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SAARCSTAT

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SAARCSTAT

- SAARCSTAT is a regular mechanism of SAARC comprising of Heads of National Statistical Organisations of Eight Member States
- Established in 2004-2005 with a view to foster cooperation in the field of statistics: mainly to finalize standard formats for exchange of data in social and economic fields
- Seven Meetings of SAARCSTAT have been held till date: last in Colombo in July 2015

SAARCSTAT Sub-grpups

- SAARC Statistical Yearbook: Coordinated by Bangladesh
- Informal Sector: Coordinated by India
- Capacity Building: Coordinated by India
- SAARCSTAT Action Plan: Coordinated by India
- SAARCSTAT website: Coordinated by Pakistan
- Classification: Coordinated by Pakistan
- SNA93 (now SNA2008): Coordinated by Sri Lanka
- Directory of Statistical Experts: Coordinated by the Maldives

Modalities of SAARCSTAT Meetings

- Annual Meetings
- Rotated in Member Countries
- Networking and sharing of best practices and experiences
- Meeting selects one focus theme: 2014 focused on Education Statistics 2015 on Agricultural Statistics and 2016 will focus on Trade Statistics
- Work of Sub-groups is reviewed and directives given for future activities
- Reports of SAARCSTAT Meeting are presented to SAARC Standing Committee (Foreign Secretary Level)

Capacity Building

- Training and Capacity Building is one of the key areas of cooperation in statistics
- Some of the areas focused in recent training include:
 - Health
 - Crop Yield Estimation
 - Disability statistics
 - MDGs / SDGs
 - Trade

International Collaborations

- Asian Development Bank : Technical and financial assistance for development of SAARCSTAT website saarcstat.org and its maintenance
- PARIS21 (OECD)(under consideration): For Regional Strategy for Development of Statistics
- FAO (possibility)

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