Indonesia One Disaster Data is the national statistical framework that elevates disaster data as official statistics in the national statistical system of Indonesia. After three years of consultative processes, it is now part of national development priorities; a national regulation is being formalised while disaster-related basic data is being consolidated, and a local level pilot implementation is being conducted.

At the regional level, the UNESCAP Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-Related Statistics facilitates exchanges of experience and good practices amongst its members and connects the region with global processes. It has developed a five-year plan of work to support members establish the required enabling environment; develop technical capacity for implementation; and contribute to the ongoing global effort to establish internationally-agreed standards.

At the global front, the Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on Disaster-related Statistics organised the First Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics in June 2021. Experts from National Statistical Offices, National Disaster Management Offices, international organizations, and various stakeholders, presented their normative work and exchanged experiences to build a roadmap to internationally-agreed standards.

With this as background, the Regional Symposium which is also the 10th meeting of the UNESCAP Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-Related Statistics, is being held to consolidate momentum, synergize regional efforts, and catalyse national-level initiatives for disaster statistics. This on-line symposium is scheduled on July 27, 2021 from 8:00 – 15:00 hrs, Bangkok time.

It is jointly organized by the various agencies and university of Indonesia (Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), the Central Bureau Statistics (Badan Pusat Statistik), the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB), and the Department of Statistics, MIPA, the Syiah Kuala University); and the UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UN SIAP); in collaboration with the the Indonesian Statistical Society Forum (FMS) and the TWG on Disaster-related Statistics of UN ESCAP.

The objective of the online regional symposium is for government officials, experts, and other stakeholders to take stock of progress, commitments, and plans on disaster-related statistics, more specifically: 1) to assess the state of disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific as well as globally; 2) to draw lessons from good practices including the Indonesia One Disaster Data; and 3) to catalyze national initiatives towards a disaster-related statistics framework.

The agenda of the symposium consists of the current progress of the INDONESIA ONE DISASTER DATA, including the development of a National Policy on disaster-related statistics; the required data ecosystem to integrate disaster data into a national statistical system and the launching of the first country-level UNSIAP E-Learning Course on DRSF in Indonesia. Discussions on the global and regional efforts on disaster-related statistics will be presented by the co-chair and vice-chair of the IAEG and TWG on disaster-related statistics, respectively. Countries from Asia and the Pacific will be sharing their experiences in establishing disaster-related statistics and concurrent sessions on various disaster-related research studies from the academe in Indonesia will be presented.