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Dear Mr Bajwa,

**Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Use of Technology in Population and
Housing Censuses**
24 to 26 January 2018, Bangkok

I am pleased to invite you to nominate a representative from your office to attend the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Use of Technology in Population and Housing Censuses, to be held in Bangkok on 24-26 January 2018, organized by the United Nations ESCAP in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division.

Population and housing censuses remain among the most complex and costly statistical operations undertaken by national statistical offices. New technologies and information systems are constantly redefining the census state-of-the-art, bringing improved resource efficiency, data quality, and timeliness. Yet with these innovations also come important challenges regarding their impact on planning, design, and implementation.

This three-day workshop will address these issues, equipping census managers with the tools and strategies needed to successfully lead the adoption of electronic data collection technologies and new approaches for the 2020 round of censuses (see the attached concept note). Specifically, the meeting will:

1. Introduce the latest draft United Nations guidelines on the use of electronic data collection in population and housing censuses
2. Provide a detailed overview of state-of-the-art census data collection methods
3. Introduce a range of proven decision-making strategies regarding the adoption of new census technologies
4. Offer operational guidance and considerations for planning, designing, and implementing a census using new technologies
5. Focus on specific challenges and opportunities regarding data collection with handheld devices and the internet

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The workshop targets senior census managers in member States that have already adopted *or* are planning to adopt electronic data collection technologies for the round of 2020 population and housing census. The nominees should come ready to share their census expertise and experience with counterparts from other countries.

Please have the nomination form completed and returned to Ms. Nasikarn Nitiprapathananun, Statistics Division, ESCAP by email nitiprapathananun@un.org or fax +66 2-288-1082 as soon as possible, but no later than **22 December 2017**.

The secretariat will review the nominations and confirm the selection with your office on the basis of suitability with the workshop objectives. Accepted nominees will be contacted by ESCAP by 28 December 2017. They will also receive instructions on substantive preparation for participation in the workshop.

Limited funding is available to support participation in the workshop, with priority given to confirmed participants from developing member States and on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are requesting funding, please indicate so in the relevant section of the nomination form.

The draft workshop programme and other relevant documents will be posted on the website with the following URL: <http://www.unescap.org/events/upcoming>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sean Lovell, Statistics Division, ESCAP by email lovells@un.org or telephone +66 2-288-2520.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Concept note
2. Nomination form