

Speech at the Launch of UNCEBTS Global Repository of Practices

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Dear UNCEBTS members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

1. I am delighted to join you today to discuss capacity and capability building in response to emerging data demands.
2. National Statistical Offices (NSOs) face both challenges and opportunities today.
 - a. Our challenges are twofold:
 - i. NSOs worldwide are experiencing rapidly evolving data demands from users who need support in their sense-making and policy design within an uncertain global economic environment.
 - ii. Additionally, our data providers expect us to reduce reporting burden and make data provision more efficient.
 - b. These challenges present significant opportunities.
 - i. By addressing these data needs, NSOs can demonstrate the importance of official statistics that are reliable, relevant, and internationally comparable.
 - ii. Furthermore, the availability of new data sources and latest technologies enable us to transform our operations and modernize the production of official statistics.
3. I am heartened to see the collective efforts of both individual countries and international organisations in addressing emerging demands and seizing new opportunities. I would like to share key three points today:
 - a. Adapt: We must continue adapting to the changing environment. At the 56th UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) meeting in March, I had the pleasure of meeting some of you there and participating in the discussion about advancing various economic and social statistics. Later, Cristina will also share more details on the UNSD discussion.

- b. Innovate: We must innovate to develop new data products and services and improve our statistical production methods and processes. At DOS, we have adopted an agile approach to producing experimental data products and services, gathering feedback and continuously improving. It enables us to work closely with our data users, respond swiftly to emerging data demands, and maintain the flexibility to explore innovative ideas.
 - c. Share: Finally, sharing our knowledge and experience as we innovate and experiment is crucial. I appreciate the Committee's efforts in producing statistical guidance and advocating best practices in business and trade statistics.
- 4. The [UNCEBTS Global Repository of Practices](#) is a new initiative for sharing of country practices in various statistical domains. Many countries including Singapore have already shared their country practices and contributed to this knowledge base. Currently, the Repository includes country practices for the two domains: "integrating business and trade statistic" and "statistical business register maturity model toolkit". Additional statistical domains will be included in the near future. I look forward to countries adding to this Repository.
- 5. It is my privilege to announce the launch of the Repository in Singapore, on the first day of the UNCEBTS meeting. I trust you will find this repository useful. On that note, I wish you all a fruitful meeting ahead. Thank you.