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**Subject:** RDTA 9238: Regional Technical Workshop to Review 2020 ICP Asia Pacific Household Product List and Sampling Designs for Household Price Surveys – 3-6 Dec 2019 – PAK  
**Attachments:** DraftAgenda\_December 2019.xls; ParticipantInfoForm\_2017ICP\_3-6 Dec 2019.docx; 16\_Regional Workshop\_Dec 2019\_Invitation\_PAK.pdf

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Sent on behalf of Mr. Kaushal Joshi, Officer-in-Charge, EROD-SDI and ICP Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator

**Mr. Zafar Hasan**  
 Secretary  
 Ministry of Planning Development and Reform  
 Government of Pakistan  
 P Block, Pak Secretariat  
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Dear Mr. Hasan,

Greetings from Asian Development Bank!

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The United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) endorsed the International Comparison Program (ICP) as a permanent element of the global statistical work program; and approved a shortened interval between ICP benchmark rounds and the conduct of subsequent benchmark ICP rounds in a cycle of three years starting 2017. Accordingly, the UNSC reviewed the progress of the 2017 ICP in its 50<sup>th</sup> session in March 2019 and requested all countries and agencies for the timely completion of the 2017 ICP and to begin preparations for the 2020 ICP cycle.

With the committed participation of your ICP team along with the other 21 participating economies of the region, ICP for Asia and the Pacific is now in the final stages for the upcoming release of the summary regional results by February 2020. Further, in continuation of its role as the regional implementing agency for ICP in the Asia and Pacific region, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has already initiated preparations for the 2020 cycle of the ICP.

ADB has prepared a preliminary updated household product list for the 2020 ICP based on the experience from the 2017 ICP and inputs from the ICP Global Office at the World Bank. The product list has been sent to the ICP teams of the participating economies for their feedback to ensure that the product list is representative of household consumption of the countries in the region. As the household surveys are scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2020, ADB will conduct the above-captioned workshop with the objective of discussing preparatory activities for the 2020 ICP cycle on 3-6 December 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. More specifically, the workshop will cover the following:

*The instant workshop is on matters relating to PBS. We may therefore, request Member (RM) PBS to send suitable nominees for the said workshop. Please P.P.O*  
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- a. review the preliminary updated 2020 ICP Asia Pacific household list;
- b. discuss sampling designs proposed by countries for the 2020 ICP for review of the sampling expert;
- c. discuss the regional workprogram and administrative arrangements of the 2020 ICP Asia Pacific; and,
- d. review the preliminary results of the 2017 PPPs based on latest data submissions and implementation of methodologies recommended during the second Experts Group meeting and endorsed by the Regional Advisory Board.

In this regard, we are pleased to send the attached invitation, draft agenda, and participant information form.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your response by 8 November 2019.

Respectfully yours,

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*For further necessary action please.*

Member (R/M) PBS

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*For nomination & process the case  
 may be forwarded concern Sector so that  
 the suitable officer may be nominated for  
 participation in the scheduled meeting.*

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22 October 2019

Mr. Zafar Hasan  
Secretary  
Ministry of Planning Development and Reform  
Government of Pakistan  
P Block, Pak Secretariat  
Islamabad, Pakistan

Dear Mr. Hasan,

**Subject: Regional Technical Workshop to Review 2020 ICP Asia Pacific  
Household Product List and Sampling Designs for Household Price Surveys  
3-6 December 2019, Bangkok, Thailand**

As you are aware, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) endorsed the International Comparison Program (ICP) as a permanent element of the global statistical work program. Further, the UNSC approved a shortened interval between ICP benchmark rounds and the conduct of subsequent benchmark ICP rounds in a cycle of three years starting 2017. Accordingly, the UNSC reviewed the progress of the 2017 ICP in its 50<sup>th</sup> session in March 2019 and requested all countries and agencies for the timely completion of the 2017 ICP and to begin preparations for the 2020 ICP cycle.

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- (i) review the preliminary updated 2020 ICP Asia Pacific household list;
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- (iv) review the preliminary results of the 2017 PPPs based on latest data submissions and implementation of methodologies recommended during the second Experts Group meeting and endorsed by the Regional Advisory Board.

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The tentative workshop agenda is attached for reference.

In view of the subject-specific technical discussions in the workshop, we are pleased to invite two (2) participants: the ICP National Coordinator, **Mr. Attiq-ur-Rehman**, and a **Price Statistician from the field office who can contribute to the discussions on the product list based on field experience of the 2017 ICP** from the **Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**, the ICP national implementing agency, to participate in the workshop.

For the workshop, the participants are kindly requested to submit: (i) comments/feedback on the 2020 ICP household product list (sent on 16 October 2019) by 31 October 2019; and, (ii) proposed survey sampling design for household surveys (template to be sent to countries) including a presentation on the sampling design during the workshop.

ADB will provide the participants roundtrip air tickets in economy class via the most direct and cost-effective route; hotel accommodation; and per diem allowance following ADB rules. Kindly send the official nomination and participants' information in the attached form on or before **8 November 2019** to:

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Thank you for your continued support to all our statistical endeavors.

Sincerely yours,



Kaushal Joshi  
Officer-in-Charge  
Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department

Attachments: Participant information form; tentative workshop agenda

cc: Attiq-Ur-Rehman/Safeer Ullah, PBS  
S. Schipper/C. de Dios, EROD-SDI



**Regional Technical Workshop to Review 2020 ICP Asia Pacific  
Household Product List and Sampling Designs for Household Price Surveys  
(RDTA 9238)  
3-6 December 2019, Bangkok, Thailand**

**Participant Information Form**

Name: (Pls. specify if Mr./Ms. and <u>underline family name.</u> )	
Nationality:	
Passport Number: (Pls. provide a scanned copy)	
Date of Issue:	
Date of Expiry:	
Date of Birth:	
Official Designation:	
Department/Office:	
Office Address:	
Telephone (office):	
Telephone (home):	
Mobile:	
Fax Number:	
E-mail Address:	

**Description of Responsibilities:**

*Please summarize in a few lines the nominee's responsibility in the field collection, compilation and validation of prices for household items for the ICP.*

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**Price Statistics Workshops/Training attended related to the International Comparison Program, if any:**

*Please indicate date, title, and training institution of most recent workshop/training attended related to the ICP.*

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**Regional Technical Workshop to Review 2020 ICP Asia Pacific  
Household Product List and Sampling Designs for Household Price Surveys**

3-6 December 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

Tentative Agenda

<b>Day 1, December 3, 2019 (Tuesday)</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b> <b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Workshop Objectives</b> <b>Introduction of Participants</b>
9:00 – 9:20	
9:20 – 10:30	<b>Background</b> <i>General ICP Overview</i> <i>Status of Implementation of the 2017 ICP</i> <i>Overview of the 2020 ICP for Asia and the Pacific</i> <i>Proposed activities for Asia</i> <b>Governance Framework</b> <i>Regional Advisory Board</i> <i>Overview of the 2020 ICP for Asia and the Pacific</i> <b>Institutional Arrangement</b> <i>Letters of No Objection (LNO)</i> <i>Framework of Partnership (FOP)</i> <i>Advance Payment Facility (APF)</i>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 12:30	<b>Roles and responsibilities of Project Members</b> <i>National Coordinators and Deputy National Coordinators</i> <i>Field Supervisors, Price Collectors and Data Encoders</i> <b>Data requirements</b> <i>Price Surveys</i> <i>GDP Expenditures</i> <i>Other indicators such as Housing volume, Population, Exchange rates, etc</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 16:00	<b>General principles in Sampling Design</b> <i>Sample selection procedures</i> <i>Sample size determination</i> <i>Outlet selection</i> <i>Frequency of price collection</i>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 17:30	<b>Mechanics of Country Presentations</b> <b>Order of Presentation: High Income, Mekong, South Asia, Southeast Asia</b> <b>Open discussion/Comments on the individual survey framework</b>
<b>Day 2, December 4, 2019 (Wednesday)</b>	
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Order of Presentation: High Income, Mekong, South Asia, Southeast Asia</b> <b>Open discussion/Comments on the individual survey framework</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 12:30	<b>Preparation of the Initial Household List for the 2020 ICP Asia and the Pacific</b> <i>Approaches in preparing the household list</i> <i>Revisions/updates in the household list</i> <b>Focus Group Discussions: Subgroup discussion on Household List</b> <i>Mechanics of the Focus Group Discussion</i>

14:00 – 16:00	Focus Group Discussions: Subgroup discussion on Household List
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 17:30	Focus Group Discussions: Subgroup discussion on Household List Preparation of Subgroup presentation Subgroup Submission of Proposed Revisions in the Household List
<b>Day 3: December 5, 2019 (Thursday)</b>	
9:00 – 10:30	Subgroup presentation
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 12:30	Subgroup presentation ( <i>cont'd</i> ) Plenary discussion on the Proposed revisions in the Household List
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 16:00	Objective of the Survey Concepts and definitions Initial Product List <i>Machinery and Equipment</i> <i>Construction</i> <i>Occupation for Government Compensation</i>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 17:30	Survey Schedule: Household and Special Surveys Schedule of Data Submission Schedule of Regional Validation Workshops
<b>Day 4: December 6, 2019 (Friday)</b>	
9:00 – 10:30	System Requirements ICP-APSS Demonstration
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 12:30	Hands-on Session
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 16:00	Resolution of pending issues Publication requirements <i>Country report</i> <i>Metadata/Survey framework</i>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 17:30	Summary of Agreements and Deliverables Schedule of the next Regional meeting Concluding Remarks