

## **Country Statement – Sri Lanka**

### **Agenda item 3 (a)**

Distinguish Delegates Good Morning to you all.

I am Dr. Indu Bandara, Director General of the Department of Census & Statistics, Sri Lanka. I have faced a problem registration with KUDO. Therefore, I logged to KUDO with my colleges link.

First of all I must thank for the UN committee on statistics for appointing me as the vice chair for the 2021-22 period. I will do my best contribution to the committee.

I like to comment on the statement published under para 19 of the 2020/2 document regarding the initiative taken on National Strategy for Statistics for Sri Lanka. I like to state that the DCS, Sri Lanka has successfully completed the National Statistical System Review with the support of UNESCAP in 2019. My special thanks should be given to Ms.Rikke and to Mr.Pepper who assisted us with stakeholder meetings and drafting the NSS report for DCS, Sri Lanka with DCS staff. We expect to launch it with the participants attended at stakeholder meetings in November 2019. DCS hopes to prioritize the recommendations made in the review report and implement it from 2021. In addition we are planning to conduct the first ever survey on the 'User Satisfaction Survey about statistics produced by the DCS next year. Thank you very much for all the support given to strengthen our statistical system.