Statement of Republic of India

Committee on Statistics
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Agenda Item 3: Agile statistical systems that are fit for the future

Madam/Mr. Chair

India takes note of the document on Agile statistical systems that are fit for the future as prepared by Secretariat and appreciates the efforts made in the process. It also welcomes the suggestions made in the note by the Secretariat.

India would also like to bring on record that in order to enhance the agility of its statistical system to meet the evolving demands of data collection, analysis, dissemination, innovations etc, several measures have been prioritized. Some of them are as follows:

To enhance user experience and ease of data access, it has launched eSankhyiki Portal- a centralized data repository along with visualization, metadata & API for data sharing & interoperability; addition of a data visualization section on the website of MoSPI with download feature for reuse. The portal currently has more than 2.7 million records.

In order to foster innovation in the official statistics, India has established and operationalized Research and Analysis Unit (RAU) to analyze publicly available datasets and share the findings of the analysis with government stakeholders as policy inputs. Additionally, it has recently operationalized Data Innovation (DI) Lab to promote innovation, adoption of Information Technology, improvement in methodology, etc. in the field of official statistics.

To strengthen institutional mechanism of statistical coordination and collaboration among central Ministries/Departments, NSO, India has defined the roles of Statistical Advisers and initiated workshops for sensitization and feedback to ensure effective coordination & collaboration.

In order to make Administrative Statistics more qualitative and reliable, the NSO, India has taken steps including examination of major datasets, generated by selected Ministries/Departments on various elements of National Meta Data Structure (NMDS) and development of Metadata standards for Survey/Censuses and Administrative records.

To ensure consistency in macro indices/aggregates, major initiatives taken by NSO, India include constitution of committees and initiating consultations for revision of base year of Consumer Price Index (CPI), Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Thank you, Chair.