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## Overview

- 18.1 The mandate of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is to promote economic and social development in the Asia and Pacific region by fostering cooperation between its members and associate members. The mandate of the programme derives from Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV) and 414 (XIII), by which the Commission was established.
- 18.2 The mandate has been set forth in greater detail in various resolutions adopted subsequently by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission. In particular, the Shanghai Declaration, adopted by the Commission in its resolution 60/1, emphasizes the need for regional cooperation and capacity-building to meet development challenges in an era of globalization, including those pertaining to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals targets by 2015.
- 18.3 Asia and the Pacific is a region of diversity and disparity. It has some of the world's fastest growing economies, largest production bases and consumer markets, and most active trading partners. It has achieved a spectacular reduction in income poverty. However, the economic prosperity and dynamism of parts of the region conceal the destitution of the 680 million people who constitute two thirds of the world's poor. The region has 36 least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States. Moreover, it is frequently affected by natural disasters, which threaten efforts towards economic growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development.
- 18.4 While the region has made rapid progress towards achieving many of the Millennium Development Goals, no one country is expected to meet all the goal-related targets, although all countries are implementing all 18 targets. The targets of particular concern in the region are those for maternal health, child mortality and environmental sustainability.
- 18.5 A key challenge lies in finding ways to achieve growth while managing the natural resource base in a sustainable and integrated manner, reducing pollution, mitigating the impact of natural disasters and, generally, keeping within the region's ecological capacity. This will mean moving on from the conventional approach of "grow first, clean up later" to one that promotes a knowledge-based economy and harmonizes economic growth with environmentally sound and sustainable technologies.
- 18.6 The overall objective of ESCAP during the programme plan biennium 2008-2009 will build on the direction adopted for the biennium 2006-2007, namely, to promote equitable access to opportunities for men and women, communities and economies, leading to the economic and social advancement of the region. During the biennium 2008-2009, ESCAP will emphasize strengthening institutional capacities to serve the rights of the people and address their aspirations and needs. Institutional change at all levels will be required to ensure more efficient and effective delivery of essential services to the region's growing population, increasing the demand for adequate food, clothing, housing, water, energy and transport infrastructure, together with other basic needs.
- 18.7 ESCAP will pursue that objective by continuing to focus on its three thematic priorities: (a) poverty reduction; (b) managing globalization; and (c) addressing emerging social issues, as reaffirmed in the Shanghai Declaration.
- 18.8 ESCAP will endeavour to support countries of the region in building national capacities in:
  - (a) Strengthening and implementing equitable and sustainable economic and social development policies and programmes, including regulatory and institutional frameworks;

- (b) Preparing for, participating in and benefiting from multilateral and regional trade, transport, information and communication technology, energy and environmental partnerships and agreements;
  - (c) Building effective partnerships with civil society entities and the private sector;
  - (d) Reviewing progress in achieving the internationally agreed development goals and targets adopted at global and regional conferences.
- 18.9 In supporting regional efforts and actions on commitments made at global and regional conferences in connection with the Millennium Development Goals, ESCAP will concentrate on issues, goals and targets that are most effectively addressed through regional cooperation, including the harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks, and addressing areas of common concern among countries that would benefit from an exchange of experiences, the sharing of good practices, mutual technical support and agreement on joint action.
- 18.10 The ESCAP programme of work will provide an integrated framework through which normative, analytical and technical cooperation work will be undertaken. ESCAP will strengthen regional-level analysis, including a review of socio-economic performance in the region, to identify trends, highlight good practices and foster regional cooperation. Technical cooperation activities will be designed to facilitate the implementation of norms and standards agreed by ESCAP members and associate members to assist countries in the region to achieve internationally agreed goals and targets. Interventions will include policy consultation and advocacy, knowledge-sharing, training and advisory services.
- 18.11 As a matter of priority, the gender dimension and the rights-based and development-based approaches for persons with disabilities will be mainstreamed across relevant subprogrammes. Particular attention will be given to achieving in a progressive manner, in diverse development sectors, the rights of vulnerable groups, including women, youth, people with disabilities, older persons and people living with HIV/AIDS, especially among the poor.
- 18.12 ESCAP will pay specific attention to the needs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition by mainstreaming those needs across subprogrammes and according priority to them in technical cooperation. Given the special geographical situation and needs of the Pacific island developing countries and territories, ESCAP will pay particular attention to strengthening their capacity to develop and manage economic and social policies and programmes.
- 18.13 ESCAP will use its convening authority and mobilize its networks in diverse development sectors to promote multilevel and multisectoral responses for sustainable development, with a focus on strengthening institutional capacity for more equitable access to and utilization of services and opportunities.
- 18.14 To enhance coherence across the United Nations system, ESCAP will work in close cooperation and coordination with other multilateral bodies and specialized agencies, especially with members of the United Nations Development Group, through such modalities as the Regional Coordination Meeting, which is chaired by ESCAP and comprises all regional United Nations entities in Asia and the Pacific. ESCAP will seek greater clarity in the roles and responsibilities of global and regional bodies with regard to the follow-up to the outcomes of major global conferences. Particular emphasis will be placed on collaboration with other regional intergovernmental organizations.
- 18.15 The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the Commission in the biennium 2008-2009 are detailed, together with resources, under the area of programme of work, as well as under executive direction and management and programme support.

- 18.16 In order to enable ESCAP to ensure that the programme of work is fully aligned with the priorities of its membership and cost-effective and efficient, a rigorous internal review of the existing and planned activities was undertaken. Through this review, which was complemented by an intensive intergovernmental review process by the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by the Members of the Commission, the thematic committees on poverty reduction, managing globalization and addressing social issues and the Commission, outputs that are more responsive to the emerging needs of the ESCAP membership were established.
- 18.17 A review of the value added by publications to the achievement of the expected accomplishments of each subprogramme under the programme of work was undertaken. That review resulted in the overall reduction of recurrent and non-recurrent publications, as summarized in table 18.1 and as described in the output information for each subprogramme.

Table 18.1 **Summary of publications**

<i>Publications</i>	<i>2004-2005 actual</i>	<i>2006-2007 estimate</i>	<i>2008-2009 estimate</i>
Recurrent	63	93	91
Non-recurrent	29	23	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>106</b>

- 18.18 The overall resources required for the biennium 2008-2009 for this section amount to \$75,361,000, before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$696,200 (or 0.9 per cent), of which \$633,300 relates to the delayed impact of five professional posts, detailed under programme of work, established in the biennium 2006-2007, and \$62,900 relates to non-post requirements. The growth shown in table 18.3 can be summarized as follows:
- (a) The net decrease of \$6,300 under policymaking organs relates to reduced travel costs owing to the increased hiring of freelance interpreters from within the region;
  - (b) The net increase of \$301,100 under executive direction and management relates to: (i) the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from subprogramme 1 to strengthen the work of the Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit in mainstreaming concerns of Pacific island developing countries as to the work of all subprogrammes of ESCAP and to serve as coordinator between the Pacific Operations Centre in Fiji and the substantive divisions in Bangkok; and one Local-level post from subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology, to provide technical assistance to the ESCAP webmaster; and (ii) an increase in consultants and experts, and furniture and equipment under non-post requirements related to the work of the United Nations Information Service and the Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit, and to the replacement of old and obsolete public information equipment and tools, respectively;
  - (c) The net increase of \$571,000 under programme of work relates to:
    - (i) An increase of \$199,200 under subprogramme 1, Poverty and development, resulting from (a) from the delayed impact of one P-5 post established in the biennium 2006-2007, the inward redeployment of one P-4 post from subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues, intended to address a mandate which emanates from General Assembly resolutions 55/2 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration and 60/1 on the 2005 World Summit Outcome, as well as

ESCAP resolution 62/1 on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region; (b) the outward redeployment of one P-3 post to executive direction and management; and (c) an increase in contractual services under non-post requirements for programme development of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific;

- (ii) An increase of \$135,600 under subprogramme 3, Development of Pacific island countries and territories, resulting from the delayed impact of one P-4 post established in the biennium 2006-2007 (\$125,800); and an increase under non-post requirements resulting primarily from the external printing of a new publication, supplies and contributions as a result of the relocation of the Pacific Operations Centre to Fiji;
  - (iii) An increase of \$152,700 under subprogramme 4, Trade and investment, resulting from the delayed impact of one P-5 post established in the biennium 2006-2007; and an increase in consultants and experts under non-post resources resulting from a requirement for services for the preparation of manuscripts and travel to provide assistance to the Governing Council of the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery;
  - (iv) An increase of \$82,800 under subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism, resulting from the inward redeployment of one Local-level post from programme support to strengthen the work in the area of transport infrastructure development, in particular for activities related to the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway; and an increase in consultants and experts under non-post resources resulting from higher organization costs of expert group meetings, partially offset by decreased requirements for contractual services;
  - (v) An increase of \$114,700 under subprogramme 6, Environment and sustainable development, resulting from the proposed establishment of one P-3 post, Economic Affairs Officer, for the Sustainable Development and Water Resources Section, to strengthen the integration of natural disaster management into wider regional policy forums and national planning and development processes; and an increase under non-post resources resulting from the preparation of publications and technical materials for promoting equitable and environmentally sustainable economic growth;
  - (vi) A net increase of \$151,400 under subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology, resulting from the delayed impact of one P-5 and one P-2 posts established in the biennium 2006-2007, partially offset by the outward redeployment of one Local-level post to executive direction and management; and the increase in consultancy services for specialized research on technology transfer mechanisms supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology;
  - (vii) A net decrease of \$265,400 under subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues, resulting from the outward redeployment of one P-4 post to subprogramme 1, Environment;
- (d) The net decrease of \$169,600 under programme support relates to: (i) the abolition of three Local-level posts; (ii) the outward redeployment of one Local-level post to subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism; and (iii) the establishment of two National Officer posts for buildings maintenance and for host country relations; and a net decrease under non-post requirements resulting mainly from decreases for consultants, partially offset by increases for contractual services and travel of staff.

- 18.19 During the biennium 2008-2009, the projected extrabudgetary resources amounting to \$27,106,900 will be utilized to supplement resources from the programme budget to implement mandated technical cooperation activities, such as technical advisory services, training, workshops, seminars and field projects, that are required as capacity-development inputs to strengthen and complement the Commission's analytical and normative work. Technical cooperation activities support Governments, at their request, in the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the implementation of activities related to the outcomes of major global conferences and other key global and regional mandates. Extrabudgetary resources play a critical role in the Commission's attaining the expected accomplishments under the programme of work. Continued emphasis will be placed on planning and implementing activities in areas of ESCAP comparative advantage in close collaboration with United Nations country teams at the national level (through Common Country Assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework and non-resident agency processes), where appropriate, and United Nations regional partners through mechanisms such as the Regional Coordination Meetings and regional thematic working group structures.
- 18.20 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for the conduct of monitoring and evaluation, which are crucial to ensuring that high-quality services are provided to the ESCAP membership, would amount to \$4,061,400, reflected under each subprogramme and under programme support, of which \$3,255,700 is funded under the programme budget and \$805,700 from extrabudgetary resources.
- 18.21 It would be recalled that in his note to the General Assembly (A/61/758), the Secretary-General submitted his comments on the recommendations contained in the report of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration of justice (A/61/205) and identified the time and resources needed to implement the Panel's recommendations. The note is currently under consideration by the Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-first session. Accordingly, the proposed resource redeployments and growth sought in the aforementioned note have not been incorporated under the present budget section. Following consideration, decisions of the Assembly on these resource proposals would be incorporated in the budget appropriation at the time of adoption of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 in December 2007.
- 18.22 The estimated percentage distribution of the resources of the programme in the biennium 2008-2009 is as shown in table 18.2.
- 18.23 The distribution of post and non-post resources is summarized in tables 18.3 and 18.4.

Table 18.2 **Distribution of resources by component**

(Percentage)

<i>Component</i>	<i>Regular budget</i>	<i>Extrabudgetary</i>
A. Policymaking organs	1.2	—
B. Executive direction and management	6.5	0.1
C. Programme of work		
1. Poverty and development	9.2	8.9
2. Statistics	4.5	19.3
3. Development of Pacific island countries and territories	2.1	1.0
4. Trade and investment	6.7	9.2
5. Transport and tourism	7.1	4.1
6. Environment and sustainable development	7.3	20.6
7. Information, communication and space technology	5.7	15.5
8. Social development, including persistent and emerging issues	7.5	8.5
<b>Subtotal C</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>87.1</b>
D. Programme support	42.2	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 18.3 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

<i>Component</i>	<i>2004-2005 expenditure</i>	<i>2006-2007 appropriation</i>	<i>Resource growth</i>		<i>Total before recosting</i>	<i>Recosting</i>	<i>2008-2009 estimate</i>
			<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percentage</i>			
Policymaking organs	684.0	941.9	(6.3)	(0.7)	935.6	63.4	999.0
Executive direction and management	4 388.1	4 571.2	301.1	6.6	4 872.3	377.1	5 249.4
Programme of work	34 266.4	37 152.7	571.0	1.5	37 723.7	3 010.1	40 733.8
Programme support	29 592.6	31 999.0	(169.6)	(0.5)	31 829.4	2 382.3	34 211.7
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>68 931.1</b>	<b>74 664.8</b>	<b>696.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>75 361.0</b>	<b>5 832.9</b>	<b>81 193.9</b>

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	<i>2004-2005 expenditure</i>	<i>2006-2007 estimate</i>	<i>2008-2009 estimate</i>
Executive direction and management	242.1	27.6	27.6
Programme of work	17 310.4	19 956.5	23 608.9
Programme support	2 538.8	3 310.9	3 470.4
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>20 091.3</b>	<b>23 295.0</b>	<b>27 106.9</b>
<b>Total (1) and (2)</b>	<b>89 022.4</b>	<b>97 959.8</b>	<b>108 300.8</b>

Table 18.4 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
	2006-2007	2008-2009	Regular budget		Extrabudgetary		2006-2007	2008-2009
			2006-2007	2008-2009	2006-2007	2008-2009		
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	11	11	—	—	2	2	13	13
P-5	32	32	—	—	6	5	38	37
P-4/3	103	104	—	—	19	18	122	122
P-2/1	35	35	—	—	3	6	38	41
Subtotal	183	184	—	—	30	31	213	215
Other								
Local level	246	243	—	—	55	61	301	304
National Officer	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Subtotal	246	245	—	—	55	61	301	306
Total	429	429	—	—	85	92	514	521

## A. Policymaking organs

### *Resource requirements (before recosting): \$935,600*

- 18.24 The Commission, which in 2006 had 53 members and 9 associate member countries and territories, provides overall direction to the work of its secretariat and reports to the Economic and Social Council. It holds regular annual sessions, 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 is provided.
- 18.25 Commission resolutions 58/1 and 61/1 relate to the restructuring of its conference structure. As a result, the intergovernmental structure subsidiary to the Commission now comprises three thematic committees, namely the Committee on Poverty Reduction, the Committee on Managing Globalization (parts I and II) and the Committee on Emerging Social Issues, as well as two special bodies, namely, the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. The total duration of the sessions of legislative organs equals 43 meeting days per biennium (for the annual meetings of the Commission, four annual sessions of the committees, one special body per year and one day for the Advisory Council for the Pacific Operations Centre). In addition to the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission meets monthly to advise the Executive Secretary on the exercise of his or her functions and to liaise between the Commission and the secretariat. Meetings of the Commission and its committees and special bodies are normally held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. If held at some other location, at the invitation of a member Government, all additional costs are borne by the host country.

- 18.26 Pursuant to its resolutions 58/1 and 61/1, the Commission, at its sixty-third session in 2007, 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 18.5 Resource requirements

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Non-post	941.9	935.6	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>941.9</b>	<b>935.6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

- 18.27 The amount of \$935,600, representing a net decrease of \$6,300, is required in connection with meetings of the Commission, its committees and other intergovernmental bodies. The provision covers the cost of, inter alia, temporary assistance for meetings, consultants and experts, travel of supplementary conference-servicing staff and of a staff member from the Regional Commissions New York Office to attend annual Commission sessions, and translation services during peak workloads. The net decrease of \$6,300 relates to reduced requirements for travel resulting from the increased hiring of freelance interpreters from within the region.

## B. Executive direction and management

### *Resource requirements (before recosting): \$4,872,300*

- 18.28 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.
- 18.29 The Office of the Executive Secretary provides overall direction, supervision and management of the ESCAP secretariat to ensure that the Commission plays a major role in economic and social development in the region and translates issues of global importance into regional action.
- 18.30 The United Nations Information Services are responsible for disseminating public information on the work of the United Nations and ESCAP throughout the region and for providing information services to the divisions of the Commission.
- 18.31 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 those countries.

Table 18.6 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources of ESCAP.

<b>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</b>	<b>Indicators of achievement</b>
(a) The programme of work is effectively managed and supported by staff and financial resources	<p>(a) (i) Timely delivery of outputs and services</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 95 per cent output delivery within established deadlines</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 99 per cent output delivery within established deadlines</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 99 per cent output delivery within established deadlines</p> <p>(ii) The efficient and effective use of resources</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>(Budget delivery will be measured in dollar amounts)</p> <p>2004-2005: 100 per cent of budget delivery</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 100 per cent of budget delivery</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 100 per cent of budget delivery</p>
(b) Timely recruitment and placement of staff	<p>(b) Reduction in the average number of days a Professional post remains vacant</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 267 days</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 230 days</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 180 days</p>
(c) Improved geographical representation and gender balance of staff	<p>(c) (i) Increased percentage of staff recruited from unrepresented and underrepresented member States in the Commission</p>

	<p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 13 per cent</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 13 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 25 per cent</p> <p>(ii) Increased percentage of women at the Professional level and above for appointments of one year or more</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 30 per cent</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 30 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 40 per cent</p>
(d) Identification of emerging issues that require attention by member States	<p>(d) Increased number of recommendations made by intergovernmental bodies on emerging issues identified by ESCAP</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 19 recommendations</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 19 recommendations</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 20 recommendations</p>
(e) Enhanced policy coherence in the management of the economic and social activities of the United Nations	<p>(e) Increased number of activities carried out in collaboration with other entities that contribute to greater impact in the region</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 15 activities</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 20 activities</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 22 activities</p>
(f) Mobilization and promotion of public information on the role of ESCAP in the Asia and Pacific region	<p>(f) (i) Increased media coverage of ESCAP activities</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 1,660 media articles on ESCAP activities</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 1,700 media articles on ESCAP activities</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 1,800 media articles on ESCAP activities</p>

- (ii) Increased usage of public information provided by ESCAP

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 2.1 million page views of the United Nations Information Services web page

Estimate 2006-2007: 3.8 million page views of the United Nations Information Services web page

Target 2008-2009: 4.6 million page views of the United Nations Information Services web page

- (g) Progress towards graduation of the least developed countries through mobilization of regional efforts to address the identified concerns of the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries in line with their global mandates

- (g) Increased number of substantive decisions, recommendations or resolutions from intergovernmental and legislative meetings that address the specific concerns of the priority groups of countries

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 10 substantive decisions, recommendations or resolutions

Estimate 2006-2007: 11 substantive decisions, recommendations or resolutions

Target 2008-2009: 12 substantive decisions, recommendations or resolutions

### External factors

- 18.32 The component is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that government institutions and civil society organizations have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation.

### Outputs

- 18.33 During the biennium 2008-2009, 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 (28);
      - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to least developed and landlocked developing countries (1); annual report of ESCAP (2); report on management, programme planning and implementation (2);
    - (ii) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:
      - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries (1);
  - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on least developed and landlocked developing countries (1);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Non-recurrent publications: *Midterm Review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries* (1);
  - (ii) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: exhibits (2); programmes for visitors, briefings/lectures on the work of the United Nations and ESCAP (2);
  - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wallcharts, press kits, poster and other promotional materials on ESCAP and United Nations priority issues for different purposes (occasional, on request) (2); UN Focus newsletter (quarterly) (2);
  - (iv) Press releases, press conferences: organization of press conferences, press briefings and press interviews (2); press releases disseminated for the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, the Office of the Secretary-General, other United Nations offices and the specialized agencies (2); press releases on ESCAP work and activities (2);
  - (v) Special events: International Day of Peace (2); United Nations Day (2);
  - (vi) Audio-visual resources: audio-visual production and educational programmes on ESCAP (2); United Nations Information Services web page (<http://www.unescap.org/unis/index.asp>) (quarterly updating) (2); ESCAP website on least developed, landlocked and island developing countries (<http://unescap.org/LDCCU/index.asp>) (quarterly updating) (2); electronic news bulletin (monthly updating) (2).

Table 18.7 Resource requirements

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	4 195.5	4 492.3	24	26
Non-post	375.7	380.0	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4 571.2</b>	<b>4 872.3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>
Extrabudgetary	27.6	27.6	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 598.8</b>	<b>4 899.9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>

- 18.34 The amount of \$4,872,300, reflecting an increase of \$301,100, comprises: (a) \$4,492,300 for the funding of 26 posts (12 Professional and 14 General Service), reflecting an increase of \$296,800 owing to the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from subprogramme 1, Poverty and development, to the Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit and one Local-level post from subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology, to the United Nations

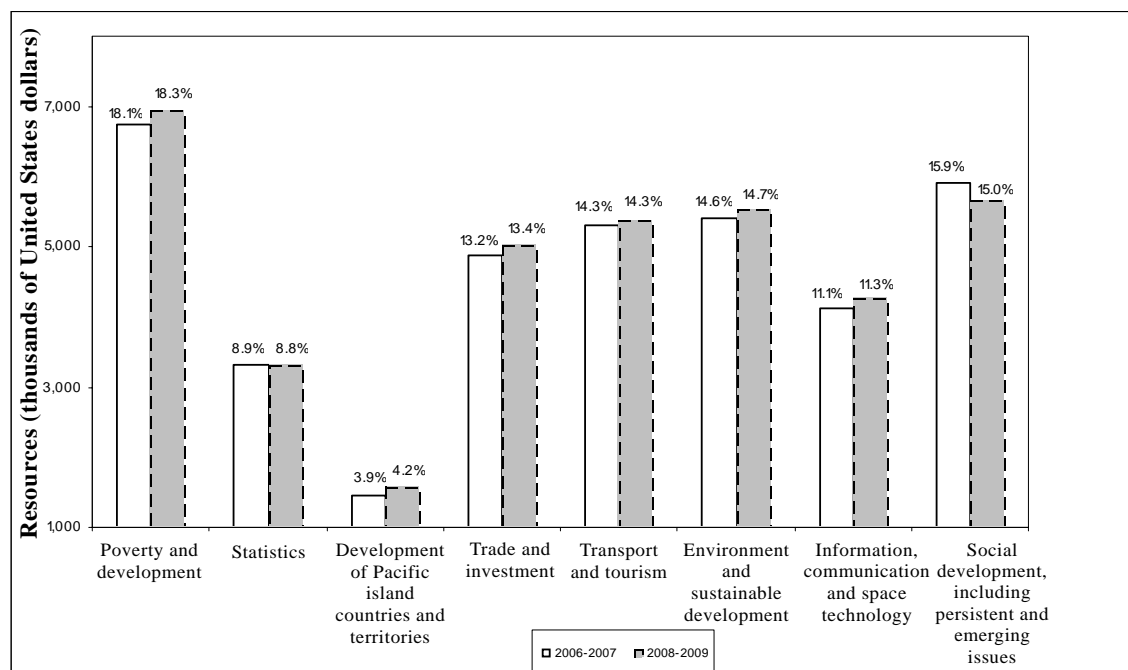
Information Services; and (b) \$380,000 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of \$4,300 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise in specialized areas for which no similar or equivalent competence is available in the secretariat; expert group meetings; travel of staff; and contractual services. The inward redeployment of one P-3 post from subprogramme 1 is intended to strengthen the work of the Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit in mainstreaming concerns of Pacific island developing countries as to the work of all subprogrammes of ESCAP and to serve as coordinator between the Pacific Operations Centre in Fiji and the substantive divisions in Bangkok. The inward redeployment of one Local-level post from subprogramme 7 is intended to provide technical assistance to the ESCAP webmaster. The increase of \$4,300 under non-post requirements is due largely to consultants and experts related to the preparation of studies on the progress made by least developed, landlocked and Pacific island developing countries towards internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

### C. Programme of work

Table 18.8 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

<i>Subprogramme</i>	<i>Resources (thousands of United States dollars)</i>		<i>Posts</i>	
	<i>2006-2007</i>	<i>2008-2009 (before recosting)</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>	<i>2008-2009</i>
<b>Regular budget</b>				
1. Poverty and development	6 752.4	6 951.6	37	37
2. Statistics	3 320.5	3 320.5	21	21
3. Development of Pacific island countries and territories	1 443.3	1 578.9	7	7
4. Trade and investment	4 887.6	5 040.3	27	27
5. Transport and tourism	5 294.9	5 377.7	28	29
6. Environment and sustainable development	5 419.0	5 533.7	30	31
7. Information, communication and space technology	4 116.9	4 268.3	22	21
8. Social development, including persistent and emerging issues	5 918.1	5 652.7	32	31
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37 152.7</b>	<b>37 723.7</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Extrabudgetary</b>	<b>19 956.5</b>	<b>23 608.9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 109.2</b>	<b>61 332.6</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>267</b>

### Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



#### Subprogramme 1 Poverty and development

**Resource requirements (before recosting): \$6,951,600**

- 18.35 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Poverty and Development Division and is supported by the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 1 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.9 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To ensure progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals through the adoption and implementation of policies and programmes for economic growth, development and poverty reduction, by Governments, civil society and the private sector in Asia and the Pacific, particularly in the least developed countries.

<b>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</b>	<b>Indicators of achievement</b>
(a) Increased national capacity to formulate and implement effective, sustainable and gender-responsive economic and development policies for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the area of poverty reduction	<p>(a) Increased number of measures taken by policymakers and planners to ensure that economic and development policies for achieving Millennium Development Goals, particularly those related to reducing poverty, are more effective, sustainable and gender-responsive</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 30 policy measures</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 35 policy measures</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 40 policy measures</p>
(b) Increased capacity of Governments, civil society and the private sector in Asia and the Pacific, particularly the least developed countries, to formulate and implement poverty reduction programmes that are effective, sustainable and gender-responsive and that focus on economically vulnerable groups	<p>(b) Increased number of measures taken in countries to formulate and implement poverty reduction programmes that are effective, sustainable and gender-responsive</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 13 good practices</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 20 good practices</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 25 good practices</p>
(c) Improved national capacity to formulate and implement development policies, projects and/or research programmes that reduce rural poverty through the sustainable development of secondary crops	<p>(c) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who are able to formulate and implement rural development policies, research programmes or projects that include sustainable development of secondary crops</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 65 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent</p>

## External factors

- 18.36 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the global and regional economies will continue to grow; (b) national economic, social and political conditions in the target countries remain stable; and (c) government institutions and civil society organizations have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation.

## Outputs

- 18.37 During the biennium 2008-2009, the following outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: informal meetings on countries with economies in transition (2);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific (2); reports on the current economic situation and policy issues (2);
  - (ii) Committee on Poverty Reduction:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (8);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee on Poverty Reduction (2); reports on achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including pro-poor economic growth and strategies (2);
  - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: meetings on economic and social performance and issues (2); regional dialogue to review policies for the eradication of poverty and hunger in the region in accordance with the Millennium Declaration (1);
  - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific Governing Council (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* (4); *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2); *Key Economic Developments and Prospects in the Asia-Pacific Region* (2);
  - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: innovative sources of financing for infrastructure development (1); regional trends, issues and practices in rural poverty reduction (1); regional trends, issues and practices in urban poverty reduction (1);
  - (iii) Special events: fourth session of the World Urban Forum — Nanjing (1); International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (2); 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);
  - (iv) Technical material: background paper to the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* (2); information services and database development on secondary crops development for poverty reduction (2); online working papers on emerging issues on poverty reduction: pro-poor water management policies (1); participatory approaches to rural poverty reduction (1); post-conflict countries, promoting access to markets and market

information by the rural poor (1); socio-economic policy briefs, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals (2); urban governance reforms in conflict (1); urban safety (1); working papers series on development issues, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals (2);

- (v) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on poverty and development (<http://www.unescap.org/pdd>) (quarterly updating) (2); public information materials on the work of the subprogramme (including brochure, folders, exhibition materials and flyers about projects) (2);
  - (vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: preparing forecasts of major Asia-Pacific countries for Project LINK (2); regional thematic working group on poverty and hunger (4); regional inter-agency consultative meeting on good urban governance (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
- (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: in-country seminars on pro-poor policy and analysis, diversification of agriculture and local-level interventions; regional seminar on innovative sources of financing for infrastructure development (30 participants); regional seminar on replication and upscaling of good practices on poverty reduction (30 participants); regional workshop on debt management for ensuring macroeconomic stability (30 participants); regional workshop on effective policies and approaches to pro-poor post-conflict recovery (30 participants); subregional workshops on the policy recommendations on key socio-economic issues contained in the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (40 participants); subregional/national training courses on rural and urban community development (20 participants); workshop on capacity-building for bond market development (30 participants); workshop to promote access to markets, market information and credit for the rural poor with a gender focus (30 participants);
  - (ii) Field projects: community development initiatives; development of modalities for the dissemination of good practices in poverty reduction through regional networks; diversifying agriculture, reduction of risk, expanding food security and income in local communities; fiscal policy recommendations for promoting growth and reducing poverty; improving access to renewable energy for the poor; improving local livelihood through participatory action research in isolated and poor areas; improving value added through improvement in marketing and product certification; integrated pro-poor water and wastewater management in small towns; Millennium Development Goals report; poverty reduction through rural-urban linkages; regional and subregional initiatives in support of promoting development dialogue for achieving the Millennium Development Goals; replication of best practices on rural community development; transforming local economies: analysis of long-term dynamics in poverty reduction, towards long-term pro-poor policy.

Table 18.10 Resource requirements: subprogramme 1

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	6 326.1	6 519.4	37	37
Non-post	426.3	432.2	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6 752.4</b>	<b>6 951.6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
Extrabudgetary	2 425.7	2 420.1	13	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 178.1</b>	<b>9 371.7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>

- 18.38 The amount of \$6,951,600, reflecting a net increase of \$199,200, comprises: (a) \$6,519,400 for the funding of 37 posts (21 Professional and 16 General Service), reflecting a net increase of \$193,300 resulting from the delayed impact of one P-5 post established in the biennium 2006-2007, the inward redeployment of one P-4 post from subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues, and the outward redeployment of one P-3 post to executive direction and management; and (b) \$432,200 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of \$5,900 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise in specialized areas related to poverty and development for which no similar or equivalent competence is available in the secretariat, expert group meetings; travel of staff; and contractual services for macroeconomic forecasting, external printing and preparation and dissemination of publications. The increase of \$5,900 under non-post requirements is the net result of increased requirements for contractual services owing to programme development in the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific, as recommended by the second session of the Governing Council of the Centre, partially offset by decreased requirements for consultants and experts and travel of staff. Furthermore, there has been a change in modalities to reflect a significant decrease in expert group meetings (from 5 to 3) to an increase in macroeconomic forecasting services.
- 18.39 Under posts, the inward redeployment of one P-4 post from subprogramme 8 is intended to undertake research, review and normative activities related to the Millennium Development Goals, with particular attention to poverty reduction in countries of the region, and to undertake activities in promoting South-South cooperation.
- 18.40 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme, especially for technical cooperation activities in support of the Millennium Development Goals, financing for infrastructure development, bond market development, debt management and fiscal policy recommendations for promoting growth and reducing poverty. Extrabudgetary resources provide key support to outputs of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific, focusing on research, policy analysis, training and advisory services to member States on agriculture and development. The Centre's programmes contribute to enhancing the living conditions of the rural poor, in particular those who rely on secondary crops for their livelihood.

## Subprogramme 2 Statistics

**Resource requirement (before recosting): \$3,320,500**

- 18.41 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Statistics Division and is supported by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 2 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.11 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To improve the production, dissemination and use of key demographic, social, economic and environmental statistics, including the Millennium Development Goal indicators, by national statistical systems in Asia and the Pacific, in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased national capacity in Asia and the Pacific, particularly the least developed countries, to provide data required for measuring progress towards achieving internationally agreed development goals	<p>(a) Increased number of national statistical systems benefiting from ESCAP and Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific assistance that are able to provide data according to international statistical standards for measuring progress towards achieving national and internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 5 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 7 countries</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 14 countries</p>
(b) Increased access to comparable development and short-term indicators for policymakers, the development community and the public at large	<p>(b) Increased number of freely accessible websites providing official statistics that conform to international standards and good practices, reflect gender concerns and indicate progress towards achieving national and internationally agreed development goals</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 9 websites</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 14 websites</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 20 websites</p>

(c) Increased knowledge and understanding of key national and regional socio-economic trends, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national official statisticians and policymakers in the Asia and Pacific region

(c) Increased percentage of national statisticians and policymakers who indicate that they found ESCAP analytical outputs on national and regional socio-economic trends, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, relevant and useful

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 65 per cent

Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent

### External factors

- 18.42 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) resources at the national level are available to implement recommendations; and (b) target beneficiaries accord priority to compile data for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals.

### Outputs

- 18.43 During the biennium 2008-2009, the following outputs will be delivered:
- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
    - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2); reports on issues related to statistics (2);
    - (ii) Committee on Poverty Reduction:
      - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4);
      - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to poverty statistics (2);
    - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on data exchange and sharing technologies (1); expert group meetings on data and data analysis for the Millennium Development Goals (1);
    - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific Governing Council (2);
  - (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
    - (i) Recurrent publications: *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (2);
    - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Assessment of the Progress Made in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals* (1);
    - (iii) Technical material: ad hoc statistical information (2); regional studies on the availability and quality of development indicators, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals (2); Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific (web database; quarterly updating) (2); statistical appendix to the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2); training materials on various aspects of official

- statistics (2); web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops (1);
- (iv) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on statistics (<http://www.unescap.org/stat>) (weekly updating) (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
- (i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional management seminar for the heads of national statistical offices (50 participants); regional workshop on coordination of statistical training activities (10 participants); regional/subregional training courses on collection, compilation, processing, analysis and dissemination of broad-based official statistics (120 participants); regional/subregional workshops on best practices in applying information and communication technology for the population and housing census (35 participants); regional/subregional workshops on economic and environmental statistics, including national accounts (50 participants); regional/subregional workshops on the implementation of new socio-economic classifications and economic frameworks (80 participants); regional/subregional workshops on social statistics, including statistics on poverty, health and migration and gender issues, with special reference to the Millennium Development Goals (70 participants); regional/subregional/national seminars/workshops/training courses on various country-identified aspects of official statistics (1) (450 participants); regional/subregional seminar/workshops on the implementation of global guidelines for the population and housing census (35 participants); regional/subregional workshops/training courses on improvement of disability measurement and statistics in support of the Biwako Millennium Framework and the Regional Census Programme (80 participants);
- (ii) Field projects: country pilot tests of disability question sets based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health.

Table 18.12 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	3 178.8	3 178.8	21	21
Non-post	141.7	141.7	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3 320.5</b>	<b>3 320.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Extrabudgetary	5 043.5	5 224.9	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 364.0</b>	<b>8 545.4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>

- 18.44 The amount of \$3,320,500 comprises: (a) \$3,178,800 for the funding of 21 posts (10 Professional and 11 General Service); and (b) \$141,700 for non-post requirements, including, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise in specialized areas related to census and Millennium Development Goal issues for which no similar or equivalent competence is available in the secretariat; expert group meetings; travel of staff; and external printing.

- 18.45 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme, in response to Commission resolution 62/10 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific. They assist members and associate members to develop their national statistical systems by strengthening their capacity to collect, compile, process, analyse, disseminate and use official statistics. Extrabudgetary resources also provide the sole funding for the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, covering its institutional support as well as national, regional, and subregional training courses and workshops on economic, social and environmental statistics. The training courses provided by the Statistical Institute contribute to enhancing member States' capacities for producing and disseminating timely and high-quality statistics for development policy analysis. Overall, extrabudgetary resources assist members and associate members to monitor progress towards development goals and the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, to develop and implement international statistical standards in the region and to share information and good practices among statistical offices.

### Subprogramme 3

#### Development of Pacific island countries and territories

*Resource requirements (before recosting): \$1,578,900*

- 18.46 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 3 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.13 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To develop and implement policies for the achievement of relevant development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the Pacific, taking into account the special needs of the small island developing States, as contained in the Mauritius Strategy.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased national capacities to develop policies and strategies to improve the lives of vulnerable groups	(a) Increased number of effective measures implemented to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable groups
	<i>Performance measures</i>
	2004-2005: 3 measures
	Estimate 2006-2007: 6 measures
	Target 2008-2009: 9 measures

(b) Improved subregional cooperation to strengthen sustainable economic and social development of small island developing States

(b) Increased number of good practices shared between the Asia and the Pacific subregions in implementing the Millennium Development Goals and the Mauritius Strategy

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 1 good practice

Target 2008-2009: 3 good practices

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### External factors

- 18.47 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that national institutions and local authorities are willing to collaborate and provide relevant information.

### Outputs

- 18.48 During the biennium 2008-2009, 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: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (2);
  - (ii) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (4);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries (1); report on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (1);
  - (iii) Committee on Poverty Reduction: parliamentary documentation: reports of the working group of the Advisory Council for the Pacific Island Developing Countries and Territories (2);
  - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Advisory Council for the Pacific Island Developing Countries and Territories (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Economic and Social Survey for the Pacific* (2);

- (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Policy Guide for the Pacific Island Region on Sound Sustainable Development Policy* (1);
- (iii) Technical material: training material on income and employment generation for vulnerable groups, with a particular emphasis on youth employment (1);
- (iv) Audio-visual resources: web page of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre (<http://www.unescap.org/epoc/index.asp>) (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary)
  - (i) Advisory services: advisory service to build capacity and know-how among Pacific island Governments, particularly least developed countries, on implementing good practices in income and employment generation for vulnerable groups, with a particular emphasis on youth employment; advisory service to build capacity and know-how among Pacific island Governments, particularly least developed countries, to implement sound sustainable development policy, with a particular focus on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and the Millennium Development Goals in the Pacific island region;
  - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: subregional workshop on sharing experiences between Asian and Pacific countries to improve income and employment opportunities for vulnerable groups (40 participants); subregional workshop to review the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy in the Pacific island region (40 participants);
  - (iii) Field projects: development of gender measures and indicators on the status of women in Pacific small island developing States; development of national coordination mechanisms for disabled persons; establishment of a Pacific island knowledge e-centre on economic and social policy development and implementation; Pacific island regional youth employment project.

Table 18.15 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	1 162.4	1 288.2	7	7
Non-post	280.9	290.7	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1 443.3</b>	<b>1 578.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Extrabudgetary	235.0	270.0	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 678.3</b>	<b>1 848.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

- 18.49 The amount of \$1,578,900, representing an increase of \$135,600, comprises: (a) \$1,288,200 for the funding of 7 posts (4 Professional and 3 General Service), reflecting an increase of \$125,800 owing to the delayed impact of one P-4 post established in the biennium 2006-2007; and (b) \$290,700 for non-post requirements, reflecting an increase of \$9,800, including, inter alia, travel of staff; contractual services for external printing and data-processing services; general operating expenses; supplies and material; and furniture and equipment. The increase of \$9,800 under non-post requirements is due primarily to the relocation of the Pacific Operations Centre from Vanuatu to Suva.

- 18.50 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre, including in the area of policy development and implementation at the national and subregional levels. Extrabudgetary resources thus play a particularly important role in enhancing the impact of the Centre's work in the Pacific island region by ensuring that outcomes of its work are widely disseminated and translated into concrete policy options at the national and subregional levels. The aim is to go beyond providing policy advice by developing pilot projects to test policy options and build capacities related to ESCAP normative and analytical work. Extrabudgetary resources will be directed towards supporting the efforts of Pacific island Governments in implementing the Mauritius Strategy, helping Pacific island Governments to create employment and income-earning opportunities for Pacific youths, facilitating the participation of disabled people in national policymaking and enhancing the Commission's role as a leading knowledge centre on economic and social policy issues.

#### **Subprogramme 4**

#### **Trade and investment**

*Resource requirements (before recosting): \$5,040,300*

- 18.51 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Trade and Investment Division and is supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 4 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.16 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To achieve a more equitable distribution of benefits from the globalization process through increased trade and investment in support of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

<b>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</b>	<b>Indicators of achievement</b>
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(a) Increased national capacity to effectively negotiate, conclude and implement multilateral and other trade agreements supporting the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals	(a) (i) Increased number of member countries making progress towards becoming members of regional and multilateral trade agreements (e.g. the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization)
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*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 6 member countries

Estimate 2006-2007: 8 member countries

Target 2008-2009: 10 member countries

	<p>(ii) Percentage of officials and others benefiting from ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills to negotiate agreements and formulate and implement trade policies</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 65 per cent</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 70 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 75 per cent</p>
(b) Increased capacity and regional cooperation to develop and implement trade efficiency policies and programmes to promote international competitiveness	<p>(b) (i) Percentage of officials and others benefiting from ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills to develop and implement trade efficiency policies and programmes</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 70 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 75 per cent</p> <p>(ii) Increased number of users of ESCAP online Trade Information Services for strengthened regional cooperation</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 260 users</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 300 users</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 350 users</p>
(c) Increased capacity to design and implement policies and programmes that create an enabling environment for investment and promote a competitive business sector	<p>(c) Percentage of officials and others benefiting from ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills to design and implement policies and programmes that create an enabling environment for investment or promote a competitive business sector</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 70 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 75 per cent</p>

(d) Increased capacity to design and implement policies and programmes that promote sustainable economic growth and rural poverty reduction through agrotechnology transfer and agro-based enterprise development

(d) Percentage of officials and others benefiting from ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills acquired with assistance from the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery to promote sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction in rural areas through transfer of agrotechnology and enterprise development

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 65 per cent

Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent

### External factors

- 18.52 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the global and regional environment remains conducive to the continued expansion of trade and investment flows; (b) the policy environment in member and associate member countries will be conducive to the adoption of ESCAP recommendations; (c) national institutions will be willing to provide relevant information and have the will, capacity and resources needed to ensure successful cooperation; and (d) potential members of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement will have the political commitment to launch the fourth round of tariff negotiations.

### Outputs

- 18.53 During the biennium 2008-2009, 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: parliamentary documentation: reports of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (2); reports on issues related to trade and investment (2);
  - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization (part I):
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to trade and investment (2);
  - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: ad hoc expert group on promoting trade facilitation collaboration among the subregions (1); expert group meeting on enhancing a global partnership for development through enhanced regional trade and investment relations (1);
  - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement Standing Committee (2); ESCAP Business Advisory Council (2); Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (2); Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (1);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Review* (2);

- (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Good Practices in Environment-Friendly Agribusiness Development for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Asian and Pacific Region* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Best practices for integrating corporate social responsibility into business strategies* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Impact of global value chains on the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Impact of trade facilitation mechanisms on export competitiveness: a regional perspective* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Regional perspectives on the implications of the Doha Development Agenda* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Trade investment and financial integration: linkages and opportunities* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Trading in a secure environment* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Trends and prospects for the competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in Asia and the Pacific* (1); monograph series on trade and investment: *Analysing, monitoring and benchmarking trade and investment aspects of regionalism in Asia and the Pacific* (1);
- (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: guide to Trade and Investment Division activities and expertise: past, present and future (1);
- (iv) Technical material: Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database (1); directory of trade- and investment-related organizations of developing countries and areas of Asia and the Pacific (1); Internet database on managing globalization: updates on the trade information service gateway ([www.unescap.org/tid/tisgway.asp](http://www.unescap.org/tid/tisgway.asp)) (2); policy briefs and working papers on the implementation of the Doha Development Agenda: issues, impacts and implications (1); repository of trade facilitation knowledge (1); research and analysis on comparative analysis and benchmarking of regional trade agreements in the Asia and Pacific region (1); research and analysis on trade efficiency and trade security (1); research and analysis on trade facilitation and the World Trade Organization (WTO) (1); trade and transport facilitation database (1); trade information service (1); traders' manual for landlocked countries in the Asia and Pacific region (electronic version) (2); Web-based resource corner on training material related to WTO and the creation of an open network for trainers on WTO issues (2);
- (v) Audio-visual resources: E-TISNET monthly newsletters (news and sources) (electronic version) (1); ESCAP web page on trade and investment (<http://www.unescap.org/tid>) (2); the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery website data/information on agricultural engineering and machinery for poverty alleviation (2); website (<http://www.unapcaem.org>) information sharing with regard to best practices in sustainable rural development (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Advisory services: advisory service on trade agreements, including the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement; advisory service on trade efficiency and implementation of trade facilitation tools; briefing and training on policy and programme design in business environment improvement and investment promotion and facilitation;
  - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: dissemination of technology on agricultural engineering, food chain management and rural enterprise development (100 participants); facilitating public-private sector dialogues to analyse and propose improvements in social, economic and related human rights policy issues: annual Asia-Pacific Business Forum (300 participants); public-private sector dialogue on facilitating trade by promoting regional cooperation and sharing information (30 participants);

public-private sector dialogue on trade efficiency (30 participants); seminar on regional aspects of trade and investment (50 participants); subregional workshops/seminars on building export capacity in the service industry (50 participants); subregional workshops/seminars on supply-side capacity-building and the creation of an enabling environment for trade and investment (5 in total: South Asia; Southeast Asia; Northeast Asia; Central Asia; and Pacific island countries) (150 participants); trade policy courses on the implications of the Doha Round (150 participants); workshop on trade facilitation and WTO (30 participants); workshop on trade in a secure environment (30 participants); workshops/seminars on capacity-building in science, technology and innovation support policy for small- and medium-sized enterprises (50 participants);

- (iii) Field projects: agricultural engineering and machinery, post-harvest management and technology for sustainable agricultural and economic development and agrobiotechnology-based (“green”) enterprise development for sustainable rural livelihoods and economic growth; capacity-building in small- and medium-sized enterprises development policies and programmes in relation to global value chains; ESCAP/European Commission project: enhancing the capacity of members, especially least developed countries and landlocked developing countries, to accede to WTO and to implement accession commitments; ESCAP/Government of Macao project on building capacity for trade policy reforms and the emerging WTO agenda; improving trade efficiency in the Asia and Pacific region: Asia-Pacific network for efficient trade and transport to establish a sustainable regional cooperation mechanism for trade and transport facilitation; regional learning and capacity-building hub for sustainable development and Global Compact-related issues; support for regional achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in strengthening the global partnership for trade (regional report and technical background paper); support for regional knowledge networking through several research studies, workshops and dissemination and publication activities implemented through the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade.

Table 18.17 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	4 734.4	4 876.8	27	27
Non-post	153.2	163.5	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4 887.6</b>	<b>5 040.3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
Extrabudgetary	2 295.9	2 500.0	8	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 183.5</b>	<b>7 540.3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>

- 18.54 The amount of \$5,040,300, reflecting an increase of \$152,700, comprises: (a) \$4,876,800 for the funding of 27 posts (16 Professional and 11 General Service), reflecting an increase of \$142,400 owing to the delayed impact of one P-5 post established in the biennium 2006-2007; and (b) \$163,500 for non-post requirements, reflecting an increase of \$10,300, including, inter alia, consultants, expert group meetings, travel of staff to attend trade- and investment-related meetings, including those organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and external printing. The increase of \$10,300 under non-post resources is due mainly to additional

requirements for consultancy services for the preparation of manuscripts and for travel to provide assistance to the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery.

- 18.55 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme. In accordance with priorities established by the Commission in its resolution 62/6 on managing globalization, extrabudgetary resources will support the following areas: enhancing trade policy research capacity and its application in trade policy reform implementation; increasing the number of ESCAP members and associate members making progress towards becoming members of regional and multilateral trade and investment agreements and mechanisms; formulating and implementing trade facilitation and e-commerce practices for enhancing international competitiveness; creating a domestic policy environment conducive to the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises and the mobilization of stable financial and investment flows; promoting a competitive knowledge-based economy through the development of science-based knowledge and the transfer of technology and through the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery to increase income-generating work opportunities for rural women and men and marginalized groups of farmers and rural populations; and enhancing the global/regional market competitiveness of agro-based enterprises through agrotrade and investment and value supply chain management.

### **Subprogramme 5**

#### **Transport and tourism**

*Resource requirements (before recosting): \$5,377,700*

- 18.56 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Transport and Tourism Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 5 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.18 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To strengthen national policies that contribute to the development of an integrated, international, intermodal transport system and promote sustainable transport and tourism.

<b>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</b>	<b>Indicators of achievement</b>
(a) Enhanced knowledge and capacity of national Governments, civil society and non-governmental organizations to develop and implement effective and sustainable transport and tourism policies and programmes, including those targeting the Millennium Development Goals, and road safety issues	(a) Increased number of national transport and tourism policy papers and programmes that reflect ESCAP-promoted initiatives
	<i>Performance measures</i>
	2004-2005: 18 initiatives
	Estimate 2006-2007: 40 initiatives
	Target 2008-2009: 60 initiatives

(b) Improved capability of national Governments and international financial institutions to use the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and other ESCAP-promoted initiatives for planning international intermodal transport linkages

(b) (i) Increased number of feasibility studies for investment projects and infrastructure improvements of intermodal connections on the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 5 feasibility studies

Estimate 2006-2007: 15 feasibility studies

Target 2008-2009: 30 feasibility studies

(ii) Increased number of countries acceding to global, regional and subregional agreements

*Performance measures*

(The number of accessions as a unit of measure is more comprehensive, as one country could accede to more than one global, regional or subregional agreement):

2004-2005: 15 accessions

Estimate 2006-2007: 25 accessions

Target 2008-2009: 40 accessions

(c) Increased capacity of national Governments and industry to implement measures to improve the efficiency of international transport operations and logistics

(c) (i) Increased number of initiatives to identify and remove bottlenecks along transport routes of international importance

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 8 initiatives

Estimate 2006-2007: 12 initiatives

Target 2008-2009: 16 initiatives

(ii) Increased number of demonstration runs of container block trains and scheduling of regular intermodal transport services along the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway, and interregional routes

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 4 demonstration runs

Estimate 2006-2007: 8 demonstration runs

Target 2008-2009: 12 demonstration runs

## External factors

- 18.57 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the target beneficiaries are willing to implement ESCAP-promoted programmes and projects and are able to do so within the period.

## Outputs

- 18.58 During the biennium 2008-2009, 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: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to transport and tourism (2);
  - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization (part I):
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee (2); reports on major issues related to transport and tourism (2);
  - (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on identification, prioritization and mobilization of funding for transport infrastructure projects (1); expert group meeting on regional sharing of experiences and resources concerning road safety (1);
  - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia project working group on transport and border crossing (2); working group on the Asian Highway Network (1); working group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network (1);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Review of Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Tourism Review* (1); *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2);
  - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: monograph series on managing globalization: *Intermodal transport infrastructure: priority projects and investment requirements* (1); monograph series on managing globalization: *Policy framework for the development of an integrated transport system in the ESCAP region* (1);
  - (iii) Technical material: guidebook on public-private partnership projects (1); guidelines on integrated assessment of transport policy and programmes (1); logistics and regional cooperation (1); maps on the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway (2); statistical abstract of transport in the Asia-Pacific region (1); transit transport route analysis (1); updating of the manual and software for transport policy and planning (1); updating of the Asia-Pacific Road Accident Database (2); updating of the Geographic Information System database on transport and tourism and the Asian Highway database (1); updating training material on multimodal transport (1); Web-based training materials on public-private partnership projects (1);
  - (iv) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on transport and tourism (<http://www.unescap.org/ttdw/index.asp>) (biannual updating) (2);

- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
- (i) Advisory services: advisory service on capacity-building in multimodal transport and logistics; advisory service on transport policy, planning and development, and tourism;
  - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meeting to promote regional cooperation in the maintenance of transport infrastructure (40 participants); meeting to strengthen national capacity to improve the efficiency of international transport and logistics (40 participants); meetings to negotiate the Shanghai Cooperation Organization facilitation agreement (60 participants); meetings to promote regional cooperation in tourism (100 participants); seminar on the integrated assessment of transport policy and programmes (30 participants); seminar on logistics and regional cooperation (30 participants); seminars on strengthening national capabilities in the sound and sustainable development of tourism (100 participants); training courses for public officials on infrastructure development through public-private partnerships (50 participants); training on legal frameworks for transport facilitation (50 participants); training on national transport facilitation coordination mechanisms (50 participants); transport policy, planning and facilitation (50 participants);
  - (iii) Field projects: technical cooperation project on South-South cooperation in tourism; technical cooperation project on improving road safety in the region; technical cooperation project on providing infrastructure services through public-private partnerships: enhancing the role of transport and tourism in poverty reduction; technical cooperation project on transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries, including demonstration runs of container block trains; technical cooperation project on transport and logistics development, including the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and intermodal interfaces.

Table 18.19 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	5 107.0	5 189.3	28	29
Non-post	187.9	188.4	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5 294.9</b>	<b>5 377.7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Extrabudgetary	1 070.0	1 100.0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 364.9</b>	<b>6 477.7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

- 18.59 The amount of \$5,377,700, reflecting a net increase of \$82,800, comprises: (a) \$5,189,300 for the funding of 29 posts (17 Professional and 12 General Service), reflecting an increase of \$82,300 owing to the inward redeployment of one Local-level post from programme support; and (b) \$188,400 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of \$500, including, inter alia, consultants, expert group meetings and travel of staff. As to posts, the inward redeployment of one Local-level post from programme support is intended to strengthen the programmatic support in the area of transport infrastructure development, in particular for activities related to the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway. The increase of \$500 under non-post resources is the net result of increased requirements for consultants and experts owing to the organization of the two

expert group meetings on identification, prioritization and mobilization of funding for transport infrastructure projects and on regional sharing of experiences and resources concerning road safety, partially offset by decreased requirements for contractual services.

- 18.60 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the transport and tourism subprogramme to support the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), which, among others, accords high priority to the promotion, development and upgrading of the Asian Highway; the promotion, development and operationalization of the Trans-Asian Railway; the development of intermodal transport infrastructure as an integral part of an international integrated intermodal transport system; the maintenance and management of transport infrastructure, including participation of the finance and private sector; the development of logistics service centres, including the promotion/development of inland container depots or dry ports; legal frameworks for international transport; integrated transport facilitation measures; and road safety. They will also support the implementation of the Plan of Action for Sustainable Tourism Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase II (2006-2012). Extrabudgetary resources will supplement the capacity of the secretariat to more effectively deliver outputs to a wider audience, in particular through national, regional and subregional-level training activities and advisory services.

### **Subprogramme 6**

#### **Environment and sustainable development**

*Resource requirements (before recosting): \$5,533,700*

- 18.61 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Environment and Sustainable Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 6 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.20 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To improve the environmental sustainability of economic and social development and natural resources management in line with internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

<b>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</b>	<b>Indicators of achievement</b>
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(a) Improved national capacity to develop and implement policies and programmes that contribute to green growth	<p>(a) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills in applying a green-growth approach</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 65 per cent of participants</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent of participants</p>
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(b) Increased national capacity to develop and apply socio-economic policy instruments to improve environmental management and performance

(b) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills in applying socio-economic policy instruments to improve environmental management and performance

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 65 per cent of participants

Target 2008-2009: 80 per cent of participants

(c) Enhanced national capacity to identify effective policies and programmes for efficient and cleaner production, management and use of energy resources on the national, subregional and regional levels

(c) Increased number of measures taken by policymakers and planners in promoting energy security, improving energy efficiency and supporting subregional and regional cooperation in energy sector development

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 8 measures

Target 2008-2009: 13 measures

(d) Increased national capacity in formulating and implementing effective sustainable development policies and strategies on management of water resources and natural disasters, in particular in disaster-prone countries, in terms of preparedness, response and recovery

(d) Increased number of measures taken that reflect ESCAP-promoted initiatives on management of water resources and natural disasters, in particular measures in disaster-prone countries to prepare for and respond rapidly to natural disasters and mitigate their impact

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 8 measures

Target 2008-2009: 13 measures

## External factors

- 18.62 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the global and regional economy will continue to grow; (b) national economic, social and political conditions in the target countries remain stable; and (c) government institutions and civil society organizations have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation.

## Outputs

18.63 During the biennium 2008-2009, 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: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development (2);
  - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization (part II):
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee (2); reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development (2);
  - (iii) Commission on Sustainable Development:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Regional Implementation Meeting for the Commission: plenary (4);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: consolidated regional report to the Commission (1); report to the Regional Implementation Meeting on issues related to the thematic focus areas of the Commission on Sustainable Development (1);
  - (iv) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005-2015: building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters (1); expert group meeting to review the state of environmental sustainability and innovative socio-economic policy in preparation of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (1); policy dialogue on emerging energy issues for sustainable development (1);
  - (v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: North East Asia Subregional Programme for Environment Cooperation Meeting of Senior Officials (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Energy Policy Trends in Asia and the Pacific* (1); energy resources development series: *Energy Policies: Good Practices and Lessons Learned* (1); *Environment and Sustainable Development Newsletter* (8); greening of economic growth series (biennial) (1); water resources series: *Policy Options and Strategies for Effective Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action in Asia and the Pacific* (1);
  - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Climate Change Action in Asia and the Pacific — Partnership towards beyond-Kyoto* (1); *Innovative Socio-economic Policy for Improving Environmental Performance* (1); *Guidelines on Water Resources Management: Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management Plans in Asia and the Pacific* (1);
  - (iii) Special events: International Day for Disaster Reduction (2); World Water Day (2);
  - (iv) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on environment and sustainable development (<http://www.unescap.org/esd>) (quarterly updating) (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Advisory services: advisory service on green-growth policy issues; advisory service on integrated water resources management and disaster risk management;

- (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: disaster risk management (40 participants); green-growth policy dialogues (40 participants); group training on gender responsive energy policies for equitable access to energy services, energy efficiency, cleaner production and enhanced utilization of renewable energy, management and use of energy resources (120 participants); regional and subregional energy cooperation for sustainable development (50 participants); training on the application of green-growth policy tools (40 participants); training workshops on the integration of environmental considerations into social and economic development and improvement of environmental performance (80 participants); workshop on integrated water resources management (30 participants); workshops on the North East Asia Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (40 participants);
- (iii) Fellowships and grants: South-South cooperation to facilitate the exchange of information and experience on energy for sustainable development policies and transfer of technologies;
- (iv) Field projects: establishment of multi-hazard early warning systems for tsunamis and other natural disasters in the region; implementation of integrated water resources management plans: strengthening regional partnerships through the Asia-Pacific Water Forum; regional cooperation and strategy on climate change; strengthening regional partnerships on the greening of the economic growth in Asia and the Pacific; subregional environmental cooperation in the Asia and Pacific region for promoting environmental sustainability; the Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005-2015 — building resilience of nations and communities to disasters, including the establishment of multi-hazard early warning systems: midterm review and implementation; the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, second cycle — integration of urban environmental quality improvement and promotion of local economic livelihood; transboundary energy cooperation and access to energy services.

Table 18.21 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	5 226.6	5 339.5	30	31
Non-post	192.4	194.2	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5 419.0</b>	<b>5 533.7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Extrabudgetary	3 633.4	5 590.0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 052.4</b>	<b>11 123.7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>

- 18.64 The amount of \$5,533,700, reflecting a net increase of \$114,700, comprises: (a) \$5,339,500 for the funding of 31 posts (18 Professional and 13 General Service), reflecting an increase of \$112,900 owing to the proposed establishment of one P-3 post, Economic Affairs Officer, for the Sustainable Development and Water Resources Section; and (b) \$194,200 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of \$1,800, relating, inter alia, to consultants, expert group meetings and travel of staff.

- 18.65 The proposed P-3 post, Economic Affairs Officer, for the Sustainable Development and Water Resources Section of the Environment and Sustainable Development Division, is intended to: (a) strengthen the integration of natural disaster management into wider regional policy forums and national planning and development processes; (b) provide policy and strategic advice to ESCAP member States on natural disaster prevention and preparedness in coordination with other organizations involved in international natural disaster management; (c) contribute to support and enhance the Commission's risk assessment comprehensive approach with regard to hazard, vulnerability, geographical and political parameters from a socio-economic perspective; and (d) address a request of the Commission that the Secretariat play a more active role in the regional management of natural disasters in paying attention to the region's vulnerability to natural disasters. In this connection, an external evaluation of ESCAP, undertaken in June 2006, highlighted this issue as an area of ESCAP comparative advantage. This was further reinforced by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-sixth session in August 2006 (see A/61/16, paras. 219, 221 and 222).
- 18.66 The net increase of \$1,800 under non-post resources is due mainly to increased requirements for consultancy services for the preparation of publications and technical materials aimed at promoting equitable and environmentally sustainable economic growth (green growth).
- 18.67 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the environment and sustainable development subprogramme. Specific areas where extrabudgetary resources will be essential include the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment (ESCAP resolutions 57/2 on the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000, and 61/9 on the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific), the North-east Asian Subregional Programme of Environmental Cooperation (ESCAP resolution 53/3; and the Regional Implementation Plan adopted by the Fifth Ministerial Conference and endorsed by ESCAP in its resolution 61/9), green growth (ESCAP resolution 61/9), integrated water resources management (World Summit on Sustainable Development and Millennium Development Goal target 10) and disaster risk management (Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005). In the area of national capacity-building, extrabudgetary resources will be used to raise awareness and increase capacity and skills for implementing effective policies and programmes for equitable access, efficient and cleaner production, and effective management of energy resources in meeting Millennium Development Goal targets 1 and 7.

### **Subprogramme 7**

#### **Information, communication and space technology**

##### ***Resource requirements (before recosting): \$4,268,300***

- 18.68 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Information, Communication and Space Technology Division and is supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 7 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.22 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To improve equitable access to and use of information, communication and space technology so as to ensure that benefits are available to all, leading to the region's economic and social advancement and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened national capacity to design, develop and implement national information, communication and space technology policies and programmes, including development initiatives that facilitate equitable access to information, communication and space technology, with special emphasis on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society	<p>(a) (i) Increased number of measures taken to improve regulatory frameworks</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 5 measures</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 6 measures</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 6 measures</p> <p>(ii) Increased number of countries using tools developed by ESCAP initiatives to promote the development and use of information, communication and space technology</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 6 countries</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 8 countries</p>
(b) Strengthened national capacity, partnerships and regional cooperative mechanisms for the use of space technology for achieving internationally agreed development goals and disaster reduction	<p>(b) Increased number of stakeholders supporting the regional cooperative mechanisms</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: 5 stakeholders</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 5 stakeholders</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 7 stakeholders</p>

(c) Improved national and institutional capacity through training programmes in the use of information and communication technology for the purposes of socio-economic development

(c) Percentage of policymakers and officials benefiting from activities of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development who indicate that their level of competency has increased in the use of information and communication technology for socio-economic development

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 75 per cent

Target 2008-2009: 85 per cent

(d) Strengthened national capacity to nurture and promote national innovation systems to create an enabling environment for technology transfer in order for countries of the region to meet development challenges in the global economy

(d) Increased number of countries participating in technology transfer mechanisms supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, including regional networks

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: 10 countries

Estimate 2006-2007: 12 countries

Target 2008-2009: 15 countries

### External factors

- 18.69 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and accomplishments on the assumption that members and associate members will continue to integrate information, communication and space technology into their socio-economic development programmes and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

### Outputs

- 18.70 During the biennium 2008-2009, the following outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports on activities of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (2); reports on issues related to information, communication and space technology and regional cooperation in building the information society (2); reports on the activities of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (2);
  - (ii) Committee on Managing Globalization (part II):
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports related to cross-cutting issues on information, communication and space technology (2);

- (iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on assessing the impact of information and communication technology applications on Millennium Development Goals (1); expert group meeting on regional cooperation in creating an enabling policy environment for building the inclusive and people-oriented information society (1); high-level expert group meeting for assessing the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (1);
  - (iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology Governing Council (2); Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development Governing Council (2); Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (2);
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* (12); policy papers on information and communication technology applications for the knowledge economy (4); *Value-Added Technology Information Service* (waste management, non-conventional energy, food processing, biotechnology and ozone layer protection) (12);
  - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Regional Cooperation in Creating an Enabling Policy Environment for Building the Inclusive and People-oriented Information Society* (1);
  - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development training programme brochure (1); directory on green grass-roots innovation and traditional knowledge (1);
  - (iv) Technical material: Compilation of “good practices” in specific information and communication technology applications (1); guidebook on managing innovation in a knowledge economy (1); guidebook on technologies for disaster preparedness and mitigation (1); guidebook on technology transfer mechanisms (1); guidelines on building a knowledge network (1); guidelines on e-applications (1); research and analytical studies on information and communication technology policies and strategies to promote sustainable development (1); technical paper on information and communication technology training need assessment (1); technical paper on best practices in formulation and implementation of information and communication technology policies and strategies for sustainable development, including public policy issues of Internet governance (2); technical paper on compilation of “good practices” of human resources development programmes and methods (1); technical paper on e-applications (1); technical paper on integration of information and communication technology policies and strategies in the overall development framework (1); technical paper on measuring information and communication technology for development and building of the information society (1); training manual on integration of information and communication technology strategies and policies in the overall development framework (1);
  - (v) Audio-visual resources: Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development website (<http://www.unapcict.org>) (continuous updating) (2); Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology website (<http://www.apcitt.org>) (continuous updating) (2); Business Asia Network website (<http://www.business-asia.net/>) (continuous updating) (2); ESCAP web page on information, communication and space technology (<http://unescap.org/icstd>) and knowledge management networks by sector (<http://unescap.org/icstd/APPLICATIONS>) (continuous updating) (2);

- (vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Regional Inter-agency Working Group on information and communication technology (2);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Advisory services: advisory service on human resources development programmes; advisory service on technical, policy and institutional issues related to the effective use of space technology for development and disaster reduction; advisory service on technology transfer mechanisms for small and medium-sized enterprises, including networking and best practices of national innovation systems;
  - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: development of information and communication technology policymaking capabilities (160 participants); enhancement of information and communication technology project management capabilities (80 participants); meetings of regional working groups on major space application sectors (40 participants); regional forum on best practices in creating an enabling information and communication technology policy environment for building the information society (80 participants); regional workshops on information, communication and space technology applications, including e-government and e-business, for development (80 participants); regional workshops on regional cooperative mechanisms for space applications (40 participants); regional/global forum on creating an enabling information and communication technology policy environment for sustainable development (80 participants); regional/global forum on measuring information and communication technology for development and building the information society (40 participants); regional/subregional workshops to share knowledge and experience and to establish knowledge networks (40 participants); training programme for the development of information and communication technology trainers (80 participants);
  - (iii) Fellowships and grants: long-term fellowships on space technology applications (1 fellowship programme with 5 participants each year); midterm fellowships on space technology applications (1 fellowship programme with 5 participants each year);
  - (iv) Field projects: dissemination of green grass-roots innovations (40 participants); empowering the rural area through community e-centres; national workshops on the promotion of national innovation systems; regional technical cooperation projects on space technology applications for development and disaster reduction.

Table 18.23 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 7**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	3 978.2	4 118.6	22	21
Non-post	138.7	149.7	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4 116.9</b>	<b>4 268.3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>
Extrabudgetary	2 973.0	4 207.1	15	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 089.9</b>	<b>8 475.4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>

- 18.71 The amount of \$4,268,300, reflecting a net increase of \$151,400, comprises: (a) \$4,118,600 for the funding of 21 posts (14 Professional and 7 General Service), reflecting a net increase of \$140,400 owing to the delayed impact of one P-5 and one P-2 posts established in the biennium 2006-2007, partially offset by the outward redeployment of one Local-level post to executive direction and management; and (b) \$149,700 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of \$11,000, relating to, inter alia, consultants, expert group meetings and travel of staff. The increase of \$11,000 under non-post resources is the net result of increased requirements for consultancy services for specialized research on technology transfer mechanisms supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, partially offset by decreases for contractual services owing to increased use of Web-based and online publication facilities.
- 18.72 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme. The extrabudgetary resources will be used primarily to support high priority areas of work identified by ESCAP in its resolution 62/5 on building the information society in Asia and the Pacific, and to produce outputs delivered by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development. These include the exchange of information and best practices at the regional level, the monitoring of the information society and facilitation of policy debate on the use of information and communication technology for development with a focus on attaining the internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals. Effective and full delivery of the programme of work is, in turn, necessary to achieve the four expected accomplishments of the subprogramme.

## Subprogramme 8

### Social development, including persistent and emerging issues

*Resource requirements (before recosting): \$5,652,700*

- 18.73 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Emerging Social Issues Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 8 of programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Table 18.24 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

**Objective of the Organization:** To strengthen enabling institutions for the delivery of equitable social services and integration of social dimensions into the development process, in line with internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased national capacity for gender mainstreaming in priority areas	<p>(a) Increased percentage of participants in relevant meetings and workshops who indicate increased knowledge of gender mainstreaming, including promoting gender-responsive governance</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 50 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 60 per cent</p>
(b) Increased national capacity to build enabling institutions and to formulate and implement measures for improving health, in line with the Millennium Development Goals	<p>(b) Increased percentage of participants in relevant meetings and workshops who indicate their increased knowledge of policy options in order to build enabling institutions and to formulate and implement measures so as to achieve health-related Millennium Development Goals</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i></p> <p>2004-2005: not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2006-2007: 50 per cent</p> <p>Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent</p>
(c) Increased national capacity to integrate social dimensions into diverse development sectors, including addressing population concerns and the needs of socially vulnerable groups	<p>(c) (i) Increased percentage of participants in relevant meetings and workshops who indicate their increased knowledge of policy options addressing population concerns and the needs of socially vulnerable groups</p>

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 50 per cent

Target 2008-2009: 60 per cent

(ii) Increased number of Governments that have developed plans to promote the integration of social dimensions into diverse development sectors

*Performance measures*

2004-2005: not applicable

Estimate 2006-2007: 5 Governments

Target 2008-2009: 7 Governments

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**External factors**

- 18.74 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) target beneficiaries are committed to implementing the policies; and (b) political conditions in the target countries remain stable.

**Outputs**

- 18.75 During the biennium 2008-2009, 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: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to persistent and emerging social issues (2);
  - (ii) Committee on Emerging Social Issues:
    - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary (6);
    - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Committee on Emerging Social Issues (2); reports on emerging social issues (2);
  - (iii) Substantive servicing of meetings: High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: plenary (6);
  - (iv) Parliamentary documentation: High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: report on the status of women in the Asia-Pacific region (1); High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: report on the status of women in the Asia-Pacific region: proceedings of the meeting (1);
  - (v) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on assessing progress on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (1); expert group meeting on regional follow-up to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference Plan of Action (1); expert group meeting on regional follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (1); expert group meeting on strengthening of

health systems for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (1); expert group meeting on the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (1); expert group meeting on using the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as a tool to achieve gender equality (1);

- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* (6);
  - (ii) Non-recurrent publications: Asia-Pacific population and social studies series (2); monograph series on gender and development in the ESCAP region (2); policies to promote innovative approaches for the delivery of social services to the poor (1);
  - (iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: ESCAP population datasheets (2); *Population Headliners* (2);
  - (iv) Special events: International Women's Day (2); promotional events on the social integration of vulnerable groups (disability, ageing, family and youth) (2);
  - (v) Technical material: discussion papers on integrating health concerns into diverse development sectors (2); discussion papers on pertinent issues on health systems development (2); information materials on disability (1); information materials on older persons (1); information materials on women and development (2); information materials on youth or family (1); knowledge-sharing and management for advocacy and policy support for social development (1); population databases (2);
  - (vi) Audio-visual resources: ESCAP web page on emerging social issues (<http://unescap.org/esid/index.asp>) (2);
  - (vii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Regional Thematic Working Group on International Migration, including Human Trafficking (4);
- (c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):
  - (i) Advisory services: advisory service on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asia and Pacific region; advisory service on integrating social dimensions into diverse development sectors (Biwako Plus Five, World Summit for Social Development);
  - (ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminar on the review of regional implementation of the Declaration on HIV/AIDS; training workshop on the integration of population variables into development planning;
  - (iii) Field projects: Biwako Plus Five: towards a fully rights-based society for persons with disabilities; building capacity to adopt and implement the Yokohama Global Commitment 2001 to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children; information and communication technology for empowerment of vulnerable groups; implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the ESCAP region; incorporating gender dimensions in implementation of the outcomes of major regional and global conferences; natural disasters and vulnerable groups; population, development and poverty: follow-up to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference; promoting sustainable social protection strategies to improve access to health care in the greater Mekong subregion; promoting sustainable strategies to develop and improve universal access to basic health care in the Asia-Pacific region; reducing drug use and delinquency among youth in the greater Mekong subregion; regional follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the

Millennium Development Goals; strengthening life skills for positive youth health behaviour; strengthening social integration, social services, youth development and family protection in the region.

Table 18.25 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	5 706.5	5 441.1	32	31
Non-post	211.6	211.6	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5 918.1</b>	<b>5 652.7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>
Extrabudgetary	2 280.0	2 296.8	7	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 198.1</b>	<b>7 949.5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>

- 18.76 The amount of \$5,652,700, reflecting a net decrease of \$265,400, comprises: (a) \$5,441,100 for the funding of 31 posts (18 Professional and 13 General Service), reflecting a decrease of \$265,400 owing to the outward redeployment of one P-4 post to subprogramme 1, Poverty and development; and (b) \$211,600 for non-post requirements, relating to, inter alia, consultants, expert group meetings and travel of staff. The outward redeployment reflects a shift in analytical capacity from subprogramme 8 since some aspects of socio-economic research and analysis moved to subprogramme 1, to be incorporated with functions contributing to research and analysis for the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*.
- 18.77 Extrabudgetary resources will be required to provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience to feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme and will be used to facilitate the preparation of publications, organize regional workshops and training courses, and promote networking and other activities to strengthen national capacities. In addition, extrabudgetary resources enable ESCAP/Emerging Social Issues Division to enhance its capacity for promotion of regional coordination. For the biennium 2008-2009, extrabudgetary resources will specifically be used to incorporate gender dimensions into the implementation of the outcomes of major conferences; promote sustainable strategies to develop and improve universal access to basic health care; build capacity to adopt and implement the Yokohama Global Commitment 2001 to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children; and strengthen life skills for positive youth behaviour. Furthermore, extrabudgetary resources will enable the subprogramme to reduce drug use and delinquency among youths in the greater Mekong subregion; conduct workshops on the integration of population variables into development planning; and promote information and communication technology to empower vulnerable groups affected by natural disasters.

## D. Programme support

*Resource requirements (before recosting): \$31,829,400*

- 18.78 Programme support is under the responsibility of: (a) the Programme Management Division, with regard to functions related to programme planning, budget, monitoring and evaluation, and technical cooperation; (b) the Administrative Services Division, with regard to functions related to finance, human resources management, conference services and central support services; and (c) the Library. The allocation of responsibilities among these three entities is as follows:
- (a) The Programme Management Division will accord priority to improving the relevance and impact of the Commission's work through more effective results-based programme and project planning as well as improved systems for the monitoring and evaluation of parliamentary, normative and technical cooperation activities;
  - (b) The Administrative Services Division will accord priority to improving the overall quality and efficiency of its services, implementing the Secretary-General's human resources management reform initiatives to create a more versatile and multi-skilled workforce and upgrading and maintaining the technological infrastructure for new initiatives such as Knowledge Management and Enterprise Resource Planning;
  - (c) The Library provides information services to the entire secretariat and to delegations, as well as to outside users, including the collection of books, journals and materials related to the work of the substantive divisions, the collection of parliamentary documentation, meetings reports and documents and electronic access to documents and publications through the Web.

### Outputs

- 18.79 The outputs of the Programme Management Division include the following:
- (a) Programme planning, budgeting and evaluation: provision of programme planning policy guidance, training and support to the substantive divisions in the formulation of their respective strategic frameworks and programme budgets; management of programme and budgetary delivery through the provision of training and support in monitoring and evaluating programme implementation; provision of guidance and support for programme performance reports; management of the regular programme of technical cooperation and projects funded by the Development Account; provision of guidance and support to the substantive divisions in budget-related matters and internal oversight of accounts; coordination with the other entities of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs for joint programming; servicing of the annual Commission sessions, including items related to programme planning and evaluation and draft resolutions; and servicing of regular meetings of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, which meets monthly;
  - (b) Management of technical cooperation projects and funds: provision of guidance and support to the substantive divisions in developing higher quality demand-driven technical cooperation projects that are clearly linked with the Commission's normative and analytical work and that clearly feed into the achievement of one or more of the Commission's expected accomplishments for 2008-2009 in the context of the work programme, including facilitation of joint planning workshops for interthematic and interdivisional projects; project appraisal; monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation projects; organization of consultations with donors and partners, and analysis of donor trends for funding; coordination with United Nations and other relevant partners for joint technical cooperation activities, including close coordination and cooperation with the United Nations country teams, to ensure linkages with

United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks; servicing of the annual ESCAP sessions on technical cooperation issues, including pledging of contributions; dissemination of information on the Commission's technical cooperation work; further development and implementation of a fund-raising strategy to broaden the funding base for technical cooperation; and management of the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation.

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

- (a) Overall management: provision of management and coordination of administrative services; policy formulation and the establishment of managerial and administrative guidelines and enhanced protocol services;
- (b) Financial services: provision of financial management services, including the issuance of financial statements; making payments, including the payroll, payments to vendors and staff entitlements; treasury services; monitoring, control and guidance on the proper utilization of financial resources; overall financial management and accounting services;
- (c) Human resources management: provision of support and services in strategic staff recruitment, promotion and placement in the Professional and higher categories, including project and other related personnel, in the General Service and National Officer categories; talent management and strategic staff development and learning to respond to the challenges of the future and promote the Organization's objectives of a multi-skilled, versatile and mobile workforce; engagement of consultants and individual contractors; provision of medical services and support that address recurrent needs and respond to the challenges from potential pandemics; administration of allowances and benefits, and interpretation of regulations and rules;
- (d) Conference services: provision of editorial, interpretation, translation and text-processing services in the four working languages of ESCAP; internal document reproduction services; management of the United Nations Conference Centre and provision of conference services for meetings held in the Conference Centre and for legislative meetings, ad hoc intergovernmental meetings and conferences hosted by member countries; maintenance of the calendar of meetings; provision of technical support for videoconferences;
- (e) Central support services: cost-effective management of the facilities and services of the United Nations complex in Bangkok; facility maintenance; procurement and travel services; storage and inventory management; provision of mail, pouch and courier services; information management, communication and technology infrastructure, including replacement/maintenance of software, hardware and telecommunications equipment; development and maintenance of local software applications; collaboration and coordination with Headquarters on business requirements for new centrally developed applications such as Enterprise Resource Planning; augmentation of existing infrastructure to support secure remote access to internal resources; achievement of compliance with the ISO 27001 information security standard; collaboration on and implementation of voice-over-Internet protocol technologies; and provision of ongoing operations support, including support and maintenance of the Integrated Management Information System.

18.81 The Library will deliver outputs in the biennium 2008-2009 that include library and information technology services, as well as advisory and training services, concerning the information system, which are provided in response to the work programme of the ESCAP secretariat, staff of the United Nations agencies in Bangkok and the public and private sectors.

Table 18.26 Resource requirements: programme support

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	25 093.0	24 961.4	201	199
Non-post	6 906.0	6 868.0	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>31 999.0</b>	<b>31 829.4</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>199</b>
Extrabudgetary	3 310.9	3 470.4	29	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 309.9</b>	<b>35 299.8</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>228</b>

- 18.82 The amount of \$31,829,400, reflecting a net decrease of \$169,600, comprises: (a) \$24,961,400 for the funding of 199 posts (54 Professional, 2 National Officer and 143 General Service), reflecting a net decrease of \$131,600 owing to: (i) the proposed abolition of three Local level posts; (ii) the outward redeployment of one Local-level post to subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism; and (iii) the proposed establishment of two National Officer posts for building maintenance and for host country relations; and (b) \$6,868,000, reflecting a net decrease of \$38,000 for non-post requirements, relating to, inter alia, other staff costs, such as general temporary assistance, overtime and contractual services for repairs of personal computers, drivers, messengers, an electrician and audio-video technicians; consultants; travel; contractual services; general operating expenses, including rental and maintenance of premises, and utilities; supplies and materials; and furniture and equipment.
- 18.83 The decrease of \$131,600 under posts is the net result of: (a) the proposed abolition of three Local-level posts in the Library, the Conference Services Section and the Procurement Unit, owing to the increased utilization of information technology tools and the increased demand for Professional-level services in procurement to carry out more complex contract management; (b) the outward redeployment of one Local-level post to subprogramme 5 in order to strengthen the programmatic support in the area of transport infrastructure development, in particular for activities related to the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway; and (c) the proposed establishment of two National Officer posts for building maintenance and for host country relations in the Facilities Management Unit and in the Protocol Office, respectively, of the Administrative Services Division. The proposed National Officer posts respond to a need for good knowledge of the local business conditions and environment, and a good understanding of local policies, regulations and protocol procedures.
- 18.84 The decrease of \$38,000 under non-post requirements is the net result of decreases for consultants, general operating expenses and replacement of furniture and equipment, partially offset by increased requirements for contractual personnel services, subscriptions to electronic publications and travel of staff.
- 18.85 Extrabudgetary resources provide for services in support of technical cooperation activities in the area of management of technical cooperation, monitoring and evaluation, finance, human resources management, procurement, information technology and other miscellaneous services, as well as for administrative support to other United Nations organizations located in the ESCAP building in Bangkok.

Table 18.27 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement the relevant recommendations of the oversight bodies**

<i>Brief description of the recommendation</i>	<i>Action taken to implement the recommendation</i>
<b>Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions</b> (A/60/7 and Corr.1)	
<p>The Advisory Committee is of the view that in-house printing capability could be better used. The Committee was informed that many hard-copy publications are also made available electronically and that these efforts will be pursued. The Committee requests ESCAP to report on progress in this area in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (para. V.36).</p>	<p>ESCAP continues to carry out the conversion from hard-copy printed pages to the dissemination of materials in electronic format. Decreases in hard-copy printing are planned in the biennium 2008-2009 in subprogrammes 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.</p>
<p>The Advisory Committee commends ESCAP for its efforts to carry out the monitoring and evaluation activity in a systematic, comprehensive manner. The Committee requests ESCAP to report on its activities in this area in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (para. V.42).</p>	<p>During the bienniums 2004-2005 and 2006-2007, ESCAP invested in the development of an integrated monitoring and evaluation system for subprogrammes and projects. While the formalization of the system is ongoing and is subject to further review within the Organization and among the regional commissions and member States, many elements of the system are already being implemented on a day-to-day basis. It is anticipated that the new system, which is based on guidelines of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) and norms and standards established by the United Nations Evaluation Group, will be operational in 2007. The Commission's draft monitoring and evaluation framework, outlining the monitoring and evaluation system, provides an overview of monitoring requirements within ESCAP, defines its evaluation policy and includes detailed evaluation guidelines. The content of the "Framework" will eventually also be Web-based. Evaluation practices at ESCAP are expected to change significantly following the issuance of the monitoring and evaluation framework and the introduction of related tools, methods and procedures. In the meantime, the framework has already been discussed with the other regional commissions with the intention of adopting similar tools, methods and standards across all regional commissions.</p>

**Report of the Board of Auditors**

(A/61/5, vol. I, chap. II)

The Board reiterates its previous recommendation that the Administration ensure that substantive offices submit progress reports for ongoing projects and terminal reports for completed projects in a timely manner (para. 186).

The Board recommends that the Administration ensure that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific-Asia and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology submit workplans to facilitate programme monitoring (para. 397).

The Board recommends that the Administration examine the feasibility of combining the two websites of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific-Asia and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery because both serve similar purposes (para. 409).

The Board recommends that the Administration deal only with suppliers duly listed in the roster of vendors to protect the interests of the United Nations, and comply with the provisions of the United Nations Procurement Manual in regard to vendor selection (para. 540).

The Board recommends that the Administration comply with established procedures for the procurement of goods and services (para. 546).

The Programme Management Division of ESCAP issued two memorandums dated 1 July and 16 December 2005, addressed to all Divisions, reiterating the need to submit progress and terminal reports by specific deadlines. Terminal reports were submitted for 98 per cent of the 77 projects completed in 2005 and for 98 per cent of the 46 projects completed in 2006. Follow-up with concerned divisions was carried out for projects not submitted on time.

Asia and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology workplans have been developed using logical framework processes and are incorporated and formalized in the 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 biennial programme plans and programmes of work.

The old website of the Asia and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery was closed. The new website was launched in conformity with common content for regional institutions and linked with the ESCAP web page.

ESCAP implemented a vendor registration system in 2006, which will be further enhanced in 2007.

From August to September 2006, OIOS conducted an audit of the Commission's procurement activities, including property and stores management. The audit covered procurement activities valued at approximately \$8 million. The overall conclusion was that ESCAP had established appropriate arrangements to ensure that procurement activities were being carried out in accordance with United Nations Regulations and Rules.

The Board recommends that the Administration review its formula for reimbursement in calculating the actual costs of workload, materials and overhead in connection with its provision of administrative services to other United Nations agencies (para. 570).

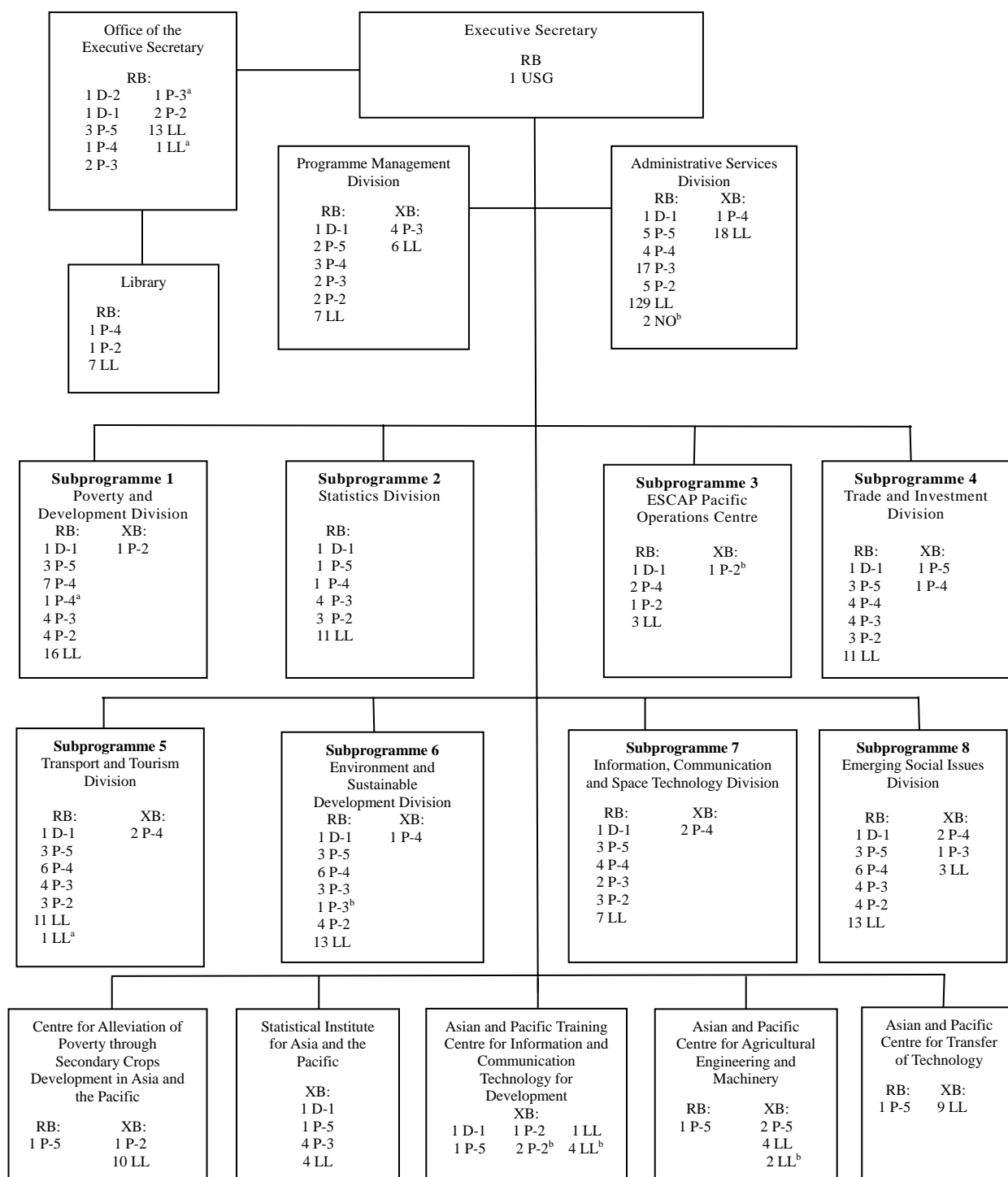
The Board recommends that the Administration exert more effort in assessing and monitoring strict adherence to the administrative instructions on hiring, remunerating and evaluating the performance of consultants and individual contractors (para. 653).

ESCAP is preparing an in-depth review of the cost-reimbursement arrangements in place. The estimated date for completion of the review is 31 December 2007.

ESCAP has implemented the Board's recommendation on exerting more effort in assessing and monitoring strict adherence to the administrative instructions on hiring, remunerating and evaluating the performance of consultants and individual contractors. A standard format for terms of reference has been promulgated. The terms of reference clearly define objectives and targets of the work assignment, tangible and measurable outputs and performance indicators for the evaluation of results. Moreover, ESCAP has institutionalized a monitoring system to follow up on compliance by the consultants and individual contractors with the terms of reference prior to the expiration of contracts. It has also convened meetings and briefings to enable programme managers, certifying officers and staff members involved in the administration of contracts of consultants and individual contractors to fully understand their respective roles and responsibilities.

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## Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2008-2009



Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary; USG, Under-Secretary-General; LL, Local level;

NO, National Officer.

<sup>a</sup> Inward redeployment.

<sup>b</sup> New posts.

## Annex

## Outputs produced in 2006-2007 not to be carried out in the biennium 2008-2009

<i>A/60/6, paragraph</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Reason for discontinuation</i>
<b>Poverty and development</b>			
18.34 (a) (iii) a	Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.34 (a) (iii) b	Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues in poverty reduction	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Poverty Reduction
18.34 (a) (iv)	Ad hoc expert group on development issues and policies	2	The expert group meeting will be subsumed under the expert group meeting on economic and social performance and issues
18.34 (b) (i)	<i>Bulletin on Asia-Pacific Perspectives</i>	2	The publication is replaced by <i>Key Economic Developments and Prospects in the Asia-Pacific Region</i>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>12</b>	
<b>Statistics</b>			
18.39 (a) (iii) a	Subcommittee on Statistics: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.39 (a) (iii) b	Subcommittee on Statistics: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues related to statistics	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Poverty Reduction
18.39 (b) (i)	<i>Asia-Pacific in Figures</i>	2	To allow for greater congruence and comparability of indicators, data will be produced as a statistical appendix to the <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific</i>
18.39 (b) (iii)	<i>Statistical Newsletter</i>	8	The information will be covered on the weekly updated ESCAP web page on statistics

<i>A/60/6, paragraph</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Reason for discontinuation</i>
18.39 (b) (iii)	Fact sheets and/or information kits on general/thematic statistics, including statistical indicators on the Millennium Development Goals	2	Resources will be allocated to regional studies on the availability and quality of development indicators, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>20</b>	
<b>Trade and investment</b>			
18.49 (a) (iii) a	Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.49 (a) (iii) b	Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues related to trade and investment	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Managing Globalization, part I
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8</b>	
<b>Environment and sustainable development</b>			
18.59 (a) (iii) a	Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.59 (a) (iii) b	Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Managing Globalization, part II
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8</b>	
<b>Information, communication and space technology</b>			
18.64 (a) (iv) a	Subcommittee on Information, Communication and Space Technology: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.64 (a) (iv) b	Subcommittee on Information, Communication and Space Technology: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues related to information, communication and space technology	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Managing Globalization, part II

<i>A/60/6, paragraph</i>	<i>Output</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Reason for discontinuation</i>
18.64 (b) (i)	<i>Asian-Pacific Journal on Information, Communication and Space Technology</i>	2	The publication is expected to meet its objective in the biennium 2006-2007 and no further publication is required
18.64 (b) (i)	<i>State of Information, Communication and Space Technology in the Asia-Pacific Region</i>	2	The publication is expected to meet its objective in the biennium 2006-2007 and no further publication is required
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>12</b>	
<b>Social development, including persistent and emerging issues</b>			
18.69 (a) (iii) a	Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.69 (a) (iii) b	Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues related to socially vulnerable groups	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Emerging Social Issues
18.69 (a) (iv) a	Subcommittee on Health and Development: plenary	6	The work of the subcommittees is subsumed under the respective thematic committee
18.69 (a) (iv) b	Subcommittee on Health and Development: report of the Subcommittee; reports on issues related to health and development	2	Replaced by the reports for the Committee on Emerging Social Issues
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>76</b>	