Statistician

Bangkok, Thailand

Staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General and to assignment by him or her. In this context, all staff are expected to move periodically to new functions in their careers in accordance with established rules and procedures.

Org. Setting and Reporting

The mandate of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is to promote inclusive economic, social and environmental development and support regional cooperation and integration in the Asian and Pacific region. ESCAP’s role as a regional development arm of the United Nations Secretariat is to support its membership, through its analytical, normative and technical cooperation, to respond to the development priorities and changing needs of the Asian and Pacific region.

This position is located in the Population and Social Statistics Section, in the Statistics Division. The incumbent is under the direct supervision of the Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section and the overall supervision of the Director, Statistics Division.

Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, and the overall supervision of the Director, Statistics Division, the incumbent is responsible for the following functions:

- Contributes to the development and implementation of appropriate initiatives to strengthen national statistical capacity, especially in population and social statistics including gender statistics, in support of follow-up and review for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Participates in the development or revision of standards on statistical concepts, definitions and classifications related to measurements of SDGs by performing methodological research in major domains of population and social statistics including gender statistics.
- Organizes, designs, plans and carries out the collection, evaluation, analysis, compilation and dissemination of statistical data by selecting methods of data collection, selecting and implementing methods for checking collected data, and selecting and implementing appropriate methods for data processing for incorporation into databases.
- Participates in the development, implementation and management of statistical database(s).
- Provides training and technical support on data collection programmes, country practices and other related information.
- Prepares draft technical documents for international, intergovernmental and expert group meetings and assists in drafting relevant reports.
- Organizes and participates in seminars, working groups and expert meetings as a technical resource person.
  Guides, trains and supervises general service staff.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.
Competencies

Professionalism: Knowledge of statistical principles and practices. Ability to conduct independent research and analysis. Ability to identify issues, formulate options and make conclusions and recommendations. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Planning & Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Education

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent degree) in statistics, mathematics, economics, sociology, or related field. A relevant first-level university degree in the above fields in combination with additional two years of qualifying work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work Experience

A minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of statistical data or related area.

Experience in national statistical capacity building in developing countries in Asia and the Pacific region is desirable. Substantial experience in conducting methodological and/or analytical studies in major domains of population and social statistics as demonstrated through authorship of technical documents is desirable.

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the post advertised, fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another UN official language is an advantage.

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