



# **Setting up a Regional Census Programme in support of the 2010 World Programme of Population and Housing Censuses**

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## Outline of the presentation

- 1. Introduce main conclusions and recommendations of the UNESCAP Census EGM (Bangkok, 9-10 Dec. 2004)**

<http://www.unescap.org/stat/meet/census2004/index.asp>

- 2. Present main features of the UNESCAP Census Programme**



## **Achievements of the EGM**

- ***Defined regional priorities for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses***
- ***Gave feedback to the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses***
- ***Provided regional inputs into the revision and updating of the United Nations Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses***
- ***Built partnerships among census organizations***

## **UNESCAP to convene 4 Workgroups on:**

- 1. Effective use of IT and GIS for census operations***
- 2. Using the census for measuring new and emerging priority issues***
- 3. Planning and financing the next censuses***
- 4. Analysis, dissemination and utilization of census data***

## **WG 1 on 'Effective use of IT and GIS for census operations'**

- 1. Should cover cross-cutting issues in the use of IT tools, ie. CAPI, ICR, OCR and OMR***
- 2. Should cover contribution of digital mapping techniques and GIS to census operations***



## **WG 2 on 'Using the census for measuring new and emerging priority issues'**

- ***Should focus on events and characteristics which, because of their rarity, are not well captured in sample surveys (e.g., health and human functioning, maternal mortality etc.)***
- ***Should discuss how to collect information on emerging issues in the census (e.g. poverty, ageing, migration, religion, ethnicity and race etc.)***

## **WG 3 on 'Planning and financing the next censuses'**

***Among the issues proposed for discussion are:***

***(1) how to make government see the value of censuses;***

***(2) how to raise supplementary resources needed to cover the increasing costs of censuses;***

***(3) Statistical legislation for the census.***

## **WG 4 on 'Analysis, dissemination and utilization of census data'**

- ***Making more extensive use of data for national planning and development***
- ***Using small-area estimates/micro-data without breaching confidentiality***
- ***Reviewing problems connected with the use of census data for non-statistical purposes***
- ***Discussing methodology connected with outsourcing data dissemination to private business providers.***



## Working in Partnership

### Recommendations:

- ***Ad hoc forum to support the 2010 round of censuses in the Asia-Pacific region***
- ***"Census newsletter"***
- ***Web-based census instruction materials and e-discussion groups***
- ***UNESCAP to coordinate the supply and demand of expertise***
- ***UNESCAP and SIAP to organize a workshop to discuss issues related to using modern tools for training of census enumerators and supervisors***



# **Review of UN Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses**

## **4 parts reviewed:**

- 1. Geographical and Internal Migration Characteristics***
- 2. Census Products and Data Utilization***
- 3. Demographic, social and disability characteristics***
- 4. Relationship between population and housing censuses and other statistical activities***



# **Thrusts of the regional census programme**

- Coordinating between regional and world programmes**
- Convening workgroups on 4 selected themes**
- Promoting census advocacy and networks**
- Coordinating the supply and demand of expertise**
- Forging partnerships**



Thank you!