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Dear Ms Siddique,

Regional workshop of ‘Understanding data needs for inclusive development’**28 - 30 November 2017, Bangkok, Thailand**

It is my pleasure to invite you as a member of Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics (RSG-PSS) to the Regional Workshop of ‘Understanding data needs for inclusive development’ which will be organized by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) on 28-31 November 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand.

This workshop is a follow-up to the first meeting of RSG-PSS held on 28-31 August 2017. It will focus on advancing the first goal in the RSG-PSS work plan in enabling policy environment and understanding requirements for disaggregated statistics in supporting implementation of inclusive development policies.

Specifically, the workshop will review the results of pilot studies applying existing assessment tools in selected policy areas; identify challenges and propose recommendations for developing a generic tool and guidelines to be used by NSOs to assess and prioritize needs for statistical information on sub-populations that support implementation of inclusive development programmes in different sectors. For more information about the workshop design and objectives, refer to the enclosed concept note.

For your information, we are also inviting Mr Zafar ul Hassan, Chief Poverty & MDGs Section, Ministry of Planning Development and Reforms as an SDG focal point in your country to participate in this workshop.

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ESCAP will provide sponsorship to you which includes the most economical air ticket as well as a daily subsistence allowance at the United Nations rate for the duration of the Workshop. Please refer to the attached administrative instructions for more information regarding the logistic issues.

Please complete and return the participation form together with a copy of your passport and a photo to Ms Panita Rattanakittiaporn <rattanakittiaporn@un.org> with copy to Ms Nasikarn Nitiprapathananun <nitiprapathananun@un.org>, at your earliest convenience but no later than 25 October 2017, to allow sufficient time for administrative and travel arrangements.

For any substantive queries related to the workshop, kindly contact Mr Arman Bidarbakht Nia at <bakhtnia@un.org>, tel: +66 2288 1615.

We thank you for your cooperation on this matter and look forward to the positive response.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures

1. Concept Note
2. Participation Form
3. Information note