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**PROGRAMME PLANNING AND EVALUATION: PRIORITIZATION AND  
SELECTION OF PROJECTS FOR EVALUATION**

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*Note by the secretariat*

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Monitoring and evaluation are considered to be of strategic importance in strengthening results-based management of ESCAP with a view to supporting the efforts of member States to achieve their development goals.
2. During the preparations for the ESCAP monitoring and evaluation framework under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009,<sup>1</sup> the secretariat identified a number of projects for discretionary internal evaluation in the areas of poverty and development, statistics and development of Pacific island countries and territories.

**I. PROJECTS FOR EVALUATION RELATED TO POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,  
STATISTICS AND DEVELOPMENT OF PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES  
AND TERRITORIES**

3. The Development Account project on housing the poor in urban economies is proposed to be evaluated in 2008. The project, which started in late 2004 and will finish by the end of 2007, aims at building the capacity of local government policymakers and operational officials in the region to initiate effective low-income housing policies and programmes in partnership with civil society organizations and organizations of the poor. The project developed a Regional Resource Facility on Housing for the Poor, which presents training material and good practices on housing for the poor.

<sup>1</sup> A/62/6 (Sect.18).

Before placing the material on the website, it was field-tested in Cambodia, Mongolia, Nepal and Timor-Leste.

4. The project on interregional cooperation in the measurement of the informal sector and informal employment is proposed to be evaluated when it ends in 2009. Its aim is to improve data availability on the informal sector and informal employment in order to estimate the sector's contribution to employment and Gross Domestic Product and to develop evidence-based social policies. The project is funded by the Development Account and implemented in collaboration with the other regional commissions, the United Nations Statistics Division, the International Labour Organization, the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics and Women in the Informal Economy: Globalizing and Organizing.

5. It is proposed that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific conduct systematic internal evaluations in 2009 to determine whether its training courses are attaining their objectives and providing the participants with the intended knowledge and skills.

6. An evaluation of subprogramme 3, Development of Pacific island countries and territories, will be conducted in 2008.

## II. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The Committee is invited to provide the secretariat with guidance on the prioritization and scope of projects selected for evaluation to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the subprogrammes of poverty and development, statistics and development of Pacific island countries and territories.

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