census Commissioner
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
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Cc: Mr Bahrawar Jan
Deputy Director General

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Beyond the seminar, I am pleased to invite Bahrawar Jan, Deputy Director General, as a member of the Steering Group on the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics to participate in the 7th meeting of the Steering Group on 10 May.

The Steering Group member's participation will be financed by ESCAP.

Kindly complete one registration form per person to confirm the representation of your organization in the seminar and the Steering Group meeting and send it to Ms Supaporn Chatwanichkul at <chatwanichkul@un.org> cc <stat.unescap@un.org>, at your earliest convenience and no later than Friday, 6 April.

For further information, please visit <http://communities.unescap.org/asia-pacific-economic-statistics/2018-asia-pacific-economic-statistics-week> which will be updated as documents become available.

We look forward to our continued collaboration and to a productive week for economic statistics development in Asia and the Pacific.

Yours sincerely,



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