Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nepal is committed to ensuring inclusive development and achieving sustainable development goals (SDG). Data is the foundation for this journey. It enables evidence-based policy making and helps to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable population.

National Statistics Office (NSO), in coordination with National Planning Commission (NPC) has identified 301 national and global priority indicators to monitor SDG progress. To leave no one behind, it is essential to understand the needs of marginalized communities.

Nepal has prioritized the collection and analysis of disaggregated data by age, gender, ethnicity and geographical location. NSO is conducting large surveys such as Nepal Living Standard Survey (NLSS), Nepal Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS), Nepal Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (NMICS), National Climate Change Survey to update SDG indicators and address inequalities and inform policies.

Nepal is using technology to make data accessible and actionable. Platforms like National Data Portal (NDP) and Integrated Management Information System are bridging data gaps and enabling real-time monitoring of progress towards SDGs. Thes toolse ensure that no one is overlooked in developing planning.

Nepal collaborates with development partners, civil societies, and academia to strengthen data literacy. Nepal presented its Voluntary National Review (VNR) report for 2024 at the High-level Political forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York during 8-17 July, 2024.

Limited resources, data gaps in remote areas, and climate change-related issues are few challenges for Nepal to make progress. These challenges can be addressed through international cooperation and knowledge sharing.

As we move forward, Nepal re-affirms its commitment to ensuring that every individual is counted and by harnessing the power of data, we can create a more equitable, inclusive and resilient society leaving no one behind.