

Agenda item 4 (b): Seminar on priority issues: embracing big data to modernize official statistics in Asia and the Pacific

- UNSD welcomes the report and supports the statement that the use of big data and other non-traditional data sources align well with all five action areas of the collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community.
- UNSD further welcomes the detailed description in this report of the work of the UN Global Working Group on Big Data for official statistics. In this regard:
 - UNSD would like to invite all Member States to join any of the task teams of the global working group to develop handbooks, run projects and prepare training materials in the use of Big Data.
 - UNSD would also like to invite all Member States to make use of the UN Global Platform, which is a data collaboration platform for the whole statistical community. Various projects are ongoing, in which you can participate.
 - UNSD would furthermore, like to point out the successful installation of the dissemination database of Cambodia on the UN Global Platform using the advanced .STAT technology. This implies that the platform can be part of the service delivery of your institute.
- Finally, as mentioned in the report, the 6th International Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics will take place as a virtual meeting on 31 August, 1 and 2 September 2020 with 3-hour long sessions in the morning and in afternoon, according to time in the Republic of Korea. The Conference is organized jointly by Statistics Korea and the UN Global Working Group on Big Data. In this regard:
 - UNSD thanks Statistics Korea and ESCAP for their strong support in making this conference a success.
 - All staff members of your statistical institutes are very welcome to register and participate in the virtual Conference next week.