

**Country statement: Suman Aryal, Director General, Central Bureau of Statistics, NEPAL**

Dear Mr. Chair and distinguished participants,

The ever-increasing demand for the **complete, accurate, precise, timely and inclusive (CAPTI)** data has made collaboration among the stakeholders. To meet the growing data needs for national and international development initiatives, CBS Nepal has started some works. These works comprise of preparation of necessary policy documents to conduction of new big statistical operations. CBS has just prepared NSDS which is highly aligned with SDG framework. We have drafted a new statistical act which will likely to replace half century old statistics act. Government of Nepal has recently prepared approach paper of 14<sup>th</sup> national plan. This plan document has given the high priority to responsive statistical management. Similarly, we are in the process of enforcing a separate policy for the management of indicators for the SDG progress monitoring.

We are restructuring the CBS and statistical offices as deemed by new constitution. New constitution has clearly mentioned the rights and roles of different layers of the government in statistical management

We have started the Nepal's first Economic Census. We are in very ready position to conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Force Survey. Other projects like Nepal Living Standards Survey, Time Use Survey (first in its kind), rebasing the National Accounts, production of service sector PPIs are in pipeline.

Government of Nepal has established a separate department for the management of civil registration. CBS has launched a survey on coverage status of some vital events. This is a joint program of CBS and this newly established department.

I must be grateful to the development partners who have demonstrated their real support in the statistical capacity development of Nepal.

Nepal-NSDS mentions that producers; data suppliers; policy makers and general data users; scientific communities and universities; development partners; research and training institutions are the major actors and practically they are the system

enablers. The main challenge of the statistical system is to make intact of all these enablers to balance the capacity, country ownership and and the institutional memory.

Nepal supports the regional initiatives and is fully confident that the countries will be benefitted from such endeavors.

In addition to regional initiatives, we can promote the sub-regional initiatives through the sub-national statistical forum. Apart from 230 different numbers, we have to have some additional numbers of indicators for the regional, sub regional, national and sub national levels. Thematic analysis may demand some more additional indicators. Beside the data demand perspective, there are some potential issues like involving scientific community, engaging young statisticians, motivating the mid-level professionals and empowering the leaders are becoming very vital in the statistical management. Furthermore, there are some additional issues like advancing the statistical and IT infrastructures; coordination among the development partners and managing for results.

Nepal is sure that the real network could play the substantive role in policy dialogue, efficient communication, making the credible program of action effectively and efficiently.

Thank you very much.

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