Dear Sir/Madam,

**Introduction to energy statistics and energy accounts (e-Learning course)**

**30 August-1 October 2021**

**INVITATION**

I am pleased to inform you that our e-Learning course *Introduction to energy statistics and energy accounts* will be conducted from 30 August -1 October 2021. Please note that UN SIAP conducted the same course in 2020.

Energy is essential to the economy and households. It is closely linked to food production, water use and climate change. Managing energy supply and use is a crosscutting topic that has been recognized as key to achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). And as such there is a need for timely and relevant integrated information on energy to inform the needs of various stakeholders including government, private sector, academia and the public.

This course introduces concepts relevant to compiling energy statistics and accounts, including compilation of relevant SDG indicators. The topics covered include physical supply and use tables, asset accounts, valuation and data sources. Webinars will also be held as part of the course to provide an overview of the topics and allow participants to ask questions. Following the completion of the course and depending on resource availability, in-kind support will be provided to countries interested in the compilation of the energy accounts using tools that will be introduced and discussed during the course.

Target participants are officials in national statistical offices, line ministries (especially ministries of energy, natural resources and environment) and other institutions who are working on energy related issues. The course can also be useful to a wider audience who is interested to learn more about energy information.

For further details on the course, please refer to the attached guidelines for participants.

To: Head of the National Statistical Offices of ESCAP Member States and Associate Members
I am pleased to invite you to nominate your officials for this course. Nominees from your office as well as other offices (e.g. Ministry of Energy, Natural Resources, Environment) working on energy information that you think will benefit from the course are most welcome.

As a follow-up to the training and depending on resource availability, in-kind support will be made available to countries interested in compiling energy statistics, accounts and indicators. Over a period of 3 weeks, weekly national consultations will be held to discuss concrete, country specific issues around compilation and data sources. National staff is expected to prepare relevant inputs for discussion during the national consultations. Further details on the follow-up phase will be provided during the course.

If you wish to nominate your officials as participants of this course, please fill out the nomination form at the following link.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccKTTweiwclIoK6Ali89FoJUQU5OFFVMkFMTlhTQUUwWFhDOEZENU9BVS4u

I also request you to designate a supervisor for each participant. The supervisor is expected to ensure that the test of the course is taken in his/her presence.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 26th of August 2021.

SIAP values our common goals of statistical capacity building and looks forward to a successful run of this course.

Yours sincerely,

Makoto Shimizu
Officer-in-charge

Attachment: Guideline