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Comment provided by: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)	
Agenda item	**Item 5(a) Demographic statistics (E/CN.3/2023/23)**
Comment:	

(a) Malaysia appreciates and welcomes the work in the area of demographic statistics by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

(b) Malaysia has implemented recommendations outlined in the updated set of international statistical standards for civil registration and vital statistics, especially in using electronic data collection technologies in the population and housing census.

(c) Malaysia acknowledges the report by the Secretary-General. The Division, together with UNFPA, the United States Census Bureau and the World Bank in coordinating population and housing census-related activities through the International Committee on Census Coordination continue to monitor, document and report on the impact of COVID-19 on the conduct of the population and housing censuses in the 2020 round, as well as on the impact on the quality of resulting census statistics.

(d) Malaysia continues to make improvements and modernization in the civil registration and vital statistics systems, including digitization and integration with administrative and survey data.

(e) Malaysia acknowledges the report on updated information on the work of the Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment established by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

(f) Malaysia diligently continues to provide statistics and information on demographic statistics through the Demographic Yearbook questionnaires.

(g) Malaysia welcomes activities related to capacity-building for the implementation of the methodology for delineating urban and rural areas for international and regional statistical purposes.

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Agenda item	**Item 5(b) Finance statistics (E/CN.3/2023/24)**
Comment:	

(a) Malaysia welcomes the report of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on finance statistics.

(b) We take note of and support the international efforts in the advancement of finance statistics focusing on four broad areas of work, i.e. financial inclusion, digital money, financial technology (fintech), and climate finance, where statistical developments are incorporated into the new Group of 20 Data Gaps Initiative.

(c) Thus, greater participation and coordination are needed through the Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics, the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts and the Government Finance Statistics Advisory Committee, in collaboration with the Statistical System, including the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and the Central Bank.

(d) Malaysia also appreciates and is anticipated to be part of the committee's initiatives related to capacity building and technical assistance programmes for the compilation of finance statistics.

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Agenda item	**Item 5(c) International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2023/25)**
Comment*:*	

(a) Malaysia has completed data collection for the 2021 cycle consisting of household, construction, machinery & equipment and housing rental data. This information was sent to the ADB for staged coordination. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, DOSM has implemented the best approach to meet the needs by using relevant techniques and references based on available data, web-scraping, phone interviews and online searches. DOSM supports the ICP2021 program and is committed to meeting the time frame by ADB.

(b) Malaysia take notes on the announcement on the update of the international poverty lines with the 2017 PPPs, new data on poverty headcounts and rates that were published in September 2022, with subsequent October 2022 publication of the World Bank Report "Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course".

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Agenda item	**Item 5(d) Statistics of science, technology and innovation (E/CN.3/2023/26)**

Comment:
Early this year, Malaysia has launched OpenDOSM NextGen, the latest version of the existing open data platform, as part of a continuous effort to enhance public access to available data. OpenDOSM NextGen is a modern open data platform with official statistics produced by DOSM and highly sought-after administrative data from various government agencies. Besides providing datasets in a catalogue style with comprehensive metadata, DOSM took a step ahead in promoting the usage of data among the public through the dashboard that provides easy-to-understand analysis. To ensure the platform's top-notch performance, DOSM has teamed up with a web development team that has various skills, knowledge, and passion for dealing with data. As such, through this platform, not only are datasets available to the public, but the source code for web development, which is open source, is reproducible. With the motivation of developing OpenDOSM NextGen to cater to data sharing revolution and to empower the public with data, DOSM hopes that OpenDOSM NextGen will be an enabler in sustaining and improving the nation's well-being by promoting transparency and instilling a data-driven and innovative culture in society.

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Agenda item	**Item 5(e) Environment statistics (E/CN.3/2023/27)**
Comment:	

(a) Malaysia appreciates the work done by the Statistics Division and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics and climate change statistics.

(b) Malaysia has previously compiled environment statistics based on the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (2013) and improved compilation based on data availability over time. Furthermore, Malaysia also provided a report on the global consultation draft on climate change statistics.

(c) Malaysia will be setting up a Technical Working Committee on Climate Change Statistics and Indicators with members comprising various ministries and agencies. The committee serves as a mechanism for compiling climate change statistics in Malaysia.

(d) Malaysia also emphasises the importance of compiling environment and climate change statistics. However, there is a need for capacity-building and investment in the infrastructure related to the compilation of Environment and Climate Change Statistics and Indicators.

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Agenda item	**Item 5(f) Disaster-related statistics (E/CN.3/2023/28)**
Comment:	

(a) Malaysia would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the work undertaken by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction on drafting statistical framework on disaster-related statistics and capacity building. Malaysia is also a member of the Technical Working Group under ESCAP.

(b) Malaysia will be setting up a Technical Working Committee on disaster-related statistics with members comprising various ministries and agencies. This serves as a mechanism for compiling disaster-related statistics.

(c) Malaysia also expresses the need for capacity-building and acknowledges the investment required in the infrastructure to compile disaster-related statistics.

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Agenda item	**Item 5(g) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata (E/CN.3/2023/29)**

Comment:
a) Malaysia take note and is aware of the achievements, recent development and planned activities by the SDMX initiatives published in the reports. We also notice the new version of the standard, SDMX 3.0, which was released in September 2021 with major upgrades such as support for microdata and geospatial data, simplification and improvement of the reference metadata model, structure mapping, REST web services application programming interface and so on. b) Malaysia fully supported the recommendation of investigating the potential development of international microdata standards that will cover the principles, enablers, use cases of best practice microdata-sharing and measure of success. Malaysia also noted the global Goal indicator data and metadata is now can be published through an SDMX application programming interface to link and disseminate metadata. This is the result of the development of a solution for exchange and dissemination by establishing the Working Group on this topic and the reference metadata set for the global Goal Indicator data. This interface is also used to facilitate and simplify the dissemination of the Global Sustainable Development Goal Indicators Database. c) Malaysia also noted the implementation of data and metadata exchange in various subject matter areas such as IMTS to reschedule discussions on the manual update in 2023, Statistics Divisions plans to launch regular data collection of Systems of Environmental-Economic Accounting energy accounts using SDMX-enabled questionnaire in 2023, leveraging on ElasticSearch search for statistical data by using SDMX-modelled metadata for a statistical data warehouse in European Central Bank and many more. d) In terms of capacity-building activities, it shows a growing demand for capacity-building activities from the sponsors agencies and more efforts to develop learning resources for global audiences. Malaysia would like to receive training and assistance from the SDMX sponsors for the implementation of SDMX in the country.

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| **Agenda item** | **Item 5(i) Managgement and modernization of statistical systems (E/CN.3/2023/31)** |
| **Comment**: | |

(a)   Malaysia acknowledges the guidance outlined in the Handbook on Management and Organization of National Statistical Systems for maintaining national statistical capacity.

(b)   Malaysia agrees with the proposal on the concept of revision and updates as it is essential to ensure the Handbook on Management and Organization of National Statistical Systems will remain relevant. Malaysia also welcomes the new chapter of national data ecosystems in this handbook in line with the evolving data ecosystem in the world.

(c)   Since this comprehensive handbook is a single reference to the statistical system for all countries around the world, especially the national statistical office, Malaysia support the proposal to streamline of few chapters. Nevertheless, Malaysia disagrees with the proposal to simplify certain chapters and proposed a short version of the handbook to be developed for reference not only to the targeted users but may provide beneficial information to institutions and individuals who may be directly or indirectly connected with the statistical system such as policymakers.

(d)   Malaysia has modernized and transformed its statistical systems to meet the dynamic of the present and future. Malaysia has strengthened its Malaysia Statistical Business Register (MSBR), strengthening the management of the frame of residence and residents through the Malaysia Statistical Address Register (MSAR) as well as dwelling in the Malaysia Statistical Population Register (MSPR), which is a database with a list of individual records of the population in Malaysia.

(e)   Malaysia agrees that building and sustaining resilient, inclusive and integrated data and statistical systems is very important. Hence, Malaysia has developed the Integrated Population Census System (MyIPCS) for Malaysia Population and Housing Census 2020. It is a platform comprising several applications that are required to be functionally connected and able to store all the textual and spatial data.

(f)   Expanding the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) in the compilation of statistics. This is an integration of statistics and geospatial information at various

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geographical levels, from the national level and disaggregated at the state, district, statistical boundary, census block and address geocode.	
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