Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Constitution of Nepal 2015, Statistics Act, 2022, Statistics Regulation 2023, National Strategy for Development of Statistics and restructuring of National Statistics Office have include significant provision to strengthen Nepal's statistical system.

Statistics Act 2022 has established National Statistics System as an integrated system to coordinate statistical activities across federal, provincial and local levels. It has granted NSO the authority to standardize data collection, processing, and publication by public and private agencies to ensure reliability and consistency.

It has also introduced provisions to protect individual privacy, mandating the use of personal data strictly for collective statistical purposes. Federal government is authorized to issue directives for specific data collection and NSO to oversee and approve nationwide statistical activities

Operating under Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, NSO now serve as the central body for statistical governance led by Chief Statistician, with enhanced responsibilities to coordinate statistical efforts across all government levels and sectors.

NSO has drafted new National Strategy for Development of Statistics, which aims to modernize Nepal's statistical infrastructure addressing issues like data gap, timeliness and data quality. It has promoted partnership with international organizations for capacity building and adoption of global best practices.

NSDS has focused on improving the statistical literacy of users and producers to enhance the application of data in policy making and governance.

Together, these measures aim to create a robust statistical system that supports evidence-based policy making, aligns with global standards and address the growing demand for reliable data in Nepal.