Disability Statistics and Measurement: National Experiences and Opportunities for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Official statistics on disability play an essential role in the planning, implementation and monitoring of policies and programmes for the promotion and protection of rights of persons with disabilities. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes persons with disabilities as one of the vulnerable peoples and calls for their empowerment. The Agenda further commits that by 2020, to enhance capacity-building support to developing countries to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by among other things, disability. The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in its resolution for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, stresses that population and housing censuses are designed to generate valuable statistics and indicators for assessing the situation of various special population groups, such as persons with disabilities.

In the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, the meeting provides an opportunity to learn about national experiences on measurement of disability through censuses of the 2010 round, as well as work that is being carried out at the international level to improve the quality, relevance and availability of statistics on disability. It is anticipated that interventions from the floor by countries will provide further information on country practices and experiences regarding measurement of disability.

Speakers:

Chair:

Keiko Osaki Tomita, UNSD

Panellists:

Introductory Remarks

Catalina Devandas, Special Rapporteur on Disability

WHO's Conceptual and Measurement Framework for Disability Data

Maria Alarcos Cieza Moreno, WHO

Mainstreaming Disability Data: The Washington Group on Disability Statistic

- Jennifer Madans, Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Measurement of Disability: 1) in Latin America and the Caribbean; and 2) the Mexican Experience: Achievements and Challenges

Felix Fernandez, INEGI, Mexico

UNSD Project on Strengthening Disability Statistics in Support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

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