



# Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia-Pacific

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# Regional perspective on modernization



- CST 3 (2012) proposes the establishment of
  - High-level strategic body
  - Network of Experts
- Strategic Advisory Body for the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia and the Pacific (SAB-AP)
  - The mission is *“To raise awareness and build capacity, particularly related to concepts, methods and standards, to support national modernization efforts”*
- The Body has 7 members (Australia, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Rep. of Korea, Samoa, Viet Nam) and is chaired by Australia
- First meeting of the body on 22 November 2013 in Japan

# Specificities of Asia-Pacific region in the field of modernisation



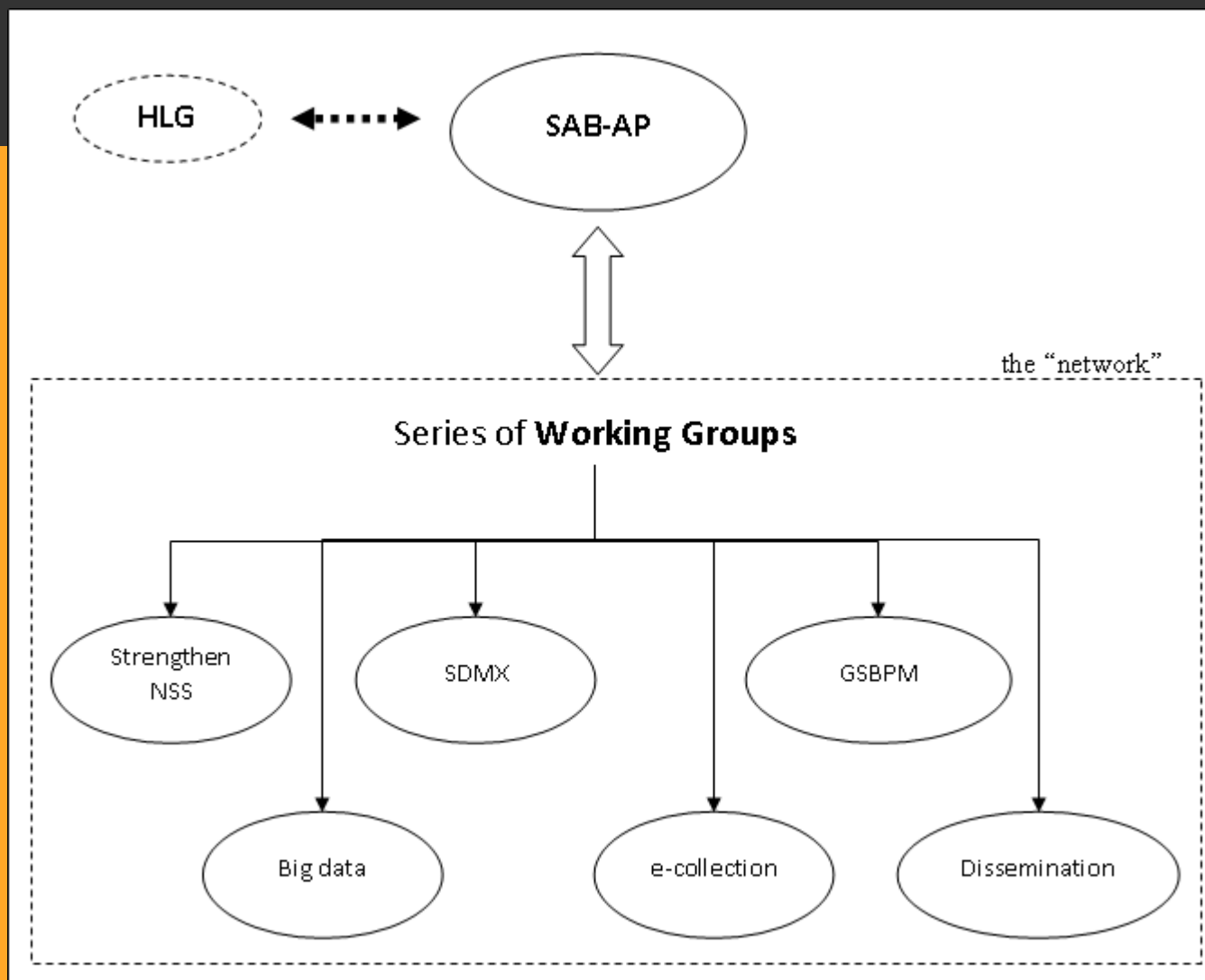
- Cost-effectiveness benefit was assessed to be of less immediate priority
- Improved quality could be taken up as a key objective
- Concepts, standards and tools are relatively new to a large number of countries in the region
- NSOs in the region are most often structured by statistical areas or domains
- No transnational legislation on statistics
- The least developed countries lack the full range of methodological and information technology expertise
- Centralized vs. decentralized NSS

# Outcomes of the MSIS 2013 (Bangkok)



- Participants recommended that
  - the work of the expert community centre around key priority areas,
  - interested practitioners and experts to gather in smaller working groups.
  
- Key priority areas:
  - Strengthening national statistical systems (coordination, information flow in decentralized systems, etc.)
  - Generic Standard Business Process Model (GSBPM)
  - Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX)
  - e-collection
  - Data dissemination
  - Big data

Figure 1: Schematic depiction of the HLG, SAB-AP and working groups



# ADB/ESCAP Project on SDMX



- Direct outcome from the MSIS 2013 EGM
- Working group (WG-SDMX) will be established under the auspices of the SAB-AP
- The primary focus of the project will be to promote the use of SDMX among national statistical systems in the region, build regional capacities in applying it, and testing the applicability of global DSDs in Asia-Pacific
- The project will focus on
  - Mapping of DSD for data exchange (reuse global DSD),
  - Capacity building on using tools to support automated data exchange (e.g. Eurostat SDMX-RI).

# ADB/ESCAP Project on SDMX (cont'd)



- Focus on economic statistics indicators (ADB Key Indicators), most likely limited to NA or BoP in the first stage
- Take into account the specific needs of other international organizations collecting economic data (e.g. OECD, IMF, UNSD, WB, etc.)
- In the pilot phase focus on 4 to 5 countries in Asia-Pacific
- Timeline:
  - Scoping phase: January – March 2014
  - Implementation phase: April – December 2014



**Thank you!**