Guiding Questions for Countries

Note: With reference to the agenda item on the Review implementation of the RPES at the national level, each country participant is expected to report during the tour de table for not more than 10 minutes using the following guidelines.

1. Update on Advocacy and Co-ordination
   1.1 Is the production of the Core Set of economic statistics (in whole or in part) included in any National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) or similar strategies?
   1.2 Have these strategies been produced or updated in the last few years, taking into account the aims of the RPES and the Core Set?
   1.3 If the strategies do not cover all of the Core Set, kindly list the domains that are not covered. (Please see below the list of domains of the Core Set of economic statistics for your reference.)
   1.4 Are there any intentions or plans to update the strategies to include the full Core Set in the next 5 years?
   1.5 Are specific plans put in place to produce those core statistics that are included in the strategies but are not yet being produced? If NO, kindly identify the main obstacles - funding, data source, skills, etc.?

2. Update on progress made to improve statistical capacity and production since the last capacity screening exercise
   Using the capacity screening results (please see the national summary here: http://communities.unescap.org/economic-statistics/knowledge-base/national-summaries-capacity-screening) of your country as a guide, kindly identify initiatives, projects or activities that have improved or will improve:
   - Those statistics included in the Core Set that have been graded as either "below recommendations" or "unavailable" or "no response."
   - Those items of infrastructure (quality assurance framework (QAF), metadata repository, business registers, surveys and censuses) and technical skills identified not being available or not satisfactory.
3. Please list the domains of the Core Set of economic statistics that your office needs most assistance with, including quality assurance framework (QAF), metadata repository, business registers, particular surveys and censuses.

4. Does your organization have technical cooperation projects or programmes on economic statistics that are currently underway? If yes, please provide details on the topic, time frame and the donor organization.

5. Have there been any discussions regarding the use of economic statistics for SDG monitoring? If yes, please provide details.