

Agenda item 3a: Progress made in support of the collective vision and framework for action by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

Supporting document: Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: progress in implementing regional initiatives with respect to the collective vision and framework for action (ESCAP/CST/2020/2)

Country intervention/statement:

Thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor.

We do appreciate the progress that has been made in implementing regional initiatives with respect to the collective vision and framework for action. However, there are some issues that we want to arise for the betterment of the implementation in the future.

1. The implementation of a policy-data integration tool entitled “Every policy is connected” must be scaled up to cover more countries in the region with a broader range of sectors. In this regard, the tool has to take into account the country needs and specific issue in the region.
2. To advancing gender statistics in the region, secure collaboration and intense discussion between UN-Women and National Statistical Offices (NSOs) must be promoted. It is very crucial to ensure that NSOs accommodate gender statistics in their data collection activities (survey and censuses) appropriately.
3. The implementation of the Disaster-related Statistics Framework in the region must be prioritized to countries that prone to natural disasters, such as Indonesia. Supports in terms of technical assistance are needed by NOSs to ensure that the Disaster-related Statistics are well captured in statistics activities run by NSOs.
4. The implementation of the Second Global Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics has to address the issue pertaining the scarcity of high-quality data to support the computation of SDGs indicators related to agriculture such as 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, and 5.a1 indicators. Some countries in the region, including Indonesia, do not have any experience conducting an integrated survey to handle this issue. Moreover, the integration of agricultural statistical system comprising of the agricultural census, agricultural surveys and other activities producing agricultural statistics such as Big Data and administrative data is one area that must be focused on.
5. Indonesia welcomes the new FAO Umbrella programme on measuring the Sustainable Development Goals and support the “50 by 2030” initiative for implementing the Agricultural Integrated Survey Program.