

## Agenda item 4 (j) Statistics

### Country statement

- Thai NSO appreciates and endorses the progress made in advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For the emerging issues: of how to measure progress beyond gross domestic product, we would like to emphasize the importance to include common regional principles or approaches to user engagement in the development and implementation of well-being and sustainability measures for evidence-based decision-making. Based on Thailand's strengths in robust agricultural activities, rich natural resources, and diversity in terms of both biological resources and physical geography, Bio-Circular-Green Economic Model or BCG has been promoted by the Thai government as a new economic model for inclusive and sustainable growth which conforms with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Comprehensively measuring these issues is also a key beyond GDP. We appreciate the ESCAP ongoing support and cooperation in arrangement and mechanisms to sustain NSO to meet the growing demand for progress measures beyond GDP.
- Thai NSO recognized the expansion of the data ecosystem, new data sources, and new methodologies which have the potential to enable more efficiency to improve the quality of official statistics. Data governance frameworks can support the modernization of official statistics and remove unnecessary barriers to releasing the full value of statistics. We acknowledge that data governance definitions, details, and complications may differ from one country to another, we would like to highlight the critical of having a clearcut understanding of national legal and regulatory framework as well as a common understanding of data protection and privacy regulations with international best practices to safeguard rights of participants involved in data activities.
- Thai NSO would like to thank ESCAP and all member states for all the in-cash and in-kind contributions to our regional statistical training center. We appreciate SIAP's dedication to providing e-learning, in-person, and hybrid training courses, and we encourage SIAP to include training on leadership, creative thinking, communication, and problem-solving. Thai NSO endorses the report of the governing council of the statistical institute for Asia and the Pacific with no further objection.
- Thai NSO thanks the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific for the work in supporting the achievement of universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics system. We also want to emphasize the need for continued capacity building on database management, and system modernization as well as experience sharing from other countries regarding the roles of NSO in building resilient civil registration and vital statistics system to tackle challenges such as climate change, displaced, and unregistered people.