

06. Disaster-related Statistics

Agenda item 3(d)

Thank you Mr. Chairperson for giving me the floor,

~~(I am taking the floor for allowing me to say something about Disaster-related Statistics.)~~

As you may have noted, disaster risk reduction (DRR) is a matter of utmost concern to Bangladesh for its development, progress and, indeed its resilience and survival. Therefore, we are attaching a great importance to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) monitoring and reporting.

Bangladesh is in the view, Sendai Monitoring Framework that Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group (OEIWG) will soon propose, need to be harmonized with the official statistics. There are various initiatives and programmes that could contribute along this line. In the case of Asia Pacific region for instance, Bangladesh is privileged to, recently, assume the Vice-Chairmanship of ESCAP Expert Group on the development of Disaster-related Statistics Framework (DRSF), which works preceded the OEIWG. will be

You are happy to know that we have disseminated and published on “Bangladesh Disaster-related Statistics 2015: Climate Change and Natural Disaster Perspectives” which is based on about 150,000 (One hundred fifty thousand) sampling households”. It will be a baseline information of SDGs and SFDRR. With the technical support of UN-ESCAP already published the result of DRSF and along with Fiji, Indonesia and the Philippines we completed the pilot application of the ESCAP Disaster-related Statistics Framework as the Championship of DRSF piloting.

Distinguished Chairperson,

Bangladesh, therefore, is convinced that the alignment of Sendai Monitoring Framework and the official statistics would facilitate the better working relationship between, in the case of our country, the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

We are also in the view that such alignment will help the disaster data to be produced on periodical basis and to be comparable over time and across borders. Ultimately, they become more useful to help improve our disaster-sensitive policy making and development planning as guided by the Sendai Framework. I am further pleased to inform the meeting, that the government of Bangladesh has formed a National Committee to undertake the pilot testing of a draft Disaster-Related Statistics Framework, under the leadership of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and involving the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief among others.

Mr. Chairperson,

Given that my government attached such a great importance to disaster-related statistics, we are counting on your leadership to ensure the highest possible complementary collaboration between ESCAP Statistics committee and all NSOs. We request secretariat to invite such initiatives to be part of this important regional process.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.