

United Nations Statistical Commission

Fifty-second session

1–3 and 5 March 2021

Item 3 (h) of the provisional agenda

Items for discussion and decision: regional statistical development

Document E/CN.3/2021/12 – Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) on regional cooperation for development of official statistics

Statement provided by:

MEXICO

Statement:

Mexico congratulates the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) for their work on providing technical cooperation to strengthen the capacities of national statistical offices, as well as supplying tools and guidelines for the harmonization and comparability of data within the Arab region and with the rest of the world. Specially, we acknowledge the development of the Commission's data portal as a valuable means to reduce data gaps and as a reliable source of regional information, consistent with the data released by UN custodian agencies.

Mexico agrees that ESCWA's activities are aligned with the United Nations data strategies, notably the adoption of international standards for producing high-quality and reliable data, in alignment with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, and the innovation strategy in order to increase the skills of its human resources in data science, geospatial information systems, big data and the use of the SDMX standard to facilitate the exchange of data with international agencies.

Mexico recognizes the coordination efforts of the statistics divisions of the United Nations regional commissions in order to harmonize the presentations of Sustainable Development Goals and discuss the most important topics of statistical programmes. We also advocate to increase the scope of coordination meetings to address the recent challenges that the pandemic has imposed for data collection by traditional methods and exchange ideas and solutions for producing more timely and relevant statistics.

Submitted on:

2/19/2021