

Afghan Delegation Speech

His Excellency Chairman and Respected delegation:

On behalf of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Let me evaluate the organization of Fourth (4th) statistical committee meeting as a positive step towards the development of statistical system in Asian-Pacific countries.

The fourth statistical committee meeting, in reality is a chance to evaluate the available challenges and obstacles towards the development of statistical issues and for making joint and effective preparation in order to solve these problems. Afghanistan as a member country in coordination with other members and international organizations struggled hard to triumph over all these challenges. Fortunately, there are remarkable achievements which are indicated below.

1- Population Census:

Due to insecurity in some parts of the country the population census survey hasn't been conducted since year 1979. Therefore, mathematical estimation for population has been utilized in the country each year from that period. To provide required data for policies and programs makers in relation to the development, this organization after each one year conduct Afghanistan Living Condition Survey (ALCS) and Socio-Demographic & Economic Survey (SDES) on province levels.

In these surveys, information concerning population's age, access to services such as health, education, telecommunication, housing conditions, economical situation and others indicators has been collected. In reality, most of the statistical information that is collected in population census survey has been gathered through these surveys. Methods used in these surveys are common practices used in Household Survey such as utilization of GIS, GPS and tablets.

Afghanistan beside the implementation of (ALCS and SDES) surveys has conducted the following surveys as well:

- Demographic and health survey (DHS) which is in process;
- Women and Men participation in decision-making survey implemented once after two years;
- Integrated Business Establishment Survey (IBES) implemented once after two years and
- Users Satisfaction Survey (USS) each year.