

Seventh Session of ESCAP Committee on Statistics Country Intervention/Statement of JAPAN on Agenda Item 4 (b)

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Embracing big data to modernize official statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Regional and national efforts to embrace big data for official statistics in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CST/2020/4)

Country Intervention/Statement

I totally agree that big data is important, however, I'm not sure what is the role of the ESCAP. Most of the presenters said that the problem is global.

Although the ESCAP secretariat proposed the draft decision, that draft should be rewritten. I think no argument support the second point of the proposed draft decision.

Draft decision proposed by the secretariat (refer Agenda slides for day 2*)

- The Committee decides to feature big data for official statistics in its future work with an emphasis on sharing country research, experiences and best practices.
- The Committee requests the Bureau to propose, in consultation with the secretariat, modalities to that end for review and approval by the Committee, while bearing in mind the need to stay within existing regular budget resources.

*https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/CST7_Agenda_Slides_Day2_27Aug2020.pdf