It is a great honor for me to speak at this august forum on the importance of addressing the required strategy for population and social statistics.

1. Have the capability to produce demand and supply that it is mandatory to produce.

2. It focuses on statistical themes rather than indicators, providing flexibility to produce based on country's priorities.

3. Provides a source for public-good consumption, puts everyone on the same page.

4. Reference for training institutes as well as development partners.

5. Take everyone along especially women.