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a) Malaysia as a member of Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDG) which represents South-Eastern Asia has contributed to the work conducted by the IAEG-SDG. Malaysia also has volunteered to be a member of IAEG-SDG Metadata Sub-group and IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI).

b) Malaysia acknowledged the background document on COVID-19 and the global indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals, the practical guide on data disaggregation for the Goals and the compilation of tools/guidance regarding existing materials for data disaggregation. Malaysia has provided feedback and comments regarding the above matters to the IAEG-SDG Secretariat prior to the regular IAEG-SDG meetings.

c) Malaysia agreed to adopt all the annual refinements. Malaysia also has given feedback for SDG 10.7.3, SDG 12.c.1 and SDG 14.1.1 to the IAEG-SDG Secretariat prior to the regular IAEG-SDG meetings.

d) Malaysia agreed to adopt the proposed programme of work of the Expert Group for 2021.

e) Malaysia has published Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators Malaysia, 2019 report in December 2020 which is the second publication for SDG indicators. There are 128 available indicators, an increase of 37 indicators as well as 18 localized indicators. Malaysia will be conducting Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey (MICS) to accommodate the unavailable SDG indicators as an initiative to reduce the data gaps towards achieving 2030 Agenda. Based on the availability of indicators assessment, the crucial areas that Malaysia needs for capacity building are environment particularly waste management and climate action as well as public safety related goals.

Malaysia has undertaken engagement and collaboration with agencies in terms of data collection. Currently 72% of data are from agencies while 28% are from DOSM. DOSM also has built up engagement with Non-Government Organisation (NGO), Civil Society Organisation (CSO), URBANIC and Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) for SDG localization purposes.

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