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The 55th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) took place in New York from February 27th to March 3rd, 2024. Hosted by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and led by the elected Bureau members of UNSC 2024, this annual gathering brought together statistical experts, policymakers, and data enthusiasts from around the world to discuss the importance of statistics in decision-making.

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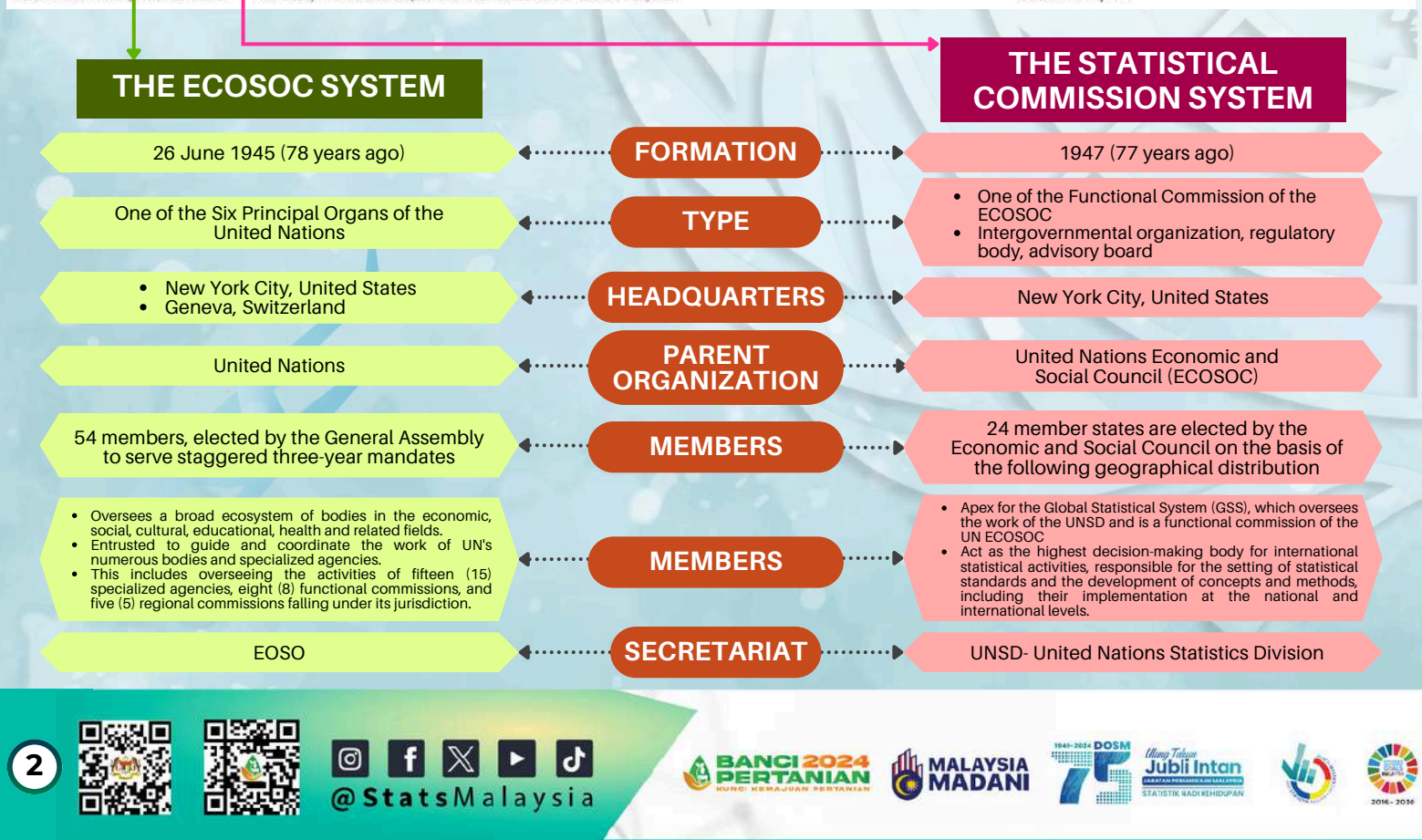
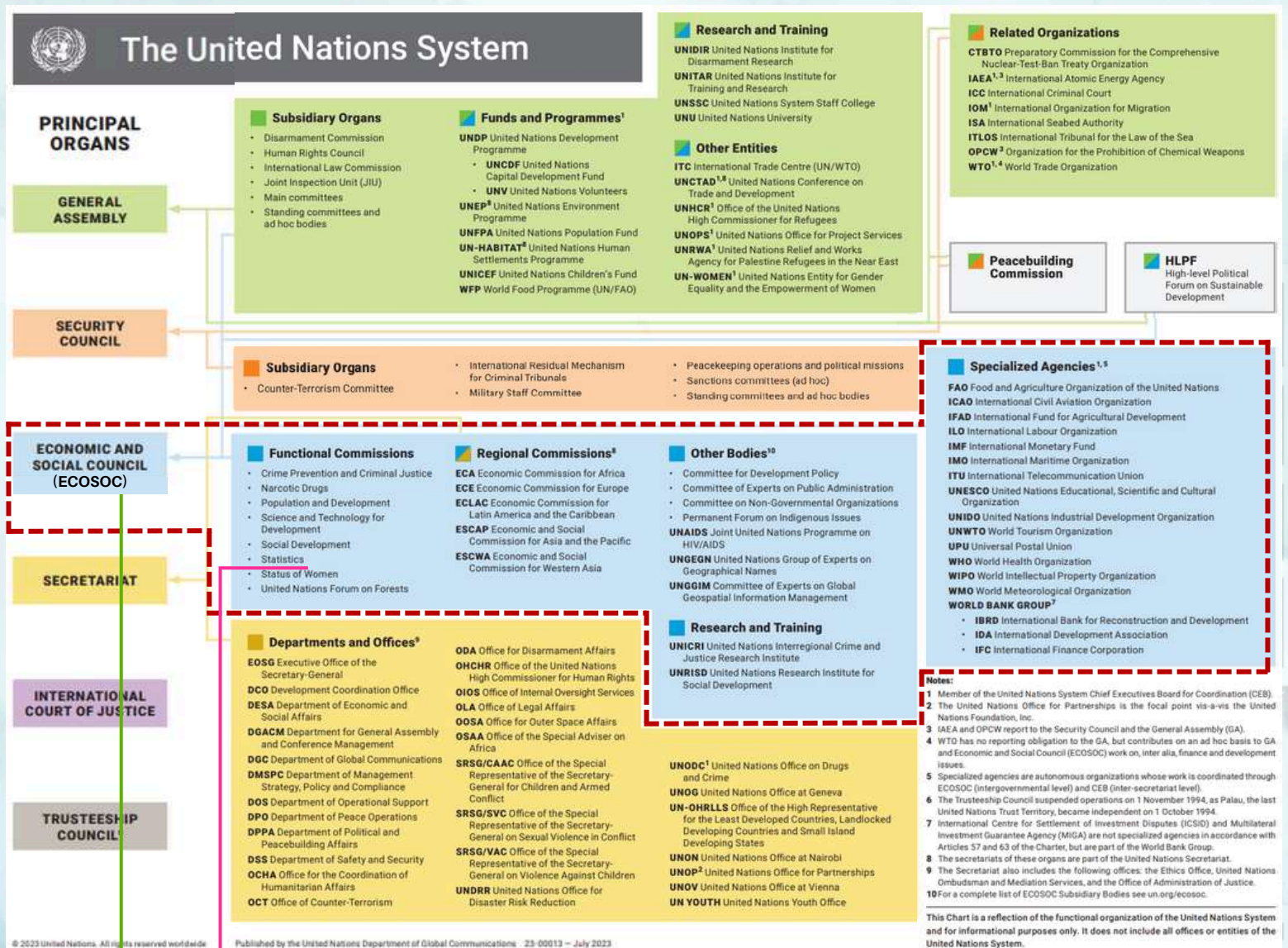


The **UNSC** is a crucial platform for chief statisticians and leaders of national statistical systems (NSSs) globally. This year's event saw a remarkable turnout, with over 550 participants from 108 countries representing 52 agencies and non-governmental organizations. The agenda was diverse, featuring 350 written statements, 65 in-person side events, and 33 virtual side events, all dedicated to exploring the paramount importance and standardization of statistics in our rapidly evolving world. The overarching theme of the event was '**Better Data, Better Lives**', highlighting the indispensable role of high-quality statistics in advancing global well-being.



In the pages that follow, DOSM highlights Malaysia's commitment and contributions through this momentous event.

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STATISTICAL COMMISSION 2024



United Nations

Department of Economic and Social Affairs



MEMBERSHIP

The Statistical Commission is composed of 24 member countries of the United Nations, elected by ECOSOC to ensure a fair geographical representation. Members serve a term of four years.

In its 55th session, the Commission acknowledged the crucial role of the Statistical Commission in coordinating global statistical programs. It emphasized the need for adaptable statistical practices amidst changing data landscapes. To promote inclusivity, the Commission recommends that ECOSOC endorse the draft resolution on the need to enlarge the membership of the Statistical Commission, "An inclusive and representative Statistical Commission to leave no one behind". As per the recommendation, ECOSOC will elect 54 members, ensuring equitable geographical representation, compared to the current 24 members. The enlargement will occur progressively in three steps, beginning from the fifty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission in 2026 to the fifty-ninth session in 2028.

#UN55SC BUREAU MEMBERS



BUREAU MEMBERS #UN55SC'S

The Commission, also known as the Bureau, comprises the Chairman, three Vice-chairmen, and the Rapporteur. During inter-sessional periods, the bureau members are elected by the Commission members, Bureau officials and the Secretariat regarding the forthcoming session's Bureau composition.

Bureau members are elected for a term of one year, with the possibility of being re-elected for an additional year if deemed appropriate. Commission members are requested to nominate candidates, and the election takes place at the beginning of each session, usually by acclamation. The election of officers took place on February 27, 2024, at the start of the 55th session of the Commission.

MANDATE

In Resolution 3 of June 8, 2022, the Council:

- Reaffirmed the Statistical Commission as the primary coordinator of global statistical programmes and the United Nations statistical and data-related system (UN statistical system).
- Called for adaptive statistical practices to the changing statistical and data ecosystem, urging the UN system to report all statistical work to the Commission.
- Stressed the need for technological innovation and partnership building among others for coherent, comparable, and privacy-conscious data generation.
- Assigned the Commission the role of apex for statistical discussions, knowledge exchange and sharing of best practices, setting standards, supporting national statistical systems, advocating for professionals, and fostering innovation.
- Highlighted the importance of adhering to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and supporting developing countries in strengthening their statistical systems.

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DOSM INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNSC SYSTEM

FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION (UNSC)

UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS DIVISION (UNSD)

- ★ Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission
- ★ High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB)
- ★ Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)
- ★ United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (UN CEISC)
- ★ United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
- ★ United Nations Expert Group Meeting on the Handbook on the Use of Administrative Registers for Population and Housing Censuses
- ★ UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics
- ★ Inter secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys (ISWGHS) membership
- ★ Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on Disaster-related statistics
- ★ Inter-Agency Expert Group (IAEG) on UNdata portal
- ★ Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) and IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics (BOPCOM) & ISWGNA/ BOPCOMjoint ISWGNA Task Force on Islamic Finance
- ★ Friends of the Chair Group on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FOC-FPOS)
- ★ Member of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics (FOC-ES)
- ★ Working Group of Islamic Finance in National Accounts
- ★ Working Group on Geospatial Information of the IAEG-SDGs
- ★ Working Group on Open Data
- ★ Working Group on Data Stewardship
- ★ Advisory Group of the Handbook on Management and Organization of National Statistical Systems Fourth Version
- ★ Task Teams on the revision of International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities Rev.4 (TT- ISIC)
- ★ Task Teams on the Central Product Classification Ver. 2.1 (TT- CPC).
- ★ Task team on earth observations
- ★ Task team on mobile telephone data
- ★ Task team on scanner data
- ★ Task team on Big Data for the Sustainable Development Goals
- ★ Task Team on International Trade Statistics of the UN Committee of Experts in Business and Trade Statistics
- ★ Praia Group Task Team on Non-Discrimination and Equality
- ★ City Group: Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG)
- ★ City Group: Praia Group on Governance Statistics
- ★ City Group: London Group for Environmental Accounting
- ★ Senior Focal Points in Household Surveys (Senior officers from the household survey programme to act as intermediaries between ISWGHS and DOSM)
- ★ Focal Points for the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
- ★ Metadata Subgroup of the IAEG-SDGs

OTHER ENTITIES

UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (UNWOMEN)

- ★ Subgroup on Gender Statistics Training (SGGST)

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (UNESCAP)

- ★ Committee on Statistics of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ★ Regional Steering Group (RSG) for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific
- ★ Steering Group Members: Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (RPES)
- ★ Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics in Asia and the Pacific
- ★ Regional Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific
- ★ Ad hoc Advisory Group for the CRVS consultation with children on youth
- ★ Technical Working Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific
- ★ Data Integration Community of Practice (DI-CoP)
- ★ Working Group on Geospatial Information of the IAEG-SDGs
- ★ IAEG-SDGs Task Team on Sustainable Tourism
- ★ Task Force on Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week (APES)
- ★ Metadata Subgroup of the IAEG-SDGs

UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC (UNSIAP)

- ★ The Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP)
- ★ Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific
- ★ Friends of the Chair (FOC) of SIAP Governing Council

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

- ★ Regional Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics

UNWTO World Tourism Organization

- ★ Expert Group on Compilation Guide for Tourism Satellite Account
- ★ Task team Measurement Sustainable Tourism (MST) SDG

ILO International Labour Organization

- ★ Sub-Group of Dependent Contract: Working Group of Informality
- ★ Sub-Group on Multiple Job Holdings and Informal Household Market Enterprise

IMF - International Monetary Fund

ITU - International Telecommunication Union

UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organization

WHO - World Health Organization

WMO - World Meteorological Organization

WORLD BANK GROUP

FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

UNDP - United Nations Development Programme

- ★ Statistical Advisory Panel for 2020 Human Development Report

UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme

UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund

UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme

UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund

- ★ Expert consultation on a new International Statistical Classification on Violence Against Children (ICVAC)

WFP - World Food Programme (UN/FAO)



OVERVIEW OF THE #UN55SC PROGRAMMES

THE SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMMES

- ITEM 1: Election of officers
- ITEM 2: For Adoption Agenda
- ITEM 3: For Discussion & Decision (13 Items/Papers)
- ITEM 4: For Decision (6Items/Papers)
- ITEM 5: For Information (12 Items /Papers)
- Programme questions (Statistics Division) (Oral report by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities)
- ITEM 7 : Provisional agenda and dates of the fifty - sixth session of the Commission
- ITEM 8 : Report of the Commission on its fifty - fifth session

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (ITEM 3):

- Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- Working methods of the Statistical Commission
- Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Data science
- Governance statistics
- National account
- Regional statistical development
- Economic statistics
- Environmental-economic accounting
- Agricultural and rural statistics
- Social statistics
- Gender statistics
- Population and housing censuses

PHYSICAL EVENT: MAIN COMMISSION SESSION

The fifty-fifth session had extensive discussions and approved a variety of topics concerning global statistical standards. The agenda was divided into three categories, including:

- Items for discussion and decision with 15 agenda items
- Items for decision with six agenda items
- Items for information with 12 agenda items.

Through deliberation and consensus, the commission made significant decisions that will help advance the development of the global statistical system.

ITEMS FOR DECISION (ITEM 4):

- Tourism statistics
- Business and trade statistics
- Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Climate change statistics
- International statistical classifications
- Open data

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (ITEM 5):

- Demographic statistics
- Disability statistics
- Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data
- International Comparison Programme
- Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council
- Information and communications technology statistics
- Health statistics
- Service statistics
- Business registers
- Integration of statistical and geospatial
- Data stewardship
- Coordination of statistical programmes

SPECIAL EVENTS

To ensure that everyone stays informed of the latest trends and advancements in the field, UNSD has organised a series of virtual Side Events leading up to the Commission and some in-person events during the Commission week. Amongst are a series of virtual high-level webinars, a special seminar on emerging issues and a high-level forum on official statistics.

HIGH LEVEL

BEYOND GDP
17 January 2024

Future of Population Data System
17 January 2024

Representation in The Commission
17 January 2024

DATA GOVERNANCE
23 February 2024

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
26 February 2024

PHYSICAL EVENT: MEETINGS & DISCUSSION

Statistical organisations, under the auspices of the UNSD, have convened meetings of their working groups, expert groups, and task force groups in parallel with the UN55SC. This collaborative effort is driven by the substantial engagement of the global community, with the overarching goal of easing the burden on participating countries in international endeavours.



MALAYSIA COMMITMENT IN THE #UN55SC



With DOSM's pivotal role in coordinating Malaysia's statistical system, our participation in this esteemed gathering was vital to advocate for our nation's interests and uphold our commitment to evidence-based decision-making. In line with the invitation, Malaysia also participated in the meeting and high-level seminar that were held physically from 23 February 2024 until the commission convened to exchange the country's experience and best practices with other NSOs and Statistical Agencies.

MALAYSIA'S FULL ENGAGEMENT INCLUDED

- Submitted 33 Written Statements of Malaysia (WS)**

Emphasises its importance by supporting the UN's efforts for improved statistical guidelines across economic, social, and environmental sectors. This approach addresses Malaysia's statistical requirements and challenges, ensuring alignment with global standards for producing reliable and comparable data. DOSM aims to empower member nations to produce credible and timely official statistics.
- Delivered 11 oral statements at the Commission**

Communicated Malaysia's stance on commission topics through oral statements, prioritizing key statistical insights to guide informed decision-making and advance the nation's agenda for sustainable development.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Malaysia and Uzbekistan**

Elevated bilateral partnership, strengthened statistical practices, and facilitated cooperation in mutual interest.
- Guest speaker at a side event titled "Measuring Digital Trade"**

Demonstrated leadership in e-commerce measurement as a guest speaker, sharing DOSM's best practices globally. This collaboration boosts global capacity building and fosters innovation within the international statistical community.
- Working group/ expert group meetings as a member of the committee**

Sharing the country's experiences and best practices with national representatives and international statistical agencies to develop global statistical standards.
- Networking with international community**

DOSM capitalised on the opportunity to interact with global leaders and experts across diverse statistical domains.
- Special Events - High-level seminars**

Exploring strategies to enhance the implementation of international standards and methodologies by exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and collectively charting the development of the global statistical framework.
- Virtual Side Events (VSE)**

26 Virtual Side Events (VSE) & 65 Physical Side Events were organised by various international organisation/bodies from 17 January 2024 to 1 March 2024.



DOSM HIGHLIGHTS AT #UN55SC

DELIVERED 11 ORAL STATEMENT (OS)

ITEM 3(A): FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Malaysia is advocating for the establishment of an Independent Advisory Board to promote inclusivity. The Board's membership should include representatives from various regions and sub-regions to ensure compliance with the regulatory framework of different countries. This will allow for a review of the principles and their definitions in light of current circumstances and address non-compliance and non-implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. It's also crucial to have a diverse range of experts onboard to ensure a thorough and comprehensive review. This forward-thinking approach will benefit all stakeholders, and we encourage its adoption.

ITEM 3(B): WORKING METHODS OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Malaysia endorsed the Draft Resolution on an inclusive UN Statistical Commission, emphasising diverse perspectives and equitable representation. It committed to supporting efforts for greater inclusivity and appreciated the Bureau of Statistics Commission's work. Malaysia also welcomed the increase in Statistical Commission membership to 54 and recommended simultaneous expansion for equitable development. Moreover, it supported expanding the Bureau's analysis of the UN's statistical system, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in advancing global economic statistics and pledging openness to engaging in relevant initiatives.

ITEM 3(C): HIGH-LEVEL GROUP FOR PARTNERSHIP, COORDINATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING (HLG-PCCB)

Malaysia has acknowledged and expressed support for the Report of the HLG-PCCB for Statistics related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The country also endorses the Hangzhou Declaration and looks forward to collaborative initiatives, including a new program on citizen-generated data to involve individuals and communities in data production. This citizen-generated data will be used to measure the achievements of the SDG at the local level. Malaysia has approved plans for the second phase of the realignment of the Cape Town Global Action Plan and the work on potential outcomes of the fifth UN World Data Forum. Additionally, Malaysia has welcomed and approved the proposed work plan of the HLG-PCCB for 2024, committing to participate in the United Nations World Data Forum annually.

ITEM 3(D): BIG DATA AND DATA SCIENCE

Malaysia commends the insightful findings of the 10-year review of the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (UNCEBD). Malaysia advocates updating UNCEBD's mandate to address current needs, prioritizing capacity building, collaboration, and data quality. Malaysia applauds UNCEBD's establishment of the UN Global Platform and proposes enhancing collaboration through improved communication strategies, such as website upgrades and social media engagement. Malaysia has been actively advancing the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Big Data Pilot Project, notably contributing to projects with Brunei and Myanmar in 2023. Malaysia remains committed to providing technical consultation services and supporting big data initiatives.

ITEM 3 (E): GOVERNANCE STATISTICS

Malaysia supports the Praia Group's collaboration with regional partners to develop governance statistics methodologies, emphasizing the importance of diverse perspectives. Regional engagement ensures adaptability to varied cultural and institutional contexts in Southeast Asia, enhancing relevance. Malaysia suggests incorporating practical experiences from member countries to emphasize localized knowledge and address unique challenges. Sharing practical experiences can strengthen the Praia Group's methodologies, making them more robust and reflective of diverse national situations.

ITEM 3(F): NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Malaysia praises the 2022 progress on the 2008 SNA update, recognising the transformative impacts of digitalisation and globalisation on economies. Emphasising the importance of incorporating well-being and environmental sustainability into economic decisions, Malaysia appreciates the focus of the SNA recommendations on these issues. We commit to strengthening our statistical capabilities per the recommendations and promoting collaboration among international statistical bodies, National Statistical Offices, and countries.



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ITEM 5(F): ICP

Malaysia actively endorses the implementation of the International Comparison Program (ICP) and anticipates the release of the ICP 2021 results in early 2024. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) supports the ICP2021 programs and is dedicated to meeting the timeframe set by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Malaysia commits to participating in the ICP 2024 cycle, using it as the benchmark year and adhering to the current ICP cycle's implementation approach. Plans for the 2024 ICP cycle involve initiating implementation in Q1 2024, with surveys scheduled for 2024 and 2025, focusing on the reference year 2024. Malaysia recognizes the value of the e-learning course on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) Fundamentals and other research materials available on the ICP website. Additionally, Malaysia acknowledges the utility of ICP data for various indicators.

ITEM 3 (H): ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING

Malaysia appreciates the work of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, particularly on the SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Ecosystem Accounting. They support updates to align with the 2025 System of National Accounts, emphasizing its significance for policies on climate change, the circular economy, biodiversity, and sustainable finance. Malaysia also applauds efforts in updating industry classifications and supports the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting work program for 2023-2025, highlighting the importance of capacity-building and infrastructure investment for compiling SEEA statistics.

ITEM 3(K): GENDER STATISTICS

Malaysia welcomes the Secretary-General's report on Gender Statistics, endorsing innovative methods for collecting time-use data to ensure international comparability. Supporting a gender perspective in trade, business, and climate change statistics, Malaysia aims to monitor and address gender gaps in these sectors. The country agrees with the Statistics Division's call to analyse gender issues on the Commission's agenda, aligning efforts with the SDGs for progress in gender equality. Malaysia supports hosting the 10th Global Forum on Gender Statistics to demonstrate commitment and learn from global experiences. Additionally, Malaysia supports validating the conceptual definition of technology-facilitated violence against women (TF VAW) and developing tools to protect women's rights in the digital era.

ITEM 3 (G): ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Malaysia strongly supports the Network's initiatives, including the 2023 sprint meetings that focused on innovative economic statistics with an emphasis on well-being. Malaysia agrees to continue developing metrics for measuring people's well-being. The country supports ongoing regional and global consultations, reflecting a commitment to collaborative statistical priorities. While appreciating the Network's progress, Malaysia recommends a comprehensive evaluation to ensure alignment with regional priorities and global inclusivity, emphasizing relevance for countries in the global South.

ITEM 3(M): REGIONAL STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT

Malaysia acknowledges and values the efforts made by the Statistics Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as well as its Bureau and member countries, to significantly improve statistical systems. The ESCAP groups have contributed immensely to this achievement by sharing their expertise, experience, and best practices in various domains. Collaboration among member countries in different statistical domains will not only help develop best practices in the Asia-Pacific region but also beyond.

Therefore, Malaysia is fully committed to supporting and promoting regional initiatives for sustainable development and a better future for all. To achieve this, Malaysia suggests that regional training institutes collaborate with their respective regional commissions to provide practical training on new tools and innovative practices to all member countries. Additionally, the Statcafe platform, webinars, and communities of practice will remain accessible to promote the sharing of best practices and encourage collaboration among member countries within and beyond the region.

Malaysia appreciates SIAP for its extensive efforts in providing member states with valuable statistical capacity-building activities. Malaysia has had the privilege of working with SIAP on several occasions and is keen to continue supporting and contributing to these activities in the future. Malaysia is open to in-kind collaboration with other organisations and development partners to enhance the national, regional, and global statistical system through capacity building.



EXPLORE MALAYSIA'S 33
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RECORDING OF THE MAIN SESSION

1ST MEETING

- Item 1 (Opening Session & Election of Officers)
- Item 2 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational)
- Item 3 (a) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- Item 3 (b) : Working methods of the Statistical Commission

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2ND MEETING

- Item 3 (c) : Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Item 3 (d) : Data science;
- Item 3 (e) : Governance statistics;
- Item 3 (f) : National account.

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3RD MEETING

- Item 3 (f) : National accounts;
- Item 3 (g) : Economic statistics;
- Item 3 (h) : Environmental-economic accounting;
- Item 3 (i) : Agricultural and rural statistics;
- Item 3 (j) : Social statistics.

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4TH MEETING

- Item 3 (j) : Social statistics
- Item 3 (k) : Gender statistics
- Item 3 (l) : Population and housing censuses
- Item 3 (m) : Regional statistical development
- Item 4 (a) : Tourism statistics

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5TH MEETING

- Item 4 (b) : Business and trade statistics ;
- Item 4 (c) : Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Item 4 (d) : Climate change statistics
- Item 4 (e) : International statistical classifications
- Item 4 (f) : Open data

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6TH MEETING

- Item 5 (a) : Demographic statistics
- Item 5 (b) : Disability statistics
- Item 5 (c) : Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data
- Item 5 (d) : Health statistics
- Item 5 (e) : Service statistics
- Item 5 (f) : International Comparison Programme
- Item 5 (g) : Information and communications technology statistics
- Item 5 (h) : Business registers
- Item 5 (i) : Integration of statistical and geospatial information
- Item 5 (j) : Data stewardship
- Item 5 (k) : Coordination of statistical programmes
- Item 5 (l) : Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

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7TH MEETING

- Item 6 : Programme questions (Statistics Division)
- Item 7 : Provisional agenda and dates of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission
- Item 8 : Report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session

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#UN55SC CAPTURED MOMENTS

MAIN SESSIONS



VIRTUAL SIDE EVENTS AT #UN55SC

A total of **26 Virtual Side Events (VSE)** were organised by various international organisation/bodies. There are closed meetings and open events taking place between 17 January 2024 and 1 March 2024.

DOSM engaged in 24 impactful sessions alongside 96 officers as part of the Virtual Side Events, fostering valuable insights and collaborations to enhance our statistical community.

17/1/2024	High-level virtual webinar: Beyond GDP	UNSD	13/2/2024	Urgent Action for Gender Equality in the SDGs: Accelerating Progress for Women and Girls by 2030	UNWomen
17/1/2024	Advancing Official Statistics - Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS	UNSD	14/2/2024	High-level virtual webinar: The Future of Population Data Systems	UNSD
31/1/2024	High-level virtual webinar: Representation in the Statistical Commission	UNSD	15/2/2024	Your Voice Matters: Contributing to the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data and its implementation	Statistics Norway and UNECE Statistics Division
1/2/2024	Side Events: Lessons learned in applying the Degree of Urbanization	UNSD and Eurostat	15/2/2024	Launch of the International Data Masterclass	ESCAP and UK Statistics Authority
5/2/2024	Enhancing Statistical Capacity through the Global Training on Small Area Estimation: Lessons from Asia Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	15/2/2024	Quality assurance of administrative and other data sources in the context of data stewardship	UNSD
6/2/2024	The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework: The Framework for Geo-Statistical Integration	UN-EG-ISGI	15/2/2024	Your Voice Matters: Contributing to the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data and its implementation	UNSD and the Collaborative on Citizen Data
6/2/2024	Using the taxonomy for indicators related to the SDGs	Statistics Norway and UNECE Statistics Division	15/2/2024	Towards Official Statistics on Participation in Political and Public Affairs, and on Non-Discrimination and Equality: Engaging Prospective Users	Praia Group in Governance Statistics
6/2/2024	The sum is greater than its parts -promoting statistical literacy worldwide	Statistics Norway and UNECE Statistics Division	15/2/2024	New Developments in International Statistical Classifications	UNSD
8/2/2024	Open IAEG-SDGs Virtual Meeting	UNSD	16/2/2024	Rescuing the SDGs with Geospatial Information + Revised Short List	UNDP
8/2/2024	Towards a Data Science Playbook	UNSD and ONS (UK)	19/2/2024	Launch of the International Data Masterclass	UNSD, IAEG-SDGs WGGI and EG-ISGI
13/2/2024	Inclusive National Statistics: Forced Displacement, Statelessness and Census	EGRIS	20/2/2024	Enhancing Collaborations and Partnerships for the strengthening of statistical and geospatial intergration	UNSD
13/2/2024	The new developments in Business and Trade Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics Multinational Enterprise Information Platform 	UN-EG-ISGI	20/2/2024	Committee of Experts on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics (UN-CEAG) - Achievements 2020-23 and Programme of work 2024-27	FAO (on behalf of the UN Committee of Experts on food security, agriculture and rural statistics)
13/2/2024	Revision of the UN handbooks on Household Surveys	UNSD and the Collaborative on Citizen Data	20/2/2024	Measuring wealth in low-and middle-income countries: a vulnerability perspective	World Bank

WHAT SAY YOU ON THE VSEs OF #UN55SC

High-level Virtual Webinar : Beyond GDP

An update on the Beyond GDP process was given in the Beyond GDP webinar, with special attention to the contributions made by frameworks and statistical accounts and emphasized the part played by the UN Statistical Commission in the procedure. The webinar aimed to enhance comprehension of the process's political and policy framework, recognize possible input and provide guidance for policy deliberations. A future value dashboard emphasizing wellbeing, respect for life and the environment, decreased inequality, participatory governance, creative economies and resilience was recommended in the Secretary-General policy brief.

Advancing Official Statistics - Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS

To ensure the national statistical system's accountability and resilience, policies aligned with FPOS are vital. Recognizing FPOS's key role in maintaining trusted official statistics amid modernization, the Friends of the Chair Groups' significant contributions were acknowledged, along with a proposal for an advisory board to enhance FPOS implementation. Collaborative efforts among businesses are crucial for statistical performance improvement, fostering expertise sharing and best practice exchange. Leveraging Global Networks can strengthen cooperation, leading to sustainable information systems and successful economic statistics implementation.

BPAN

High-level virtual webinar: Representation in the Statistical Commission

It seems like the content discussed in the webinar revolves around the goals and measures aimed at ensuring the commission remains inclusive, representative, and effective in its operations related to data and statistics. Overall, the webinar seems to provide a platform for discussing and reinforcing the principles and strategies that underpin the commission's work in the field of data and statistics, with a focus on inclusivity, cooperation, and effectiveness.

Advancing Official Statistics - Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS

The programme "Advancing Official Statistics: Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS" focused on highlighting the significance of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FPOS) in maintaining the integrity and reliability of official statistical data. By featuring a webinar on this topic, the event aimed to delve into how these principles play a crucial role in guiding official statistics amidst challenges and opportunities. The webinar likely explored the practical application of FPOS in ensuring that statistical information is produced and disseminated in a transparent, accurate, and ethical manner. We would have had the opportunity to engage with experts, share insights, and discuss how adherence to these fundamental principles contributes to the credibility and relevance of official statistics in today's data-driven world.

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Quality assurance of administrative and other data sources in the context of data stewardship

Key takeaways from the UN55SC, virtual side events (VSEs) : "Quality assurance of administrative and other data sources in the context of data stewardship" include:

- The importance of quality assurance in administrative and other data sources to ensure the reliability and accuracy of official statistics.
- The integration of data from various UN agencies to enhance the quality and coverage of statistical data, especially for reporting on initiatives like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The role of data stewardship in maintaining data quality and ensuring the effective use of multiple data sources for producing official statistics.

Overall, the VSEs at UN55SC provided valuable insights and recommendations on how to improve data quality, foster collaboration among stakeholders, and enhance data stewardship practices in the realm of official statistics.

BIPD

High-Level Virtual Webinar: Representation And Inclusiveness In The Statistical Commission

During this session, Bureau members of the 54th session of the Statistical Commission presented their investigation into representation and inclusiveness in the Statistical Commission which stems from recent discussions within the Commission at its 53rd and 54th sessions. There are 2 draft resolutions that were discussed, which is to get consideration and recommendation to the Economic & Social Council. The session also presented the six goals to be achieved, to keep the Commission remains inclusive and representative in the ever-changing times.

Beyond GDP

This event highlights on Beyond Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its initiatives. It gives a better understanding of the latest developments on Beyond GDP processes and the 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA). The 2025 SNA will support the measurement of well-being and sustainability that complement GDP and enhance its credibility in terms of policymaking.

The new developments in Business and Trade Statistics

The event, organised by the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics featured expert-led discussions on the UN's initiatives to foster collaboration among international entities to advance business and trade statistics. It highlights two pivotal programs: the Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics (HIBTS) and the Multinational Enterprise Information Platform (MEIP). HIBTS endeavors to establish a methodology for harmonising business and trade data globally, facilitating nuanced insights into traders' characteristics. On the other hand, MEIP, jointly developed by the OECD and UNSD, offers comprehensive information on multinational enterprises' structures and operations.

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High Level Webinar: Beyond Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

This webinar focuses on Beyond Gross Domestic Product and initiatives within the United Nations. It aims to:

- Update the Statistical Commission on the latest developments regarding the Beyond GDP process;
- Reflect on the scope and modalities of contributions to the process by relevant statistical accounts and frameworks, including the 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA); and
- Sensitize the Statistical Commission to the process.

UN highlights great concern about the compounding increasing disconnect between economic growth and well-being and the human development index which is placing heavy stress on the environment due to climate change scientists warned that we may be missing a rapidly closing window to secure a liveable future and the need to move Beyond GDP.

There is a wide range of data and aggregate measures within the SNA's sequence of accounts that can be used to inform discussion of important aspects of (material) well-being and sustainability. For example: household (adjusted) disposable income, final consumption and wealth; government impact on distribution of income, etc. The accounting rules and structures underpinning the SNA can be extended and adapted to organize data on the social and environmental dimensions of well-being and sustainability. For example: the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), is a complementary system to the SNA.

Key changes proposed for the 2025 SNA, focussing on accounting for well-being and sustainability:

a. Within the sequence of economic accounts:

- Recognition of natural capital as a separate class of assets
- Recognition of depletion as a cost of production, affecting net measures (NDP, NNI, etc.)
- Explicit recognition of renewable energy resources (wind, solar, etc.)
- More attention to accounting for non-renewable energy resources:
 1. Split-asset approach, in line with SEEA
 2. More guidance on measurement
- More explicit guidance on accounting for biological resources yielding once-only products (timber, fish, etc.)
- Explicit guidance on accounting for the production of electricity and heating by households, for sale, and for their own final use.

b. Beyond the sequence of economic accounts:

- More explicit referencing to SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, which are complementary frameworks to account for issues related to environmental sustainability.

Advancing Official Statistics - Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS

By advancing official statistics, there's a continuous emphasis on maintaining and improving the quality, relevance, and reliability of statistical data. This ensures that policymakers, researchers, and the public have access to accurate and trustworthy information for decision-making and analysis.

Celebrating milestones provides an opportunity to recognise innovations and achievements in statistical methodologies, data collection techniques, and dissemination practices. This recognition encourages further innovation and motivates statisticians to adapt to evolving societal needs and technological advancements.

Shaping the future of FPOS involves aligning statistical practices with emerging policy priorities and challenges. By integrating new data sources, methodologies, and technologies, official statistics can better address contemporary issues such as climate change, inequality, and global health crises.

Discussions within the UN55SC framework also highlight the importance of upholding ethical standards and data governance principles. As data collection becomes more complex and diverse, ensuring privacy, confidentiality, and transparency becomes paramount to maintaining public trust in official statistics.

BPPAS

Lessons learned in applying the Degree of Urbanization

Different countries use different criteria to define urban and rural areas, which reflect on the decision-making process. This programme, "Lessons Learned in Applying the Degree of Urbanisation," focused on best practices for harmonising the definition of urban and rural areas by using administrative data for 1 km² population grid cells that have the same shape and surface area to create a more accurate classification. The Degree of Urbanisation (DEGURBA) methodology is a combination of spatial and population density. It seems like the content discussed in the webinar is not to replace the existing definition of urban and rural, but rather complementary to urbanisation, especially to SDG indicators. This programme will give us the knowledge and opportunity to improve our decision-making based on real-time and reliable data.

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Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS

It covered key topics such as the genesis of the FPOS, their relevance in today's fast-evolving data landscape, and the successes and challenges in implementation.

Representation in the Statistical Commission

1. DOSM supports the function and role of the Statistical Commission (SC) as the highest decision-making body for international statistical activities, in addition to being responsible for setting statistical standards and developing frameworks and methodologies, including implementation at the national and international levels.
2. Supports the implementation of the six proposed goals to ensure that the Commission remains inclusive and representative both presently and in the future:

- SC must remain a technical body;
- Ensuring the participation of relevant stakeholders is guaranteed;
- Representation within the SC reflects the present time;
- Membership in the commission leads to greater investment than membership;
- Regulations and approved standards are accepted by all stakeholders; and
- UNSC plays an active role in discussions regarding data and statistics.

Launch of the International Data Masterclass

In a ground-breaking effort aimed at enhancing data and analytical literacy among senior leaders, the UK is excited to introduce the International Data Masterclass in Ghana. The UK is dedicated to cultivating a culture within government where decisions are informed by robust data, ensuring inclusivity for all. This initiative in Ghana will bolster data and analytical literacy among non-analytical leaders and future government officials, encouraging them to prioritize data and evidence in decision-making processes. The comprehensive curriculum will encompass a range of topics, including data analysis, data science, and data visualization, providing participants with the necessary skills to navigate the complexities of today's data landscape.

Leveraging Data to Advance Human Development

The event underscored the shift from GDP to HDI for assessing freedoms and emphasized the evolution and expansion of human development indices. It stressed the role of data in advancing human development by focusing on what's essential for people's well-being and freedom.

BPE



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Measuring Wealth in Household Surveys in Low-And Middle-Income Countries: A Vulnerability Perspective

Wealth is a crucial component of household economic well-being, supporting current consumption and income, providing access to credit and investment opportunities, and acting as a safety net against unexpected events.

The lack of reliable and comprehensive data on household wealth in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) is a significant limitation for effective policy-making and economic analysis in those countries.

The World Bank initiated a project to develop guidelines for improving the collection of wealth data in household surveys conducted in LMICs, with a focus on specific items of wealth that are more relevant in LMICs, such as livestock, land, and durable goods.

The project aims to develop reliable methods for collecting and analyzing wealth data at the individual level, addressing intra-household inequality and the gender gap in wealth.

Surveys on wealth are becoming increasingly important to study households' financial stability and response to economic policies and shocks.

The project is expected to conclude its work by the end of 2025.

BPE

Enhancing Statistical Capacity through the Global Training on Small Area Estimation: Lessons from Asia Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean

Small Area Estimation (SAE) is a modelling technique that incorporates additional information ("borrowed strength"), such as administrative records, censuses, surveys, spatial information, and commercial data, allowing the production of statistics at a disaggregated or granular level. SAE is crucial in addressing inequities and developing effective data-driven policies and interventions.

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Representation and Inclusiveness in the Statistical Commission

The proposal underscores the importance of maintaining technical focus, involving relevant stakeholders, ensuring representation that aligns with the present time, encouraging increased investment from members, fostering universal acceptance of regulations and standards, and actively participating in discussions concerning data and statistics. These objectives are crucial for ensuring the Commission's inclusivity and representativeness in the present and future contexts.

Towards Official Statistics on Participation in Political and Public Affairs, and on Non-Discrimination and Equality: Engaging Prospective Users

Highlighted in the session is the ongoing preparation of two task teams within the Praia Groups, geared towards field-testing innovative methodological tools for generating globally comparable official statistics. As the production of governance statistics expands globally, the crucial concern arises: how can this data effectively inform policymaking amidst mounting crises and limited budgets? Governments and development partners face the challenge of optimizing resource utilization, emphasizing the critical need for maximizing the impact of available data in decision-making processes.

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High-level virtual webinar: Beyond GDP

The Statistical Commission has updates latest developments of the Beyond GDP process to reflect on the scope and modalities of contributions by relevant statistical accounts and frameworks, including the 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA). More detailed consultations on Beyond GDP are expected in 2025. UNSC proposed formation of multi-disciplinary expert group comprised of experts from the social and demographic statistics, national accounts, environmental economic accounting, environment statistics and geospatial communities, academia and the private sector in 2024/25.

Advancing Official Statistics - Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS

The webinar concludes a global effort to enhance understanding of Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FPOS) amid evolving data landscapes. It features discussions on FPOS development and relevance, proposing an Independent Advisory Board and refining implementation guidelines. Recognizing FPOS's importance, it emphasizes inclusivity and recognizes the Friends of the Chair Groups' role. Preparing for the 55th session of the Statistical Commission, initiatives aim to deepen FPOS understanding and address implementation challenges, with submissions including Implementation Guidelines outlines and Independent Advisory Board Terms of Reference.

High-Level Virtual Webinar - Representation in the Statistical Commission

This webinar is driven to get more ideas from the participants from various countries to enhance the resolution's draft in ensuring that the work in the field of statistics and data is adaptive to the changing statistical and data ecosystem, as the UNSC is the primary body for the coordination of global statistical programmes.

Revision of the UN handbooks on Household Surveys

The revision of the UN handbooks on Household Surveys aims to be technically solid and recognized globally. There are needs to define the boundary of surveys that the handbook should strike a balance between principles and practical guidance, where principles need to be emphasized with practical solutions and references to existing materials. It was suggested and recommended that the revision for the UN handbooks on Household Surveys should covering survey project management items.

Rescuing the SDGs with Geospatial Information + Revised Short List

The Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI) is promoting two key programmes: developing a paper on "Rescuing the SDGs with Geospatial Information" for the 2025 Comprehensive Review and presenting the 2nd edition of the Shortlist results of the Global Indicator Framework analysis. The session discussed the draft resolution developed in consultation with various Permanent Missions to the United Nations for consideration for recommendation to the Economic and Social Council. The roadmap outlines a three-phase process to bridge the gap between statistical and geospatial actors within the global indicator framework, including preparation, design, development, testing, and measurement.

Measuring wealth in low-and middle-income countries: a vulnerability perspective

Wealth is defined as the whole amount of material and immaterial goods with a market value that can be changed against money or other goods. Wealth data are important for the analysis of vulnerable households to design more targeted and evidence-based policies. Wealth data quality can be improved by the collection of external information. There are challenges on issues of wealth ownership within the family on shared assets by all members of the households.

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High-level virtual webinar: Beyond GDP

The importance of broader metrics beyond GDP in redefining economic indicators to address current challenges and foster a more inclusive and holistic approach to development measurement.

Lessons learned in applying the Degree of Urbanization

Adopting a unified approach is vital in defining cities, urban areas, and rural areas to tackle global urbanisation challenges effectively. Countries employ diverse criteria, such as population size, density, economic activities, and historical/ administrative factors. This harmonisation is essential for monitoring Sustainable Development Goal 11 and the New Urban Agenda.

The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework: The Framework for Geo-Statistical Integration

Integrating statistical and geospatial information enriches insights, offering a stronger foundation for informed decision-making in diverse domains. This method proves especially valuable for tackling complex challenges with spatial and statistical dimensions.

Inclusive National Statistics: Forced Displacement, Statelessness and Census

Inclusion in statistics is advancing globally, with notable progress in various countries that have completed or are planning inclusive census initiatives. This session highlights specific examples and also discusses how regional statistical cooperation and policy development are yielding positive impacts.

Urgent Action for Gender Equality in the SDGs: Accelerating Progress for Women and Girls by 2030

Investing in women is essential for advancing gender equality in key SDG goals. Robust data, accountability, and targeted interventions are crucial for linking women's health to progress. Enacting gender-equality laws, increasing investment in care policies, and prioritising resources are vital steps to effectively address gender disparities.

High-level virtual webinar: The Future of Population Data Systems

Prioritising data integrity, inclusivity, collaboration, and technological advancements in national statistics is crucial. Strengthening these areas enhances data ecosystems, enabling countries to make more informed decisions for sustainable development.

Towards Official Statistics on Participation in Political and Public Affairs, and on Non-Discrimination and Equality: Engaging Prospective Users

The session offers insights into the growing significance of governance statistics at the national level and explores strategies for fostering stronger connections between the production of such statistics and the policy agenda within a country.

Rescuing the SDGs with Geospatial Information + Revised Short List

The session aimed to ensure that the 'leave no one behind' principle of the 2030 Agenda is reflected in the global indicator framework from statistical and geospatial perspectives. The Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI) will provide expertise and guidance to the IAEG-SDGs on integrating geospatial and emerging data sources effectively into the indicator generation and dissemination process.

Enhancing Collaborations and Partnerships for the strengthening of statistical and geospatial integration

Partnerships play a crucial role in identifying practical mechanisms that strengthen the data environment for producing, monitoring, measuring, and disseminating SDG indicators.

Halfway to the 2030 Agenda. How to further boost the efficiency of the statistical community?

Enhancing statistical capacity for SDGs involves applying UNECE guidelines and tools to improve the availability and communication of high-quality, relevant, and disaggregated data on SDG progress.

Exploring the Risks and Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing Gender Equality - Where are the voices of female leaders and experts in AI world?

AI mirrors gender bias from human creators and industry gaps. Diverse teams, improved data, and societal awareness are key to tackling bias.

Time-use data to go beyond GDP and reshape the way prosperity is measured

Time-use data plays a vital role in shaping prosperity measurement and informing public policies, particularly for achieving the SDGs.

Using administrative data for statistics: How to align metadata, standards and definitions?

Accessing administrative data sources marks the initial step in leveraging government and service provider data for societal benefit.

Maximizing the value of data: from principles to implementation

Transitioning from theoretical frameworks to real-world applications unlocks the true value of data resources, mainly towards achieving the 2030 agenda.

Side event on Population and Housing Censuses

The 2030 round will see a shift towards digital-first, multi-mode methods and the utilisation of administrative data sources.

Data For Now - Innovation to fill critical data gaps to inform decision-making

Empowering Progress: Data For Now Drives SDG Achievement. Through a focus on collaboration, data quality, innovation, and timely information, the initiative is poised to accelerate progress towards the SDGs.

Making older persons visible in the Sustainable Development Goal's monitoring framework and indicators

Incorporating specific indicators for older people into the Sustainable Development Goals is crucial to recognising and addressing their needs effectively. This inclusion allows for better tracking of progress, identifying gaps, and tailoring policies to support healthy ageing, combat ageism, and create age-friendly environments for older individuals to thrive.

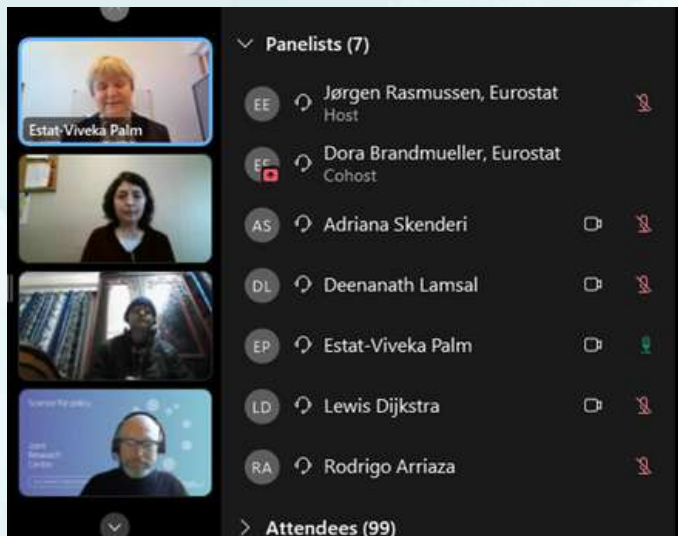
Child poverty in a changing climate: unlocking the potential of geospatial information

Innovative approaches to measuring child poverty encompass conceptual frameworks, technological advancements, data sources, and modelling techniques, aiming to refine methodologies, introduce accurate indicators, and propose comprehensive measurement frameworks for improved assessment.

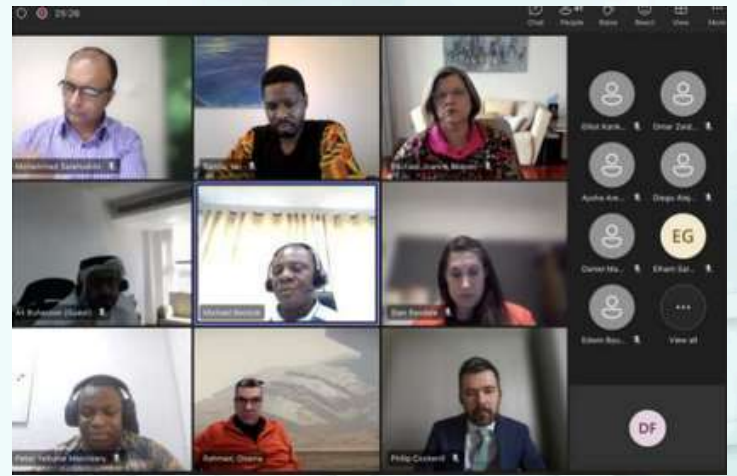
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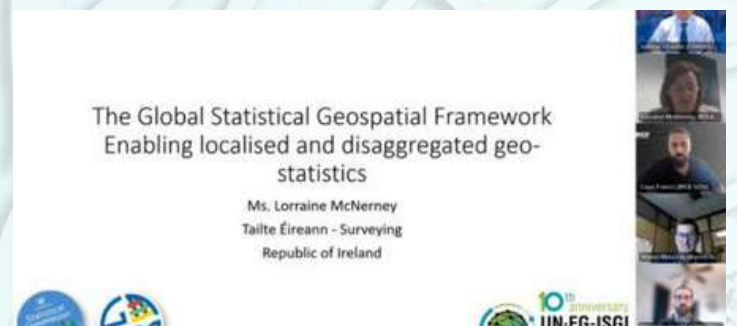
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REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSIVENESS IN THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION



MOU SIGNING CEREMONY MALAYSIA-UZBEKISTAN

A momentous step forward in international collaboration, **Malaysia and Uzbekistan formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**, marking a pivotal moment in their collaborative journey. This agreement signifies a significant elevation in the bilateral partnership, aiming to fortify statistical practices and capacity building. With a focus on exchanging knowledge and technical expertise, both nations are poised to enhance their National Statistics Systems over the next five years. This milestone underscores a shared commitment to evidence-based decision-making and sustainable development, fostering a stronger global statistical community.



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The agreement was signed by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician of the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), representing the Government of Malaysia, and Mr. Bakhodir Begalov, Director of the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Statistics Agency), representing the Government of Uzbekistan.

The ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhamad, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (UN), along with His Excellency Mr. Ulugbek Lapasov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations.



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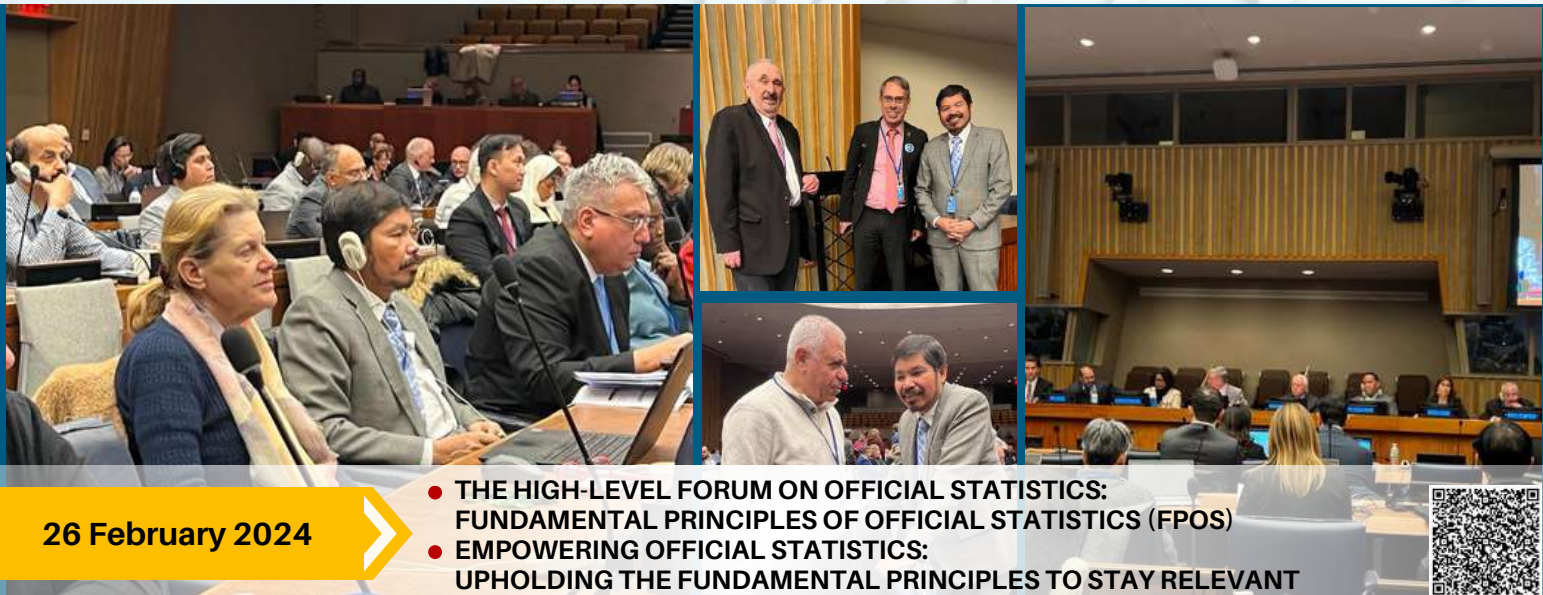
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HIGH-LEVEL SEMINARS



23 February 2024

**FRIDAY SEMINAR ON EMERGING ISSUES:
DATA GOVERNANCE ACROSS SYSTEMS:
EXPLORING STRATEGIES FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS**



26 February 2024

- **THE HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON OFFICIAL STATISTICS:
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS (FPOS)**
- **EMPOWERING OFFICIAL STATISTICS:
UPHOLDING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES TO STAY RELEVANT**



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**PATHWAYS FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN IN
NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICE LEADERSHIP**



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EXPERT / WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

24 February 2024

As a member of the Committee on Statistics ESCAP

Malaysia has expressed its interest in joining the project to identify areas where DOSM needs assistance in implementing big data solutions for statistical production. This initiative, supported by ESCAP, targets data gaps in national policy priorities and enhances statistical capabilities. ESCAP will provide capacity development support, focusing on integrating statistical and geospatial data, using earth observation for small-area estimation, web scraping for price statistics, and mobile positioning data.



ESCAP'S NEW PROJECT ON BIG DATA FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS:
STRENGTHENING THE USE OF BIG DATA FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN ASIA-PACIFIC

25 February 2024

As a member of the Members of the ICP Governing Board

DOSM has completed data collection for the 2021 cycle, covering household, construction, machinery and equipment, and housing rental data. This information has been forwarded to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for coordination. Despite COVID-19 challenges, DOSM employed diverse methods including web scraping, phone calls, interviews, and online searches to gather data. Fully supporting the ICP2021 program, DOSM is dedicated to meeting ADB's timeframe.



INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON PROGRAM (ICP): MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD



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EXPERT / WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

26 February 2024

As a member of the ISWGHS

A pilot questionnaire has been drafted by the UN ISWGHS and Malaysia team to collect and compile information on national practices for integrating household survey data with other sources. It has been shared with ISWGHS members for feedback and upgraded in Jot-Form. This collaboration will improve data indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



INTER-SECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS (ISWGHS)
ALL MEMBERS MEETING

28 February 2024

As a member of the OIC Statistical Commission

SESRIC provided its members with a progress update on implementing resolutions from the 12th Session of the OIC-StatCom. They also discussed and exchanged views on various topics, such as the composition of bureau members, the provisional agenda, and the date and venue of the upcoming session in October 2024. Additionally, a project titled "Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) and TQS-Youth into the National Surveys of the OIC Member Countries" was presented.



FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF THE 12TH SESSION OF THE OIC STATISTICAL COMMISSION

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EXPERT / WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

27 February 2024

Guest speaker

A newly released Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade by IMF-OECD-UNCTAD-WTO was introduced, aiming to assist global statistical compilers in meeting policymakers' demands for enhanced digital trade statistics. The handbook clarified definitions, reviewed data sources, and highlighted countries' advancements in measurement. Notably, YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, was one of the speakers who shared Malaysia's experience and practice in measuring international e-commerce. His insights underscored Malaysia's significant contribution to the discourse on this critical aspect.



MEASURING DIGITAL TRADE HOSTED BY THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND E-COMMERCE PROGRAM (ECDE)

25 February 2024

Attendees discussed challenges from the 2020 census round, shared insights from innovative adaptations, and identified recommendations for future censuses. The event facilitated collaboration, shared best practices, and outlined support for the 2030 census round to ensure countries have the necessary tools and knowledge for success.



TRANSITIONING FROM THE 2020 TO THE 2030 ROUND OF POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES: LESSONS AND PROSPECTS

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NETWORKING

DOSM took advantage of the opportunity to engage with leaders and experts from various statistical domains worldwide during the commission, fostering collaboration and sharing best practices. Specialized meetings were held with **Tajikistan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO), ASEAN, OIC, and OECD** nations to exchange expertise and enhance cooperation. DOSM's active involvement in these relationships underscores its commitment to shaping the international statistical landscape and strengthening collaborations with other agencies.

Following the 55th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UN55SC), Malaysia plans to further expand its global network, facilitating knowledge exchange and addressing statistical challenges through capacity building. These interactions will not only strengthen international relations but also foster innovative solutions, emphasizing the crucial role of enhanced statistical capacity for the global community's well-being.



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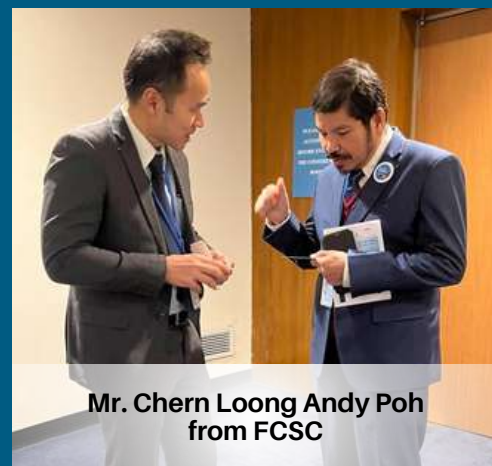
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#UN55SC MEDIA RELEASES



PRESS STATEMENT

MALAYSIA CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE IN GLOBAL STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE MEASUREMENT OF E-COMMERCE ACTIVITIES

PUTRAJAYA, MARCH 2, 2024 – Malaysia's participation in the 55th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UN55SC) has successfully highlighted the country's capabilities and expertise in producing official statistics covering economic, social, demographic, and environmental aspects. At the session, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) represented Malaysia in the UN55SC, held from February 27 to March 1, 2024, in New York. The Commission plays a crucial role as the apex entity of the global statistical system, bringing together chief statisticians and heads of National Statistical Systems (NSSs) from around the world to shape international statistical standards and methodologies. Each year, representatives from approximately 193 UN member countries and international organisations gather to advance innovation in the production of official data and statistical information.

Representing Malaysia at UN55SC were **YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia** and **Ms. Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Director of the Strategic Communication and International Statistics Division**. Their presence underscored Malaysia's commitment to actively contribute to the global discourse on current statistical matters.

Malaysia actively participated in side events, including meetings and high-level seminars, by sharing the country's experiences and best practices with national representatives and other international statistical agencies. This involvement extended to contributions in the development of key initiatives such as the Handbook of Household Survey, National Account System 2025, and e-commerce, starting on 23 February 2024. Aligning with its role as a member of a global expert group, Malaysia also took part in meetings such as the International Comparison Program (ICP) Governing Board, Bureau Members of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC StatCom), and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Survey (ISWGHS). "Given DOSM's pivotal role in coordinating Malaysia's statistical system, our participation in this prestigious gathering is crucial to advancing the nation's interests and upholding our commitment to evidence- and data-based decision-making," added Dr. Uzir.

A total of 33 agenda items were discussed and endorsed by the Commission, including: (i) Items for discussion and decision (15 agenda items); (ii) Items for decision (6 agenda items); and (iii) Items for information (12 agenda items), resulting in crucial decisions for developing the global statistical system (<https://unstats.un.org/UN55SC/Website/statcom/documents/55/>). Malaysia's full engagement included **submitting 33 written national statements and delivering 11 oral statements**. Through this initiative, DOSM has emphasised its importance and supported the UN's efforts to strengthen statistical guidelines and methodologies across recent statistical domains encompassing economic, social, and environmental issues. The aim of this endeavour is to ensure that member countries are capable of producing official statistics that are reliable, timely, and comparable on an international level. Among the topics focused on by the DOSM oral are the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FPOS), Working Methods of the Statistical Commission, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Data Science, Governance Statistics, National Accounts, Economic Statistics, Environmental-economic Accounting, Gender Statistics, Regional Statistical Development and the International Comparison Programme.

Malaysia was also invited as a guest speaker at a side event titled "Measuring Digital Trade," hosted by the Digital Economy and E-Commerce Program (ECDE) on 27 February 2024. During this session, Malaysia presented its pivotal role in measuring e-commerce, sharing the platform with Chief Statisticians from the IMF, UNCTAD, OECD, and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis. These collaborative efforts not only significantly contribute to global capacity building but also foster innovation, collaboration, and excellence within the international statistical community.

Reflecting on the participation, Dr. Uzir remarked, "DOSM seized the opportunity to engage with world leaders and experts across various statistical domains. This commission serves as the primary platform for delegations to exchange ideas, share best practices, and collectively chart the course for the development of the global statistical framework. Specialised meetings were convened to exchange expertise and foster strategic cooperation with Tajikistan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO), ASEAN member countries, and OIC and OECD nations. Malaysia's substantial contributions, particularly in these technical relationships, underscore DOSM's commitment to actively shaping the international statistical landscape and strengthening strategic collaborations with other international agencies."

33 agenda Malaysia berjaya dibincang, diluluskan di UN55SC - DOSM

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PUTRAJAYA – Sejumlah 33 item agenda Malaysia telah berjaya dibincang dan diluluskan pada persidangan tahunan Suruhanjaya Statistik Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UN55SC), menurut Jabatan Perangkaan (DOSM).



UN55SC: 33 Malaysia agenda items successfully discussed, endorsed — DOSM

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PUTRAJAYA, March 4 — A total of 33 of Malaysia's agenda items were successfully discussed and endorsed at the United Nations Statistical Commission 55th Session (UN55SC), according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).



33 agenda Malaysia berjaya dibincang, diluluskan di UN55SC - DOSM

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Mohd Uzir bersama agenda tersebut yang telah dibincang dan diluluskan akan menyumbang kepada pembangunan sistem statistik antarabangsa. — Foto: Sinar Harian

PUTRAJAYA: Sejumlah 33 item agenda Malaysia telah berjaya dibincang dan diluluskan pada persidangan tahunan Suruhanjaya Statistik Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) ke-55 (UN55SC), menurut Jabatan Perangkaan (DOSM).

Ketua Perangkaan Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin berkata agenda tersebut yang telah dibincang menyumbang kepada penghasilan keputusan penting bagi pembangunan sistem statistik antarabangsa.



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Ketua Perangkaan Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin (Kredit: Facebook DOSM)

PUTRAJAYA, 4 Mac (Bernama) – Sejumlah 33 item agenda Malaysia telah berjaya dibincang dan diluluskan pada persidangan tahunan Suruhanjaya Statistik Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) ke-55 (UN55SC), menurut Jabatan Perangkaan (DOSM).



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Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the country's active participation in the production of important decisions for the development of the international statistical system.



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UNSC is the apex entity of the global statistical system. Continuous participation and contribution by the National Statistical Offices to the commission meetings enables the production and dissemination of official statistics to be more quality, reliable and in accordance with globally recognised standards, classifications and definitions that are in line with the international best practices, scientific and ethical principles.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) plays a crucial role as the central agency in coordinating the national statistical system. As an active member, it is participating in a significant consultation to reassess the country's information and statistical system to enhance the use of data and statistics for evidence-based policymaking. DOSM has been invited to attend an important meeting and seminar as a member of various committees, expert groups, and working groups at the UN level. This event will provide an excellent opportunity to be scheduled to take place from February 29 to March 1, 2024.

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UNSC Side Event "Measuring Digital Trade"
**Malaysia's Experience and Practice:
Measuring International e-Commerce**

27 February 2024 (Tuesday)
11:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MYT)
2:15 AM - 3:50 AM (MYT)
UNHQ, CB-9, New York
(in-person only)

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify emerging challenges and priorities in trade of services for MSOs in measurable trading opportunities.
- Discuss and the scope and content of a declaration.
- Reach consensus on the positive and procedures for the revision.

Organisers: IMF, OECD, UNCTAD and WTO

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28 February 2024 (NY)
#UN55SC Commission, Morning Session
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (NYT)
Agenda Items: Data Science (continued), Governance Statistics & National Account

DOSM Representatives:
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On Day 2 of #UN55SC, Malaysia

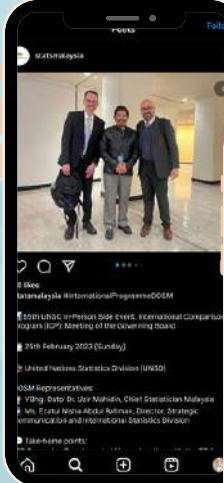
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29 February 2024 (NY)
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2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MYT)
Agenda Items: Business & Trade, Data & Indicators, Climate Change, Classifications, Open Data, and Terms for Information

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During the evening session of Day 1 of #UN55SC, Malaysia representatives supported, provided insightful suggestions, and contributed valuable comments on critical agenda items. The oral statement of Malaysia is as follows:

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Congratulations

Malaysia would like to express its gratitude to the Statistics Commission, the secretariat, Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Member States, and agencies for their contributions to the success of the 55 UN Statistical Commission.

Not to mention all of the organisers of the side events throughout the session who shared a great deal of statistical knowledge and information with the statistical community.

Last but not least, congratulations to the secretariat for their outstanding preparations! Malaysia truly values everyone's dedication and enthusiasm in making this UN55SC a memorable event.



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