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Section 19

Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

(Programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005)

Overview

- 19.1 The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is responsible for the implementation of the programme of work under the present section. The programme is guided by the Commission and its subsidiary organs, namely the thematic Committees on Poverty Reduction, Managing Globalization, and Emerging Social Issues, and eight sectoral subcommittees.
- 19.2 The activities for which ESCAP is responsible fall within the framework of programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.
- 19.3 The overall purpose of the programme is to promote economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, with particular focus on reducing disparities by addressing three thematic areas: reducing poverty, managing globalization and tackling emerging social issues.
- 19.4 In accordance with the Secretary-General's agenda for further change, the programme has been realigned with the priorities of member and associate member Governments, as reflected in the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major global conferences. Activities will focus on supporting Governments in the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8 as well as key areas in follow-up to major global conferences.
- 19.5 A subprogramme on poverty and development has been established to focus on pro-poor policies and strategies in support of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of halving extreme poverty by the year 2015. Furthermore, the subprogramme on statistics has been reoriented to focus on poverty-related statistics and Millennium Development Goal reporting at the regional level.
- 19.6 As a follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, a subprogramme on environment and sustainable development has been established to undertake regional follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, focusing particularly on water, energy, health and biodiversity. The subprogramme, by strengthening public-private partnerships for public service provision, will also address the nexus between poverty and sustainable development.
- 19.7 In follow-up to the Doha Development Agenda, particular attention in the subprogrammes on trade and investment and transport and tourism will be given to assisting least developed and landlocked countries as well as other developing countries to participate more effectively in multilateral trading systems and transport and communications networks.
- 19.8 To bridge the digital divide, a new subprogramme on information, communication and space technology has been established to promote policies for increasing access to and application of information, communication and space technology, particularly as tools for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- 19.9 In the subprogramme on social development, including emerging social issues, ESCAP has fully incorporated work to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Asia and Pacific region, which has one of the highest growth rates of the disease in the world, a huge population base and a small window of opportunity to control the epidemic. ESCAP will address the socio-economic impact of the epidemic and promote multi-ministerial responses in HIV prevention, care and support.

- 19.10 In the area of gender equality, for the first time, ESCAP has successfully mainstreamed the gender dimension into the expected accomplishments of five of its seven subprogrammes, namely: subprogrammes 1, Poverty and development; 2, Statistics; 3, Trade and investment; 6, Information, communication and space technology; and 7, Social development, including emerging social issues. New approaches will be pursued that explicitly recognize women's right to equality and introduce concrete steps aimed at assisting women to attain equality. The role of men in this task will be highlighted.
- 19.11 To enable ESCAP to pursue new areas of work in line with the priorities of member and associate member Governments, a comprehensive review of outputs of marginal utility was undertaken. An assessment of the comparative advantage of ESCAP and that of other United Nations bodies led to reductions in the number of outputs in the areas of mineral resources, industrial restructuring and agriculture.
- 19.12 The implementation strategy for the programme will be to enhance national capacity to plan and implement effective policies and programmes, to improve national decision-making on regional and global issues and to incorporate emerging economic and social issues into policies and programmes.
- 19.13 The modalities for action will include advocacy and awareness-raising; policy analysis; capacity-building, including human resources development and institutional development; and knowledge-sharing through the dissemination of good practices for wider replication. Efforts will be made to balance normative and operational work to ensure effective delivery of the expected accomplishments at both the policy and programme levels.
- 19.14 The programme objectives for the period 2004-2005 will be addressed through seven interdependent and complementary subprogrammes that are aligned with the Millennium Development Goals and the outcomes of global conferences. In each of the seven subprogrammes listed below, efforts have been made to streamline and consolidate areas of work to ensure greater programme coherence and impact.
- (a) Poverty reduction:
 - Subprogramme 1: poverty and development;
 - Subprogramme 2: statistics;
 - (b) Managing globalization:
 - Subprogramme 3: trade and investment;
 - Subprogramme 4: transport and tourism;
 - Subprogramme 5: environment and sustainable development;
 - Subprogramme 6: information, communication and space technology;
 - (c) Addressing emerging social issues:
 - Subprogramme 7: social development, including emerging social issues.
- 19.15 ESCAP will continue to take the lead in promoting stronger policy and programme collaboration among United Nations system agencies in Asia and the Pacific, in line with General Assembly resolution 53/192 of 15 December 1998 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The United Nations regional coordination mechanism, under the auspices of ESCAP and in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, will continue to meet regularly to coordinate the regional work of United Nations system agencies in order to ensure more effective delivery of activities in common priority areas,

particularly those related to internationally agreed-upon development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration. In addition, ESCAP will strengthen its strategic partnerships with a variety of United Nations agencies in the implementation of joint activities in cross-cutting areas, such as environment and sustainable development, HIV/AIDS and gender and development. These efforts are expected to lead to greater unity of purpose, coherence of policy and responsiveness of programmes by the United Nations system in the Asian and Pacific region.

- 19.16 The Programme's main expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the biennium 2004-2005 are detailed, together with required resources, under the programme of work and under executive direction and management. The overall framework of these expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement is shown in table 19.1.

Table 19.1 **Framework of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement by component**

<i>Component</i>	<i>Number of expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Number of indicators of achievement</i>
B. Executive direction and management	5	8
C. Programme of work		
1. Poverty and development	2	2
2. Statistics	2	3
3. Trade and investment	2	4
4. Transport and tourism	2	3
5. Environment and sustainable development	2	3
6. Information, communication and space technology	2	3
7. Social development, including emerging social issues	2	3
Total	19	29

- 19.17 Resources for the biennium 2004-2005 under the present section amount to \$60,729,700, reflecting an increase of \$1,908,400 (or 3.2 per cent). The change in the distribution of resources reflected in table 19.3 below can be summarized as follows:

- (a) Policy-making organs: an increase of \$26,500 resulting mainly from increased requirements for temporary assistance in connection with the meetings of the Commission and for hospitality mainly due to the inward redeployment of resources from programme support related to the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;
- (b) Executive direction and management: an increase of \$130,500 resulting from: (i) the delayed impact of two posts (one P-4, one Local level) newly approved by the General Assembly for the biennium 2002-2003 (\$117,700); and (ii) additional non-post requirements (\$25,600) for consultants, travel of staff, contractual services, supplies and materials and data-processing equipment;
- (c) Programme of work: an increase of \$397,400 resulting mainly from the following: (i) the establishment of five new P-2 posts to undertake research, service meetings and support technical cooperation activities in pursuance of the relevant Millennium Development Goals in the areas of poverty reduction (1), information and communication technology (1), water resources (1), gender and development (1) and statistics to increase the volume of statistical data, particularly in respect of the indicators used for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals (1); (ii) the abolition of three Local level posts (two in statistics and one in transport and tourism); (iii) additional requirements for ad hoc expert groups in the area of poverty reduction, statistical indicators on the Millennium Development Goals and on

promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; (iv) reduced requirements for travel of staff and for external printing; (v) increased requirements due to the inward redeployment of resources for the operation of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre, Port Vila, Vanuatu, under subprogramme 1;

- (d) Programme support: an increase of \$1,354,000 representing the net result of increases and decreases as follows: (i) an increase due to the delayed impact of 30 Local level posts for security officers newly approved by the General Assembly for the biennium 2002-2003; (ii) a decrease due to the abolition of nine Local level posts as a result of productivity gains; (iii) a decrease under non-post resources related to the discontinuation of contractual security arrangements; (iv) increased requirements for monitoring and evaluation of the ESCAP programme of work and for general operating expenses and replacement of data-processing equipment, photocopy machines, supplies and materials; (v) increased contributions to the cost-shared Inter-Agency Security Plan arrangements for Thailand; (vi) reduced requirements for hospitality due to the outward redeployment of the resources related to the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies; (vii) reduced requirements due to the outward redeployment of resources for the operation of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre under subprogramme 1.

19.18 It is estimated that, during the biennium 2004-2005, extrabudgetary resources of \$18,963,800 from various sources will be mobilized. They will be utilized primarily to supplement and thereby strengthen the impact of regular budget activities through technical cooperation activities for supporting Governments in the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals, implementation of activities related to the outcomes of major global conferences and other key global and regional mandates. Extrabudgetary resources are utilized also to implement the resolutions adopted by the Commission, and they play a critical role in attaining the expected accomplishments. The extrabudgetary resources provide the means to prepare publications, to organize workshops, seminars and training courses, to provide advisory services, to share best practices and to stimulate contacts and form networks in various other areas of the programme of work.

19.19 The issue of publications as a part of the programme of work has been reviewed in the context of each subprogramme. It is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as shown below in summary and as distributed in the output information for each subprogramme.

Table 19.2 **Summary of publications**

<i>Publications</i>	<i>2000-2001 actual</i>	<i>2002-2003 estimate</i>	<i>2004-2005 estimate</i>
Recurrent	165	122	66
Non-recurrent	97	66	37
Total	262	188	103

Table 19.3 **Percentage distribution of resources by component**

<i>Component</i>	<i>Regular budget</i>	<i>Extrabudgetary</i>
A. Policy-making organs	1.3	-
B. Executive direction and management	5.7	0.3
C. Programme of work		
Subprogramme 1. Poverty and development	9.9	19.1
Subprogramme 2. Statistics	4.1	17.9
Subprogramme 3. Trade and investment	6.1	15.8
Subprogramme 4. Transport and tourism	6.6	7.4
Subprogramme 5. Environment and sustainable development	7.1	8.1
Subprogramme 6. Information, communication and space technology	5.2	11.5
Subprogramme 7. Social development, including emerging social issues	7.5	10.6
Subtotal (C)	46.5	90.4
D. Programme support	46.5	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0

Table 19.4 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

<i>Component</i>	<i>2000-2001 expenditure</i>	<i>2002-2003 appropri- ation</i>	<i>Resource growth</i>		<i>Total before recosting</i>	<i>Recosting</i>	<i>2004-2005 estimate</i>
			<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percentage</i>			
A. Policy-making organs	725.5	769.7	26.5	3.4	796.2	31.2	827.4
B. Executive direction and management	2 816.9	3 307.2	130.5	3.9	3 437.7	266.8	3 704.5
C. Programme of work	26 260.7	27 853.4	397.4	1.4	28 250.8	2 100.2	30 351.0
D. Programme support	23 542.6	26 891.0	1 354.0	5.0	28 245.0	1 599.2	29 844.2
Subtotal	53 345.7	58 821.3	1 908.4	3.2	60 729.7	3 997.4	64 727.1

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	<i>2000-2001 expenditure</i>	<i>2002-2003 estimate</i>	<i>2004-2005 estimate</i>
Subtotal	21 223.4	23 108.5	18 963.8
Total (1) and (2)	74 569.1	81 929.8	83 690.9

Table 19.5 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005	2002-2003	2004-2005
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
P-5	29	29	-	-	11	11	40	40
P-4/3	103	103	-	-	2	1	105	104
P-2/1	30	35	-	-	-	1	30	36
Subtotal	175	180	-	-	13	13	188	193
Other categories								
Local level	327	315	-	-	44	40	371	355
Subtotal	327	315	-	-	44	40	371	355
Total	502	495	-	-	57	53	559	548

A. Policy-making organs

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$796,200

- 19.20 The Commission, which in 2002 had 52 members and nine associate member countries and territories, provides overall direction for the work of the secretariat and reports to the Economic and Social Council. It holds regular annual sessions, normally of six working days, with each session comprising a senior officials segment followed by a ministerial segment. An informal session among the heads of delegations during the ministerial segment of each Commission session may be organized, for which simultaneous interpretation shall be provided.
- 19.21 At its fifty-eighth session, in May 2002, the Commission adopted resolution 58/1 on the restructuring of its conference structure. As a result, the intergovernmental structure subsidiary to the Commission now comprises three thematic committees and eight respective subcommittees, namely the Committee on Poverty Reduction (including the Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices and the Subcommittee on Statistics), the Committee on Managing Globalization (including the Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment, the Subcommittee on Transport Infrastructure and Facilitation and Tourism, the Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Subcommittee on Information, Communications and Space Technology) and the Committee on Emerging Social Issues (including the Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups and the Subcommittee on Health and Development); and two special bodies, the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. Subject to the approval of the Commission, ad hoc ministerial conferences and ad hoc intergovernmental meetings may also be held during the biennium. In addition to the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by the Commission (ACPR) meets monthly to advise and assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions and to liaise between the Commission and the secretariat. Meetings of the Commission, its committees and special bodies are normally held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

- 19.22 The revised conference structure increased the duration of the sessions of the legislative organs from 48 to 51 meeting days per biennium (for the annual Commission, three committees, eight subcommittees and two special bodies). No changes were introduced with regard to the maximum number of ad hoc ministerial conferences and ad hoc intergovernmental meetings. Subject to the approval of the Commission, up to five intergovernmental meetings with a maximum of 25 meeting days and one ad hoc ministerial conference may be held in one calendar year.
- 19.23 At its sixty-third session in 2007, the Commission will undertake an in-depth review of its conference structure, including the thematic priorities and subsidiary structure, as part of its continuing efforts to ensure the relevance of the programme.

Table 19.6 Resource requirements

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Non-post	769.7	796.2	-	-
Total	769.7	796.2	-	-
Extrabudgetary	-	-	-	-

- 19.24 The amount of \$796,200 is required in connection with the meetings of the Commission, committees and other intergovernmental bodies. The provision covers the cost, inter alia, of conference-servicing staff, editorial services during periods of peak workload, external printing, supplies and materials, and hospitality. The increase of \$26,500 is mainly due to increased requirements for temporary assistance in connection with the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and the inward redeployment of resources for hospitality functions rendered to the delegations attending the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies from the programme support component.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$3,437,700

- 19.25 The executive direction and management component comprises the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit and the United Nations Information Services (UNIS).
- 19.26 The Office of the Executive Secretary provides overall direction, supervision and management of the ESCAP secretariat to ensure that ESCAP plays a major role in the economic and social development of the region and in translating issues of global importance into regional action. The core functions of the United Nations Information Services (UNIS) are to disseminate public information on the work of the United Nations and ESCAP throughout the region and to provide divisions with information services.
- 19.27 The Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit addresses the special needs and concerns of least developed member countries, landlocked developing member countries and small island developing member countries and mobilizes and coordinates the activities of the secretariat for the benefit of these countries.

Table 19.7 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To ensure effective management of the ESCAP programme of work, while pursuing the continued relevance of ESCAP activities to member countries.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Programme of work is effectively managed and supported by staff and financial resources	(a) (i) Timely delivery of outputs and services (ii) Timely recruitment and placement of staff (iii) Full and effective utilization of resources
(b) Identification of emerging issues that require attention by member countries	(b) Increase in the number of occasions whereby member States address issues that have been brought to their attention
(c) Enhanced policy coherence in the management of the economic and social activities of the United Nations in Asia and the Pacific	(c) Increase in the number of activities carried out in collaboration with other entities
(d) Mobilization and coordination of the secretariat's efforts to implement at the regional level the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community, and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	(d) Increase in the number of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries using expertise available within the secretariat to address their special needs
(e) Increased public awareness of the role of ESCAP in Asia and the Pacific in pursuing priority and emerging issues	(e) (i) Increased press coverage of ESCAP activities (ii) Increase in the number of clients and users of public information provided by ESCAP

Outputs

19.28 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Commission (12); informal meeting on least developed and landlocked developing countries (1);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (2); report of the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries (1);
 - (ii) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to least developed and landlocked developing countries (2);
 - (iii) Ad hoc expert group: one expert group meeting on regional development policy (1);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States* (1); *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries* (1);
 - (ii) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on least developed, landlocked and island developing countries (<http://www.unescap.org/LDC&Poverty/Ldcpovertypage.htm>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); ESCAP web page on UNIS (<http://www.unescap.org/unis/index.asp>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); monthly electronic news bulletin (UNESCAP e-News Bulletin) (24); films, videotapes, radio broadcast and documentaries (36);
 - (iii) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: quarterly newsletter (UN FOCUS) (8); public relations materials on ESCAP and United Nations priority issues (4);
 - (iv) Press releases, press conferences: press conferences, briefings and interviews on the work of ESCAP as well as meetings and major events (72);
 - (v) Special events: United Nations Day (2); United Nations Peace Day (2);
 - (vi) Exhibits, guide tours, lectures: visitors programmes, briefings/lectures on the work of the United Nations and ESCAP (8); exhibits (12);
 - (vii) Organization of inter-agency meetings: regional coordination meetings/heads of agencies meeting (8).

Table 19.8 **Resource requirements**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	2 987.3	3 105.0	22	22
Non-post	319.9	332.7	0	0
Total	3 307.2	3 437.7	22	22
Extrabudgetary	536.7	58.0	2	1

- 19.29 The increase of \$117,700 under posts is due to the delayed impact of two new posts (1 P-4, 1 Local level) approved by the General Assembly for the biennium 2002-2003. The increase of \$12,800 under non-post reflects: (i) additional requirements for travel of staff to promote the increased role of ESCAP for the economic and social development of its member and associate member countries

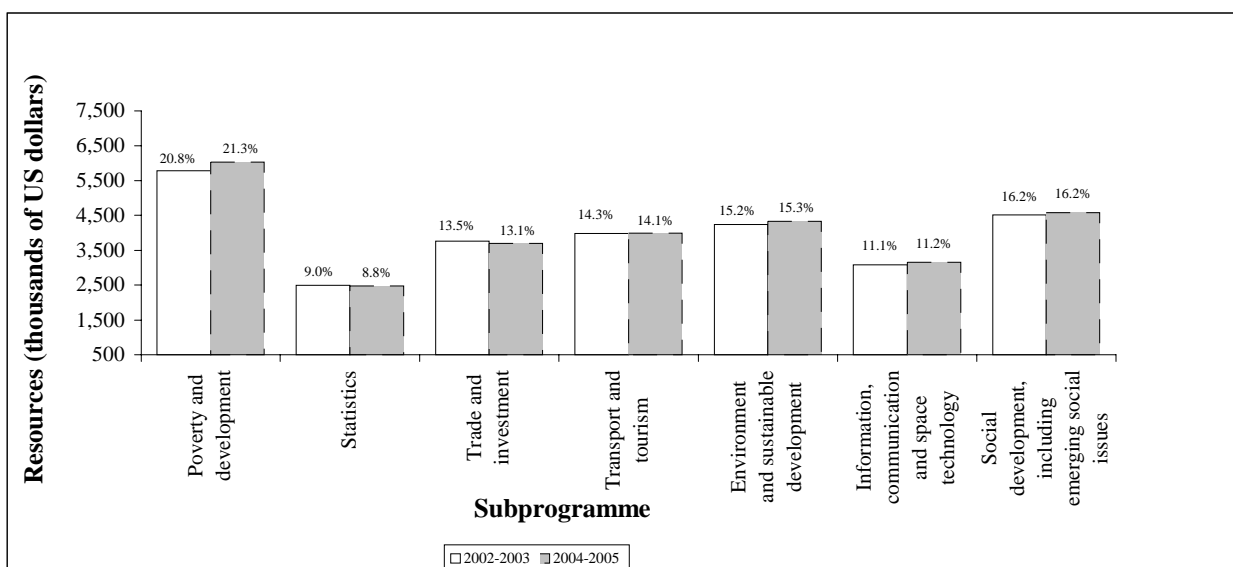
through direct interaction with them; (ii) additional requirements for production, external printing of public information materials and for upgrading the ESCAP public information web site presentation on the World Wide Web. The resources for public information amount to \$849,200, including provisions for seven posts (one P-5, one P-3, one P-2 and four Local level). Resources relating to the Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit amount to \$473,300 and include three posts (one P-5, one P-2 and one Local level).

C. Programme of work

Table 19.9 Resource requirements by subprogramme

Subprogramme	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
1. Poverty and development	5 781.5	6 029.7	40	41
2. Statistics	2 495.0	2 478.3	22	21
3. Trade and investment	3 761.0	3 696.9	26	26
4. Transport and tourism	3 984.7	3 986.5	28	27
5. Environment and sustainable development	4 233.2	4 324.6	30	31
6. Information, communication and space technology	3 084.0	3 163.4	21	22
7. Social development, including emerging social issues	4 514.0	4 571.4	31	32
Total	27 853.4	28 250.8	198	200
Extrabudgetary	20 927.8	17 142.2	36	33

Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



Subprogramme 1 Poverty and development

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$6,029,700

- 19.30 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Poverty and Development Division and the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 1 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.10 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of ESCAP members and associate members to identify and analyse opportunities and constraints for poverty eradication and to design and implement policies and programmes to reduce poverty in accordance with the relevant Millennium Development Goals.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Increased priority accorded to poverty eradication policies, with due attention to the gender dimensions of poverty, at the national and local levels	<p>(a) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have increased proportional budget allocations to poverty-related issues at the national and local levels</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 5 countries</p>
(b) More effective planning and implementation of poverty eradication programmes at the national and local levels	<p>(b) The number of best practices in poverty eradication promoted by ESCAP that have been incorporated into the national and local programmes of ESCAP counterparts</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: 5 best practices</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 13 best practices</p>

External factors

- 19.31 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: the members and associate members take into account poverty eradication policies recommended by ESCAP; national institutions and local authorities are willing to collaborate and provide relevant information; and sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission for its operational activities.

Outputs

19.32 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following final outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16); informal meeting on Pacific island developing countries (1); informal meetings on countries with economies in transition (2);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries (1); reports of the Committee on Poverty Reduction (2); reports on issues related to poverty reduction (2); reports on the current economic situation and policy issues (2);
 - (ii) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (2);
 - (iii) Committee on Poverty Reduction:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices (1); report on poverty reduction policies and strategies (1); report on the impact of emerging economic issues on poverty (1);
 - (iv) Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues in poverty reduction (2);
 - (v) Ad hoc expert groups: six expert group meetings on: development issues and policies (2); review of decentralization policies and their impact on urban poverty (1); rural poverty reduction and rural development (1); meeting of eminent persons on economic and social performance and issues (2);
 - (vi) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: follow-up to the International Economic Conference on Tajikistan in the Regional Context of Central Asia (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* (4); *Bulletin on Asia-Pacific Perspectives* (2); *Development Papers: Priority Policies to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Development Papers: Priority Policies to Implement the Monterrey Consensus in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Manual on Good Practices for Rural Poverty Reduction* (1); *Monograph Series on Poverty Reduction: Good and Innovative Practices for Improving the Living Conditions of Slum Dwellers* (1); *Monograph Series on Poverty Reduction: Micro-macro Linkages between Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development* (1); *Monograph Series on Poverty Reduction: the Role of Secondary Towns and their Rural-urban Linkages in Poverty Reduction* (1);

- (iii) Special events: launching of the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* in selected member countries of ESCAP and United Nations organizations (2); World Habitat Day (2); World Poverty Eradication Day (2);
 - (iv) Technical material: working paper on effective pro-poor economic growth policies and experiences in Asia and the Pacific (1); working paper on micro-macro linkages for poverty reduction (1);
 - (v) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on poverty and development (<http://www.unescap.org/pdd>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8);
 - (vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Regional Inter-agency Coordination Meeting; Thematic Working Group on Poverty Reduction and Food Security (2); Regional Inter-agency Consultative Meeting on Good Urban Governance (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
- (i) Advisory services on: macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in island developing countries; good poverty reduction practices; strengthening of local governments to implement poverty reduction strategies in line with the Millennium Development Goals and the Habitat Agenda;
 - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional conference on poverty, urbanization and economic development — Third Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (100 participants); regional seminar on least developed countries' issues in financing for development, foreign direct investment and trade liberalization arising from the Monterrey Consensus and the Brussels Plan of Action (30 participants); regional workshop on debt management and financial issues for development in Asia and the Pacific (30 participants); regional workshop on good practices relating to urban poor participation in environmental management at the local level (35 participants); regional workshop on micro-macro linkages: poverty reduction and sustainable development (30 participants); regional workshop on the role of secondary towns and their rural-urban linkages in poverty reduction (45 participants); workshop-cum-training programmes to disseminate poverty reduction practices in least developed countries (100 participants); workshop-cum-training programmes to promote access to markets, market information and credit for the rural poor through good practices with a gender focus (60 participants);
 - (iii) Field projects: demonstration projects in least developed countries on rural-urban linkages for poverty reduction; establishment and strengthening of regional resource centres to support urban poverty reduction programmes in areas such as slum improvement, women in local government and human security; joint project with Habitat on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals; pilot projects on participation of the urban poor in environmental management; pilot projects on slum improvement; support to the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific (CGPRT) in technical cooperation activities; technical cooperation and substantive support in the area of poverty reduction to local governments and regional networks, including the Network of Local Government Training and Research Institutes in Asia and the Pacific (LOGOTRI), the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (CityNet), the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), Asia Urbs and the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA); technical cooperation projects on (a) management of water resources for poverty reduction, (b) policy priorities to reduce poverty and promote growth in countries with economies in transition, (c) regional implementation of the

Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and (d) the provision of basic services for the poor through public-private partnerships: ESCAP follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (capacity-building for a public-private partnership facilities component).

Table 19.11 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	5 363.2	5 442.0	40	41
Non-post	418.3	587.7	-	-
Total	5 781.5	6 029.7	40	41
Extrabudgetary	4 676.0	3 624.2	5	3

- 19.33 The increase of \$78,800 under posts is due to the establishment of one new P-2 post to strengthen ESCAP capacity with regard to poverty reduction practices in pursuance of the relevant Millennium Development Goals. The increase of \$169,400 under non-post requirements is due to the inward redeployment of the operating costs of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre from the programme support component (\$187,800), partially offset by a decrease of \$18,400 as the net result of various increases and decreases achieved through the reorientation of the subprogramme towards the provision of assistance for the countries in the ESCAP region to meet the Millennium Development Goals, to implement the Monterrey Consensus and the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and to provide synergy between analytical and operational activities.

Subprogramme 2 Statistics

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$2,478,300

- 19.34 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Statistics Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 2 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.12 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To improve the statistical capabilities of ESCAP members and associate members, with a special focus on strengthening their capacity to collate and utilize sectoral data, particularly relating to poverty, and measure progress towards mobilizing international, regional and national resources in achieving development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

Expected accomplishments

(a) More effective generation and dissemination of data on poverty and other Millennium Development Goal areas and economic and social development, including sex-disaggregated and gender-specific data

Indicators of achievement

(a) (i) The level of availability, timeliness, accuracy and consistency in data produced by national statistical offices interacting with ESCAP

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: 26 countries, for which at least half of the Millennium Development Goal indicators are available

Target 2004-2005: 35 countries, for which at least half of the indicators are available

(ii) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have provided more comparable data on poverty and other Millennium Development Goal areas and economic and social development, including sex-disaggregated and gender-specific data

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: 17 countries

Target 2004-2005: 20 countries

(b) Increased priority accorded to the use of internationally recognized statistical standards and principles

(b) The number of countries and areas subscribing to the Special Data Dissemination Standard or participating in the General Data Dissemination System

Performance measures:

2000-2001: 17 countries and areas

Estimate 2002-2003: 21 countries and areas

Target 2004-2005: 26 countries and areas

External factors

- 19.35 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the members and associate members have the resources to implement recommendations and accord priority to compiling data for monitoring internationally agreed upon development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and that sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission for its operational activities.

Outputs

- 19.36 During the biennium, the following final outputs will be delivered:
- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to statistics (1);
 - (ii) Committee on Poverty Reduction:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Subcommittee on Statistics (1); report on issues related to poverty statistics (1);
 - (iii) Subcommittee on Statistics:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on activities of the secretariat in the field of statistics (1); report of the Working Group of Statistical Experts (1);
 - (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: two expert group meetings on: data dissemination (1); statistical indicators on Millennium Development Goals (1);
 - (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific in Figures* (2); *Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific* (2); *Statistical Newsletter* (2); *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (2);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Improving the Quality of the Statistics used for Selected Millennium Development Goal Indicators* (1); *Towards International Comparability of Data* (1); *Women and Men in Asia and the Pacific (Volume I: Statistical Profile)* (1);

- (iii) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: exhibit for the Subcommittee on Statistics (2004) (regular budget) (1);
- (iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: fact sheets on general/thematic statistics (1);
- (v) Technical material: data disseminated on electronic media (such as the Internet, CD-ROM, diskettes) (2); maintenance of data holdings in the ESCAP Statistical Information System (ESIS) (1); responses to ad hoc requests for statistical information from outside users (1);
- (vi) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on statistics (<http://www.unescap.org/stat>) (weekly updating, 2004-2005) (104);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Advisory services: advisory services on statistics on gender issues, other aspects of socio-economic statistics and indicators and application of information technology;
 - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional/subregional workshops on application of information and communication technology in statistical offices and measurement of the information society and the knowledge-based economy (40 participants); regional/subregional workshops on economic and environment statistics, including national accounts and environmental accounting, and statistics on statistical organization and management (40 participants); regional/subregional workshops on poverty statistics and statistics on gender issues and other aspects of social and demographic statistics, including follow-up to global conferences and the Millennium Development Goals (40 participants);
 - (iii) Field projects: support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) in technical cooperation activities; technical cooperation projects on the International Comparison Programme and forging new partnerships to end violence against women (statistical component).

Table 19.13 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	2 385.3	2 358.1	22	21
Non-post	109.7	120.2	-	-
Total	2 495.0	2 478.3	22	21
Extrabudgetary	4 016.2	3 398.0	3	3

- 19.37 The decrease of \$27,200 under posts is due to the abolition of two Local level posts due to productivity gains offset by the establishment of one new P-2 post to increase the statistical data for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals. The increase of \$10,500 under non-post resources is due to additional requirements for specialized expertise for inter-country comparison of poverty levels as well as for measuring and monitoring poverty.

Subprogramme 3 Trade and investment

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$3,696,900

- 19.38 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Trade and Investment Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 3 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.14 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To enhance the capacity of ESCAP members and associate members to integrate effectively into the world economy through sustained trade and investment.

Expected accomplishments

Indicators of achievement

(a) More effective policies and programmes by Governments and the private sector for increasing (a) trade and investment and (b) enterprise development, including its gender dimensions

(a) (i) The number of Governments and private sector organizations that have introduced policies, laws, regulations and/or procedures that reflect principles and policy guidelines promoted by ESCAP

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 10 Governments and private organizations

(ii) The number of best practices promoted by ESCAP in the area of enterprise development, including its gender dimensions, that have been introduced by public and/or private institutions interacting with ESCAP

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 5 best practices

(b) Improved national decision-making and participation in regional and multilateral trade and investment agreements and mechanisms

(b) (i) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have issued policy decisions and/or position papers reflecting more effective participation in regional and multilateral trade and investment agreements and mechanisms (for example, the Bangkok Agreement and the World Trade Organization)

Performance measures:

2000-2001: 6 countries

Estimate 2002-2003: 7 countries

Target 2004-2005: 12 countries

(ii) The number of products and the level of preferential tariff margins agreed among the Bangkok Agreement members

Performance measures:

2000-2001: 920 products

Estimate 2002-2003: 1,670 products and an average preferential tariff margin of 24 per cent

Target 2004-2005: 2,000 products and an average preferential tariff margin of 34 per cent

External factors

- 19.39 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the members and associate members take into account ESCAP recommendations in their implementation of policies and programmes; national institutions are willing to provide relevant information; and sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission for its operational activities.

Outputs

- 19.40 During the biennium, the following final outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to trade and investment (2);
 - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment (1); report on issues related to trade and investment (1);
 - (iii) Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to trade, investment and enterprise development (2);
 - (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: three expert groups, on enhancing access to information sources for negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (1); on globalization and emerging issues in trade and investment: implications for small and medium-sized enterprise development and export competitiveness (1); and on trade and development financing linkages (1);
 - (v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Bangkok Agreement Standing Committee (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Investment Promotion and Enterprise Development Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Monograph Series on Managing Globalization: Facilitating Accession to the World Trade Organization — Country Perspectives* (1); *Enterprise Development and Promotion of Women's Entrepreneurship* (1); *Export Competitiveness as Related to Trade Management and Financing* (1); *Finance for Trade Development and the Monterrey Consensus* (1); *Policies and Good Practices for Investment Promotion in Weaker Economies* (1); *Promoting Information and Communication Technology Applications in Rural Small and Medium-sized Enterprises for Increasing Export Competitiveness* (1); *Regional Perspectives on the Doha Development Agenda* (1); *Trade Efficiency and Facilitation* (1); *Trade Information Manual for Landlocked Countries in Asia and the Pacific* (1);
 - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: information materials on managing globalization: trade and investment (4);
 - (iv) Technical material:
 - a. Internet database series on managing globalization: trade research and training institutes directory (1); trade- and investment-related information service (1); upgrading to online maintenance of the *Directory of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries and Areas in Asia and the Pacific* (1);
 - b. Technical information in response to requests from the public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations and dissemination (in/out via the e-mail address: <trade_inf.unescap@un.org> on a daily basis) (1);
 - (v) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on managing globalization: trade and investment (<http://www.unescap.org/tid>) (monthly updating, 2004-2005) (24);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Advisory services: advisory services on trade agreements, including the Bangkok Agreement, trade facilitation and accession to the World Trade Organization;

- (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: management training courses for enterprise development in the least developed countries and the countries with economies in transition (100 participants); regional seminar on good practices in investment policy and promotion of the developing economies (50 participants); regional seminar on mutually supportive trade liberalization and development policies (20 participants); regional/national seminar on trade and information technology enabling policies (20 participants); seminar on trade efficiency and facilitation (20 participants); seminar on capacity-building in trade and investment information sources networking making use of information and communication technology (20 participants); seminar on strengthening capacities in investment promotion and facilitation (30 participants); seminar on trade management and financing (20 participants); subregional investment forums (400 participants); training in enterprise development and entrepreneurship, including women entrepreneurs (60 participants); workshops and associated activities on the capacity-building and networking of business associations in the least developed countries and the countries with economies in transition (100 participants);
- (iii) Field projects: support to the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (APCAEM) in technical cooperation activities; technical cooperation projects on: enhancing the capacity of members and associate members to accede to the World Trade Organization; building capacity on the emerging World Trade Organization negotiating agenda; and building capacity to participate in multilateral agreements effectively.

Table 19.15 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	3 554.5	3 554.5	26	26
Non-post	206.5	142.4	-	-
Total	3 761.0	3 696.9	26	26
Extrabudgetary	2 391.6	3 000.0	7	6

- 19.41 The decrease of \$64,100 under non-post resources is mainly due to reduced requirements for specialized expertise, resulting from the discontinuation of activities related to industrial restructuring, technology flows and trade exhibitions and focusing on trade and investment policy, trade efficiency and enterprise development.

Subprogramme 4

Transport and tourism

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$3,986,500

- 19.42 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Transport and Tourism Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 4 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.16 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of ESCAP members and associate members to formulate and implement national, regional and interregional transport policies and initiatives with a view to improving access to regional and global markets and to strengthen the role of tourism in economic and social development.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) More effective policies and programmes by Governments, civil society and the private sector to enhance: (a) transport logistics and public-private partnerships in transport; and (b) the social and environmental aspects of transport and tourism	<p>(a) (i) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have introduced policies and programmes reflecting principles promoted by ESCAP in transport logistics and public-private partnerships in transport</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 8 countries</p> <p>(ii) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have introduced policies and programmes reflecting principles promoted by ESCAP in the social and environmental aspects of transport and tourism</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 8 countries</p>
(b) Improved implementation and decision-making on agreements related to regional transport networks and cross-border and transit transport	<p>(b) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have introduced policy decisions and position papers reflecting programmes promoted by ESCAP related to agreements on regional transport networks and cross-border and transit transport</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 8 countries</p>

External factors

- 19.43 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the members and associate members take into account principles and programmes promoted by ESCAP and sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission for its operational activities.

Outputs

- 19.44 During the biennium, the following final outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on the emerging issues related to transport and tourism (1); report on the outcome of the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation (1); report on the implementation of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1);
 - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Subcommittee on Transport Infrastructure and Facilitation and Tourism (1); report on issues related to transport and tourism (1);
 - (iii) Subcommittee on Transport Infrastructure and Facilitation and Tourism:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to transport and tourism (2); report on the implementation of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1);
 - (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: two expert group meetings, on the Trans-Asian Railway in North and Central Asia (1); and on the Trans-Asian Railway in South Asia (1);
 - (v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) Project Working Group on Transport Infrastructure and Border-Crossing Facilitation (4);
 - (vi) Depository services: intergovernmental agreement on the Asian Highway network to facilitate coordinated highway development in Asia (1);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Review of Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Tourism Review* (2); *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Monograph Series on Managing Globalization: Policy Issues on Sustainable Tourism Development* (1); *Integrated Asian Transport Network* (1); *Regional Shipping and Port Development Strategies* (1);
 - (iii) Technical material: maps of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway (2); refining and updating of the Asia-Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) (2); refining and

updating of the ESCAP database on transport and infrastructure (2); review of international agreements that facilitate the transport of goods and people (1); statistical abstract of transport in the Asia-Pacific region, including transport performance indicators and comparative analysis of transport productivity in the Asia-Pacific region (1); training materials in support of improved capacity-building for institutes involved in transport education and research (1); updating of the Asian Highway database (1);

- (iv) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on transport facilitation (<http://www.unescap.org/tctd/tfs>) (biannual updating, 2004-2005) (4); ESCAP web page on transport infrastructure (<http://www.unescap.org/tctd/tis>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); ESCAP web page on transport policy and tourism (<http://www.unescap.org/tctd/tis>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):

- (i) Advisory services: advisory service on tourism development; advisory services on transport policy, infrastructure planning and development;
- (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meeting of transport planning, management, education and research centres (30 participants); meetings on the promotion of tourism in the Greater Mekong subregion (80 participants); meetings on tourism education and training (100 participants); seminar on liberalization of transport services (50 participants); seminars on strengthening national capabilities in the sound and sustainable development of tourism (100 participants); seminars/workshops on shipping and port development strategies (100 participants); seminars/workshops on activities related to the Asia-Pacific Road Accident Database (60 participants); seminars/workshops on transport infrastructure planning and development (60 participants);
- (iii) Fellowships and grants: arrangements related to technical cooperation among developing countries on tourism development and training;
- (iv) Field projects: technical cooperation projects: freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics; land transport infrastructure development, including the working groups on the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway and the Steering Committee on the Trans-Asian Railway Northern Corridor; private sector participation/public-private partnerships in transport development; providing basic services for the poor through public-private partnership: ESCAP follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (transport component); and transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries; technical cooperation project on transport facilitation.

Table 19.17 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	3 887.5	3 834.5	28	27
Non-post	97.2	152.0	-	-
Total	3 984.7	3 986.5	28	27
Extrabudgetary	2 280.2	1 402.0	8	8

- 19.45 The decrease of \$53,000 under posts is due to the abolition of one Local level post as a result of productivity gains. The increase of \$54,800 under non-post resources is mainly due to additional requirements for specialized expertise and travel of staff to strengthen the subprogramme in the area of integrated transport networks, transport logistics and public-private partnerships in transport development.

Subprogramme 5 Environment and sustainable development

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$4,324,600

- 19.46 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Environment and Sustainable Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 5 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.18 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To strengthen the national capacity of ESCAP members and associate members to design and implement environmental and sustainable development policies and strategies, in particular on sustainable development of energy and water resources, that would enable them to maximize the benefits of globalization while minimizing its adverse impacts.

Expected accomplishments

(a) More effective policies and programmes by Governments, civil society and the private sector for enhancing: (i) environmental management; (ii) water resource management; and (iii) energy resource management

Indicators of achievement

(a) (i) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have introduced policies and programmes reflecting principles promoted by ESCAP in (a) environmental management; (b) water resource management; and (c) energy resource management

Performance measures:

2000-2001: 5 countries

Estimate 2002-2003: 10 countries

Target 2004-2005: 17 countries

(ii) The number of counterparts in civil society and/or the private sector that have introduced policies and programmes reflecting principles and best practices promoted by ESCAP in (a), (b) and (c) above

	<p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 12 counterparts in civil society and/or the private sector</p>
(b) Improved national capacity for decision-making and participation in subregional, regional and global environmental and sustainable development agreements and other initiatives for transboundary cooperation	<p>(b) The number of national counterparts interacting with ESCAP that have introduced policy decisions and position papers reflecting country initiatives for transboundary cooperation and concerns related to subregional, regional and global environment agreements</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2000-2001: 5 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2002-2003: 10 countries</p> <p>Target 2004-2005: 15 countries</p>

External factors

- 19.47 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the members and associate members take into account activities and programmes for sustainable development; national institutions are willing to provide relevant information; and sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission for its operational activities.

Outputs

- 19.48 During the biennium, the following final outputs will be delivered:
- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee on Managing Globalization (2); reports on policies and emerging issues related to the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (2);
 - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development (1); report on issues related to the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (1);
 - (iii) Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to the environment and sustainable development (1); report on the implementation of World Summit on Sustainable Development targets/decisions related to water and energy resources and environmental management for sustainable development (1);
 - (iv) Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (10);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports (3);
 - (v) Ad hoc expert groups: two expert group meetings on: energy services for sustainable development in rural areas (1); water-efficiency planning (1);
 - (vi) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: SPECA Project Working Group on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources (4); SPECA Regional Advisory Committee (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific*, 2001 and 2002 (1); *Energy Resources Development Series: Energy Services for Sustainable Development in Rural Areas* (1); *Environment and Sustainable Development Newsletter* (8); *State of the Environment in Asia and the Pacific, 2005* (1); *Water Resources Journal* (2); *Water Resources Series* (2);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Mitigation Strategies for Dust and Sand Storms in North-East Asia* (1); *Outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005* (1); *Perspectives for Transboundary Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia* (1); *Urban Environmental Governance* (1);
 - (iii) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: exhibit for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005 (1); exhibits for World Water Day and for the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (4);
 - (iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: information kit for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005 (1);
 - (v) Special events: special events on sustainable development issues for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005 (1);
 - (vi) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on energy (<http://www.unescap.org/esd/energy>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); ESCAP web page on environment (<http://www.unescap.org/esd/environt>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); ESCAP web page on water resources (<http://www.unescap.org/esd/water>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Advisory services: advisory services on the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, sustainable development and management of energy and water resources, and natural disaster reduction;
 - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: groups training on: capacity-building for implementation of international environmental conventions, particularly on desertification, climate change and biological diversity; strategic planning and management of energy resources, energy efficiency and renewable energy development; urban environmental management; water resources management and development; and

water-related disaster preparedness and reduction; seminars/workshops on environmental governance;

- (iii) Fellowships and grants: arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries to facilitate exchange of information and experience and transfer of technologies in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy development, environmental management, and sustainable water management;
- (iv) Field projects: technical cooperation projects on: environmental cooperation in North-East Asia; strategic planning and integrated water resources management and natural disaster reduction; strategic planning and management of energy resources, energy efficiency and renewable energy development; and the provision of basic services for the poor through public-private partnerships: ESCAP follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (water, energy and biodiversity components).

Table 19.19 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	4 066.3	4 145.1	30	31
Non-post	166.9	179.5	-	-
Total	4 233.2	4 324.6	30	31
Extrabudgetary	2 304.2	1 534.0	6	7

- 19.49 The increase of \$78,800 under posts is due to the establishment of one new P-2 post to strengthen ESCAP capacity in pursuance of the Millennium Development Goal of improving affordability and access to safe drinking water. The increase of \$12,600 under non-post resources is mainly due to increased requirements for travel as a result of the need to attend more meetings and undertake more consultations, in particular, in connection with the regional follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Subprogramme 6

Information, communication and space technology

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$3,163,400

- 19.50 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Information, Communication and Space Technology Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 6 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.20 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of ESCAP members and associate members, especially the developing countries and countries with economies in transition of the region, particularly the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, to create an enabling environment for the development, transfer and application of information, communication and space technology.

*Expected accomplishments**Indicators of achievement*

(a) Increased emphasis in national policies and regulatory frameworks accorded to: (i) the application of information, communication and space technology; and (ii) access to information, communication and space technology, including its gender dimensions

(a) (i) The number of countries in which new national policy and regulatory framework initiatives as well as the development focus on increasing the application of information, communication and space technology reflect principles and inputs promoted by ESCAP

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 5 countries

(ii) The number of countries in which new national policy and regulatory framework initiatives as well as the development focus on increasing access to information, communication and space technology reflect principles and inputs promoted by ESCAP, including gender dimensions of access to information, communication and space technology services

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 5 countries

(b) Improved application and promotion of information, communication and space technology by Governments and stakeholders in planning and implementing socio-economic development policies and programmes, towards the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

(b) The number of institutions that have used ESCAP inputs in new initiatives in the use and promotion of information, communication and space technology to further the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 6 regional and/or national and/or other institutions

External factors

- 19.51 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the relatively advanced countries of the region fully support it by sharing their knowledge, experience and human and financial resources; members and associate members are willing to implement recommendations of the World Summit on the Information Society and decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies, particularly those of ESCAP; and sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission for its operational activities.

Outputs

- 19.52 During the biennium, the following final outputs will be delivered:
- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to information, communication and space technology and preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society, 2005 (1); report on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, 2003 (1);
 - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2006 (1); report of the Subcommittee on Information, Communications and Space Technology (1); report on the follow-up to, and preparations for, the World Summits on the Information Society, 2003 and 2005 (1);
 - (iii) Subcommittee on Information, Communications and Space Technology:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to information, communication and space technology (2); report on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, 2003 (1);
 - (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: three expert group meetings, on development and sharing of open source software (1); on follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, 2003 (1); and on preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2006 (1);
 - (v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asian-Pacific Journal on Information, Communication and Space Technology* (4);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Monograph Series on Managing Globalization: Regional Information and Communication Technology Complementarities for the Promotion of Sustainable Development* (1); *Promoting Key Information and Communication Technology Partnerships to Bridge the Digital Divide for Sustainable Development* (1);
 - (iii) Technical material: compliance with information and communication technology-related multilateral frameworks (1); databases on population and social indicators and issues (information and communication technology component) (2); good practices in information and communication technology policies in Asia and the Pacific (1); regional database of regulations, policies and legal frameworks related to information, communication and space technology (2); regional inventory of space technology application capabilities, facilities and initiatives in Asia and the Pacific (1);
 - (iv) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on information, communication and space technology (continuous updating, 2004-2005) (1);
 - (v) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Inter-agency Working Group on Information and Communication Technology (4);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Advisory services: advisory services on development, management and diffusion of information and communication technology applications; advisory services on space technology applications for sustainable development; integration of information and communication technology policies into the overall development framework;
 - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meetings of regional working groups on major space applications sectors (100 participants); national seminars/training workshops on information and communication technology policy compliance with multilateral agreements (80 participants); regional seminar/training workshop on good practices in information and communication technology policies and strategies for sustainable development (40 participants); regional seminar/workshop on national, regional and international information, communication and space technology policies and regulatory frameworks and related multilateral agreements (30 participants); regional workshop on promotion of partnerships among information and communication technology stakeholders for sustainable development (30 participants); seminar on exploring regional information and communication technology complementarities and cooperation on regional trade in information and communication technology-related goods and services (20 participants); seminars/workshops on information,

communication and space technology applications for sustainable development (360 participants);

- (iii) Fellowships and grants: long-term fellowships on space technology applications; medium-term fellowships on space technology applications;
- (iv) Field projects: support to the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) in technical cooperation activities; technical cooperation project on information, communication and space technology applications to bridge the digital divide for poverty reduction; technical cooperation project on space technology applications for informed natural disaster management.

Table 19.21 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	2 960.9	3 039.7	21	22
Non-post	123.1	123.7	-	-
Total	3 084.0	3 163.4	21	22
Extrabudgetary	2 409.9	2 179.9	1	1

- 19.53 The increase of \$78,800 under posts is due to the establishment of one new P-2 post to strengthen the capacity of the subprogramme in pursuance of the Millennium Development Goals related to information and communication technology.

Subprogramme 7

Social development, including emerging social issues

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$4,571,400

- 19.54 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Emerging Social Issues Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 7 of programme 15 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 19.22 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of ESCAP members and associate members in the development and implementation of policies and programmes to address persistent and emerging social issues in their evolving manifestations in order to enhance the productivity and quality of human resources.

Expected accomplishments

(a) Increased priority accorded to emerging social issues which will be mainstreamed into policies and programmes of Government and civil society

Indicators of achievement

(a) (i) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have increased proportional national budget allocations for (a) gender equality; (b) health promotion, especially to address HIV/AIDS issues; (c) population, disability and ageing

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 5 countries

(ii) The number of countries interacting with ESCAP that have increased either policy directives that mainstream emerging social issues or focal points in relevant ministries and/or civil society entities for (a) gender equality; (b) health promotion, especially to address HIV/AIDS issues; and (c) population, disability and ageing

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 5 countries

(b) More effective planning of programmes by Governments and civil society organizations for achieving: (a) gender equality; (b) health promotion, especially to address HIV/AIDS issues; and (c) integration of persons with disabilities and older persons in society

(b) The number of national counterpart organizations interacting with ESCAP that have increased the coverage of concerns of the beneficiaries of programmes on issues related to (a), (b) and (c) above in their project planning

Performance measures:

2000-2001: not applicable

Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable

Target 2004-2005: 5 national counterpart organizations

External factors

- 19.55 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the members and associate members are willing to adopt policies and programmes that are in line with the relevant global and regional mandates; and sufficient extrabudgetary resources are made available to the Commission, in particular, for its operational activities.

Outputs

- 19.56 During the biennium, the following final outputs will be delivered:
- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary and committees (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee on Emerging Social Issues (2); reports on issues related to emerging social issues (2); report on the Asia-Pacific Leadership Summit on a Commitment to Fight the Spread of HIV/AIDS (1); report on the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review the Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes (1);
 - (ii) Committee on Emerging Social Issues:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Subcommittee on Health and Development (1); report of the Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups (1); reports on issues related to emerging social issues (3);
 - (iii) Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on regional follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (1); report on regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (1);

- (iv) Subcommittee on Health and Development:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on a strategy for the promotion of health and development in the Asia-Pacific region (1);
- (v) Asia-Pacific Leadership Summit on a Commitment to Fight the Spread of HIV/AIDS:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports (2);
- (vi) High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review the Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (10);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports (3);
- (vii) Ad hoc expert groups: five expert group meetings, on development of a regional strategy for the promotion of health and development issues in government and civil society policies and programmes (1); on implementation of the Plan of Action on Population and Poverty of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference (1); preparations for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review the Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes (1); promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women with particular emphasis on violence against women and trafficking of women (1); regional follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (1);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* (8); *Population Headliners* (12);
 - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Assessment of Progress in the Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes* (1); *Community-level Good Practices in HIV Prevention, Care and Support for Policy Consideration* (1); *Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference Follow-up Study on Population and Health* (1); *Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference Follow-up Study on Population, Sustainable Development and Poverty* (1); *Good Practices and Emerging Issues in Meeting the Challenge of Ageing* (1); *Handbook on Rights-based Development for Persons with Disabilities* (1); *Key Issues in Strengthening the Social Integration of Disadvantaged Groups in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Monograph Series on Emerging Social Issues: Gender and HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Monograph Series on Emerging Social Issues: Violence against Women and Trafficking of Women and Girls in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Regional Report on Post-Yokohama Progress in Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth* (1); *Survey on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific 2005* (1); *Women and Men in Asia and the Pacific (Volume II: Qualitative indicators)* (1);
 - (iii) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: exhibit on health and development issues for the Subcommittee on Health and Development (1); exhibit on information and communication technologies for persons with disabilities (1); exhibit to promote a leadership commitment to fight HIV/AIDS in the Asia-Pacific region (1);

- (iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits: advocacy materials on promoting investment in health in the Asia-Pacific region (1); ESCAP population data sheets (2); information kit on mobilizing responses to fight HIV/AIDS in the Asia-Pacific region (1); information kit on post-Yokohama monitoring: tools and outcomes (1); information materials on emerging and critical social issues (2); information materials on gender and development in Asia and the Pacific (2);
- (v) Special events: International Women's Day (2); International Youth Day (2);
- (vi) Technical material: databases on population and social indicators and issues (population component) (2); training materials on health and development for human security, especially for HIV/AIDS-related Millennium Development Goal target fulfilment (1); updating of a database on various gender mainstreaming issues (1);
- (vii) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on gender and development (<http://www.unescap.org/wid>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); ESCAP web page on health and development (<http://www.unescap.org/esid/hds>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8); ESCAP web page on population and social integration (<http://www.unescap.org/sps>) (quarterly updating, 2004-2005) (8);
- (viii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: ESCAP Youth Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS (2); Thematic Working Group on Disability-related Concerns (4); Thematic Working Group on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):
 - (i) Advisory services: advisory services on: implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asian and Pacific region); regional follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development; and strengthening country-level responses to achieving health-related Millennium Development Goal targets;
 - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional review meeting on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific (100 participants); regional seminar on ageing, social protection and social integration (20 participants); regional seminar on critical and emerging issues in promoting gender equality (60 participants);
 - (iii) Field projects: technical cooperation projects on: follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and the Macao Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific; forging new partnerships to end violence against women (capacity-building and networking component); incorporating gender dimensions in implementation of the outcomes of major regional and global conferences; monitoring actions to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth; population and development; regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific; strengthening multisectoral responses towards the achievement of health-related Millennium Development Goal targets, especially concerning HIV/AIDS; the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asian and Pacific region; the provision of basic services to the poor through public-private partnerships: ESCAP follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (health services component).

Table 19.23 Resource requirements: subprogramme 7

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	4 302.3	4 381.1	31	32
Non-post	211.7	190.3	-	-
Total	4 514.0	4 571.4	31	32
Extrabudgetary	2 849.7	2 004.3	6	5

- 19.57 The increase of \$78,800 under posts is due to the establishment of one new P-2 post to strengthen the capacity of the subprogramme with regard to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and in furtherance of the Millennium Development Goals on gender issues. The decrease of \$21,400 under non-post resources is mainly due to reduced requirements for travel of staff.

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): \$28,245,000

- 19.58 Programme support is under the responsibility of the Programme Management Division, the Administrative Services Division and the Library.

Outputs

- 19.59 The outputs of the Programme Management Division include the following:
- (a) Programme planning, budget and evaluation: provision of policy guidance and support for the substantive divisions in the formulation of their respective medium-term plans and programme budgets; management of programme and budget delivery, including monitoring and evaluation of programme implementation; management of the regular programme of technical cooperation and projects funded by the Development Account; provision of guidance and support in budget-related matters and monitoring of budget performance; coordination with other entities for joint programming; servicing of the annual Commission sessions with regard to programme planning and budget implications of draft resolutions; servicing of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives (ACPR);
 - (b) Management of technical cooperation projects and funds: provision of guidance and support for the substantive divisions in developing demand-driven technical cooperation projects, including facilitation of joint planning workshops for inter-thematic and interdivisional projects; monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation projects; organization of training courses; organization of training courses on project planning, monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation projects; organization of donor consultations and analysis of donor trends for funding; coordination with entities from the United Nations Development Group for joint technical cooperation activities; servicing of the annual Commission on technical issues, including pledges; dissemination of information on ESCAP technical cooperation work. In addition, the Division assists and advises the Executive Secretary in improving the relevance and impact of the work of ESCAP through more effective results-based programme and project planning as well as improved systems for monitoring and evaluation of parliamentary, normative and technical cooperation activities.

19.60 The outputs of the Administrative Services Division include the following:

- (a) Human resources management: provision of services for recruitment, promotion and placement of staff; provision of medical services; engagement of consultants; staff development and training; provision of assistance to staff on regulations and rules; administration of allowances and benefits; staff-management relations;
- (b) Financial services: provision of financial management, including issuance of financial statements; financial payments, including payroll, vendors and staff entitlements; treasury services; monitoring and guidance on the correct utilization of financial resources; overall financial management and accounting services;
- (c) Conference services: provision of editorial, interpretation, translation and text-processing services; internal document reproduction services; management of the United Nations Conference Centre;
- (d) General services and security: provision of cost-effective management of the facilities and services of the United Nations complex in Bangkok; provision of facility maintenance, security and safety services; procurement and travel services; storage and inventory management;
- (e) Electronic services: provision of a communication and information technology infrastructure, including replacement/maintenance of software, hardware and telecommunications equipment; development and maintenance of local software applications; coordination with Headquarters on centrally developed applications; information infrastructure enhancements for Local Area Network (LAN) and private automatic branch exchange (PABX) systems; installation and monitoring of intrusions detection systems; and ongoing operations support, including support and maintenance for the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS).

19.61 The outputs of the Library include library and information technology services, as well as advisory and training services concerning the information system, and are provided in response to the work programme of the ESCAP secretariat for the staff of United Nations agencies in Bangkok and the public and private sector.

Table 19.24 **Resource requirements: programme support**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	21 586.2	22 168.2	282	273
Non-post	5 304.8	6 076.8	-	-
Total	26 891.0	28 245.0	282	273
Extrabudgetary	1 644.0	1 763.6	19	19

19.62 The increase of \$582,000 under posts is the net result of the following: (a) an increase of \$1,059,000 due to the delayed impact of the establishment in 2002-2003 of 30 Local level/Security officer posts in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/286 of 27 June 2002 on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises; (b) a decrease of \$477,000 due to the abolition of nine Local level posts as a result of productivity gains in areas

such as editorial services, meeting arrangements, mail operations, telephone operations, receptionists and general and central support services.

- 19.63 The increase of \$772,000 under non-post resources is due mostly to increased requirements for furniture and equipment, in particular for replacement of obsolete office automation equipment such as personal computers, servers and other information technology equipment and replacement of other ageing office equipment, such as photocopy machines, and to increased requirements for general operating expenses reflecting actual expenditure experience.

Table 19.25 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of internal and external oversight bodies and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

<i>Brief description of the recommendation</i>	<i>Action taken to implement the recommendation</i>
General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 56/253)	
116. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to maximize the use of the Conference Centre, including its external use, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.	The United Nations Conference Centre is being promoted by printed materials, briefings and guided tours. A consultant developed a marketing plan. A P-2 post for Conference Centre utilization was filled in May 2002, and four outsourced technical personnel were hired for audio-visual and exhibition services. An Internet café was added and meal packages have been developed by the caterer. In addition, there is continuing recovery from the 1997 economic slump in the region. As a result, the number of events per year shows a significant increase: 1997 — 353; 1998 — 374; 1999 — 423; 2000 — 499; 2001 — 594; 2002 projected — 630.
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/7, chap. II)	
V.44 ... measures should be introduced to ensure sustained financial capacity for ESCAP to manage income-generating meetings at its Conference Centre.	As noted under General Assembly resolution 56/253, ESCAP continues to actively promote increased utilization of its Conference Centre.

*Brief description
of the recommendation*

*Action taken to implement
the recommendation*

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275 (b). The board recommends that ESCAP consult with the Treasury at Headquarters before making any single investment of more than \$100,000, in accordance with section 12.02 (VI) of the United Nations Finance Manual.

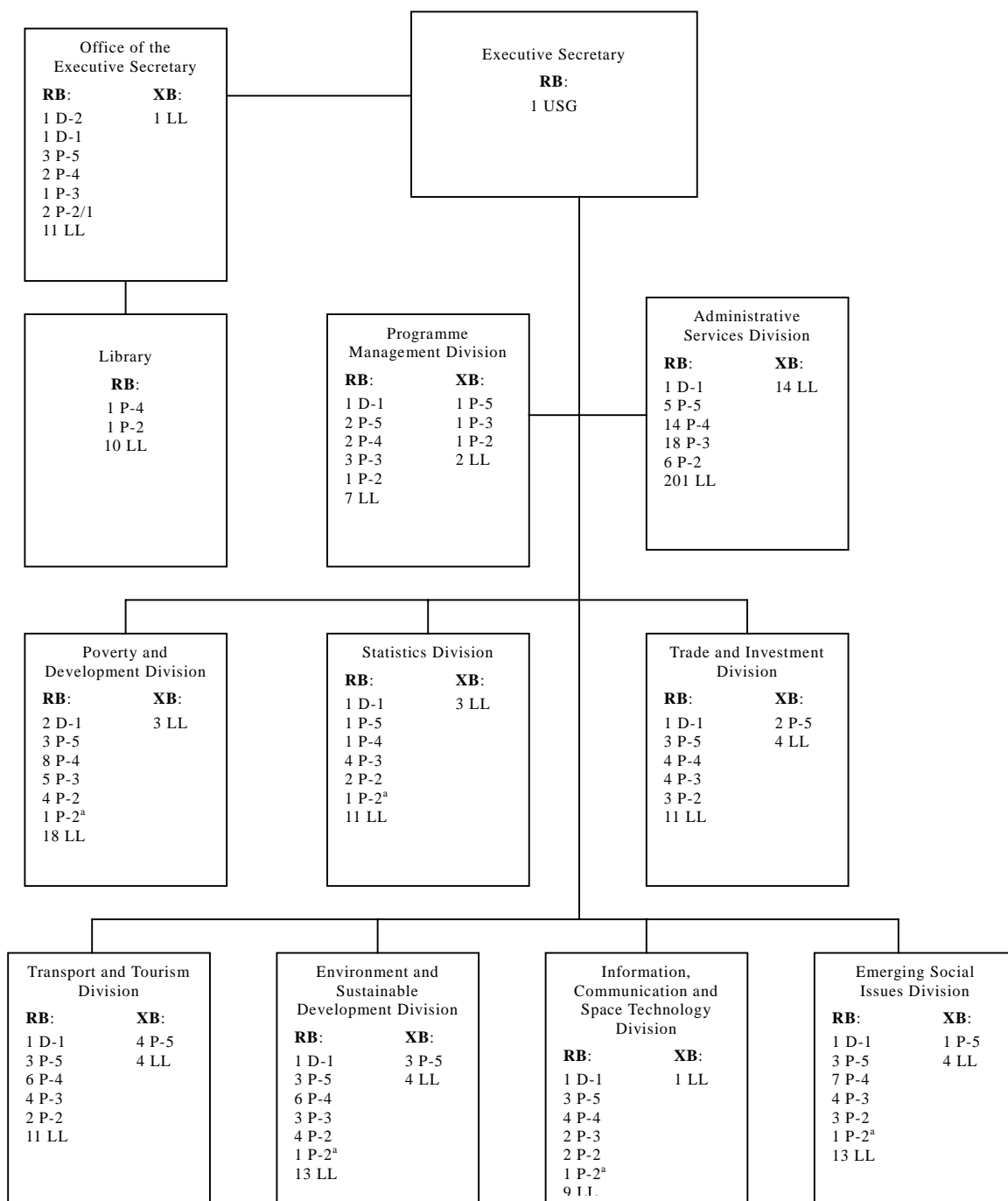
ESCAP consults with the Treasury at Headquarters before making any investment over \$100,000.

275 (b). The board recommends that ESCAP expedite the issuance of guidelines and procedures on the distribution of programme support cost income to its divisional units and regional institutes.

The ESCAP Administrative Instruction on management of programme support costs (ESCAP/AI/2002/2) was issued on 20 September 2002.

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2004-2005



Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary; LL, Local level.

^a New.

Annex

Recurrent outputs not to be carried out in the biennium 2004-2005

<i>A/56/6, paragraph</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Reason for discontinuation</i>
17.39 (b) (i)	<i>Poverty Alleviation Initiatives Newsletter</i>	8	The publication will be subsumed within the new thematic recurrent publication programme under the reform process.
17.51 (b)	<i>Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific</i>	1	To reduce the number of publications in pursuance to the policy directive of the Secretary-General. Data will be disseminated through ESCAP home page.
17.51 (iii)	<i>Working Group of Statistical Experts</i>	1	The tasks of the Working Group have been overtaken by the Subcommittee on Statistics.
17.27 (b) (i)	<i>Current Issues on Industry, Trade and Technology</i>	2	The subprogramme has revised programme focus areas.
17.27 (b) (i)	<i>Directory of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries in Asia and the Pacific</i>	1	Constant updates on ESCAP home page made the purpose of the printed version of the publication redundant.
17.27 (b) (i)	<i>TISNET Trade and Investment Information Bulletin</i>	24	Trade and investment information news available on the web page made the printed version of the publication redundant.
17.43 (b) (i)	<i>Atlas of Mineral Resources of the ESCAP Region</i>	1	With the revitalization of ESCAP and restructuring of the ESCAP work programme, the activities related to mining and mineral resources development will be phased out.
17.43 (b) (i)	<i>Atlas of Urban Geology Series</i>	1	With the revitalization of ESCAP and restructuring of the ESCAP work programme, the activities related to geology will be phased out.
17.43 (b) (v)	ESCAP Homepage on Partnership and Policy Networking in Sustainable Development in Natural Resources on the World Wide Web < http://www.unescap.org/enrd >	8	The activity is not to be pursued under the revised work programme for 2004-2005. Subsequent activities can be incorporated into the water resources home page.
17.43 (b) (i)	<i>Mineral Concentrations and Hydrocarbon Accumulations in the ESCAP Region</i>	1	With the revitalization of ESCAP and restructuring of the ESCAP work programme, the activities related to mining and mineral resources development will be phased out.
17.43 (b) (i)	<i>Mineral Resources Assessment, Development and Management Series</i>	1	With the revitalization of ESCAP and restructuring of the ESCAP work programme, the activities related to mining and mineral resources development will be phased out.

<i>A/56/6, paragraph</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Reason for discontinuation</i>
17.43 (b) (i)	<i>Asian-Pacific Remote Sensing and GIS Journal</i>	2	The publication will be subsumed within the publications for the subprogramme to reflect the programme focus on information, communication and space technology.
17.35 (b) (i)	<i>The ESCAP Social Action Update</i>	6	Relevant information will be disseminated through ESCAP web page.
Total		57	