

Statement of Myanmar at 49th Session of UN Statistical Commission

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a member of UN family, Myanmar, like many other countries around the world, truly recognize the important role of this 49th Session of Statistical Community in improving the visibility and recognition of UN countries' statistical cooperation, in general; their commitments and achievement at both national and international levels.

It is also worthwhile to note that statistical development in major components of setting up and updating the global indicator framework for Goals and targets of SDGs, as a result of hard work by IAEG-SDG expert group. Besides, the revision of the Handbook of Statistical Organization that will help us in institutional Strengthening, data eco system and guiding to respond the new challenges of news data demands.

Additionally, I welcome the emergence of new methodology in food, agriculture and rural statistics by FAO. This will bring benefit for Myanmar, as we still remain in the stage of agro-based country.

Mr. Chairman,

Taking the opportunity of presenting at this 49th UNSC session, I would like to inform our statistics family that Myanmar could successfully promulgated it new Statistics Law on 22nd January, 2018. The new Statistics Law has given the pave of stronger coordination role to Central Statistical Authority of Myanmar as well National Statistical Coordination Agency, same time, the Director General of CSO identified as Chief Statistician of the country.

Myanmar is making endeavors for the preparation and implementation of SDGs, though we are facing challenges as well as capturing opportunities to implement SDGs such as Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) and Baseline SDG Indicator Report for Myanmar has been developed. 61 % of SDGs indicators are available for Myanmar although it is available 35% of the . national data source. Myanmar still needs more resources, capacity development and modern ICT infrastructure and so on. However, we thank to all the DPs from international community and WB, Myanmar's first National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) will soon to be in place since the setting up of 5 years Implementation Plan of NSDS has been developed. Myanmar is also one of the participating countries to implement UNSD-DFID SDGs Monitoring Project.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, I congratulate all UN agencies, its affiliates, and NSOs of world countries and other statistical organization for their great and substantial efforts in making those improvements and achievements during the past year. And also, I, on behalf of the Myanmar Statistical Community, appreciate all kinds of supports and assistances from international statistical society with the aim of improving National Statistical System of Myanmar.

I thank you Mr. Chair.
