

Sri Lanka Statement

Thank you Chair & office bearers & members of ESCAP ; and my honor to all representatives from different countries in the Asia and Pacific region and other representors from various agencies in the world; And great pleasure to address the committee meeting of ESCAP

First of all, I would like to share with you the collective contribution and coordination: Sri Lanka is an island Situated in the Indian Ocean. One of representing member countries of Asia and Pacific Region; Sri Lanka is a member of UNESCAP for a long period of time. The collective effort to build the better future for the world with Sustainable Development is highly recommended through navigating policy with data to leave no one behind.

From the past experiences; the Un Agencies have done immense task to enter the road map for better world collectively in the context of sustainable development (SD). In the path of the Sustainable Development Goals; all countries; including Sri Lanka; will be able to coincide and accept with the National, Regional and Global concepts constructed during the 6th session of the Committee on Statistics “ Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind” in Bangkok from 16-18 October 2018 after the 5th session of the Committee on Statistics has been conducted by the UNESCAP in 2016.

In advance; the Department of Census & Statistics (DCS) as NSO in Sri Lanka will have to revisits the present policies on statistics and other relevant methodologies to be aligned with some extend to new procedures further according to build strong statistical system.

UNESCAP/ SIAP/ FAO/ ADB programmes have being successfully contributed to the gaining technical knowledge and knowhow of DCS . Presently Department of Census & Statistics will be reaching big achievements for building path of the better National Statistical System as NSO.

With these series of work progress of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics has finalized the Declaration and report of the senior officials segment in the context of “navigating policy with data to leave no one behind” during the 6th Session of the committee on Statistics. Further improvements of the statistics field by Sri Lanka are immense to reach the final goals of SDGs in long run or stepwise.