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A collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community, and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to “Leave No One Behind”.

We appreciate the endeavours of ESCAP and Committee on Statistics to strengthen the statistical system in the Asia-Pacific region. Collective vision to take all with each other is really the right move as countries having fewer resources are unable to develop their statistical system to produce need based data required for decision making. We cannot “leave no one behind”, if everyone has access to at least basic facilities and needs of life to live. But it is not possible without fruitful planning and policy making for which data is the basic requirement. Therefore, improvement in data collection activities is required to take all countries collectively through effective strategies for strengthening regional statistical system. The results shown in the diagram and result matrix reveal the week areas like statistical literacy and big data. No doubt every country is doing its best but there is need to improve the system to achieve the 2030 targets. Countries may judge their week areas and plan for improvement. The partners must support countries where there is real need of improvement in data collection system.