

**Country Statements:**

**Agenda item 3(f) – Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CST(4)/8)**

*Malaysia*

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Thank you Mr. /Madame honourable chair and distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Malaysia, being one of the member countries participating in the SAB-AB fully supports the initiatives done towards modernizing the statistical production and services within the region. In order for the Statistical Organization to stay relevant to the modern world, it is important for the organization to transform from traditional data producer, to a modern 'information service provider'.
2. In line with the support, Malaysia has also participated in the Modernization Working Group, established in August 2014 together with Australia, Viet Nam and Pakistan. We have shared our experience in applying GSBPM in the National Established Web Statistical System (NEWSS) as a use case which can be referred by other countries. Malaysia is looking forward to participating in other modernization initiatives working group such as the Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), the Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA) and the Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) as we are still at the initial stage of implementation of these standards.
3. Malaysia has put modernization issues as part of our statistical capacity building activities, taking into account to further strengthen our application of GSBPM, applying GSIM, CSPA, DDI and SDMX as well as initiatives to use Big Data.
4. Pertaining to the collection and exchange of data. Malaysia is participating in the ADB/ESCAP SDMX Capacity Building Initiatives. Data structure definitions for balance of payments and national account will be used in this initial effort. (Awaiting for further information from the ADB)
5. Regarding the proposed amendment of the Term and Reference of SAB-AP, Malaysia agreed with the suggestion that enable the Deputy Head of NSO or other higher level official with relevant authority to be eligible for membership of the Advisory Body.