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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(a) Demographic statistics (E/CN.3/2021/18)</i>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>Malaysia through the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) would like to welcome the report and to convey our note of appreciation for the effort made by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in the area of demographics statistics. We believe that the report will help us in terms implementation of the Malaysia Population and Housing Census 2020, with unprecedented issues and challenges mainly due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the functioning of national civil registration systems and the production of accurate.</p> <p>The initial timeline for Malaysia Population and Housing Census 2020 begin at 7 July 2020. However, following the outbreak of COVID-19 since March 2020 and the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) nationwide from 18 March 2020, MyCensus 2020 was rescheduled. Modifying procedures and administration for census have also taken place.</p> <p>The pandemic also brought an unexpected challenge to civil registration processes in many countries, highlighted the need for resilient systems, especially considering the importance of accurate and real-time data to answer such a situation until the right point. In Malaysia, National Registration Department (NRD) offered an extension of up to 90 days for registration of births and deaths after the Movement Control Order (MCO) was lifted. Essential services as stipulated in the Federal Constitution of Malaysia does not include, births and deaths registration. Registration offices were closed during MCO and later only available by appointment. This meant the births and deaths registration accessible by Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) represented only a fraction of the expected births and deaths. The Ministry of Health (MOH) registers and keeps records of births within and outside its facilities as well as deaths within its facilities. Meanwhile, the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) registers and keeps records of deaths outside health facilities. The records are transmitted online to NRD for issuance of births and deaths certificates. Both agencies were still operating during the time of MCO. However, DOSM has access to the consolidated and verified records at NRD but not raw records at MOH and RMP. However, there is a need to further strengthen the collaboration with the stakeholders and the potential to have access their data in such a time of emergency. CRVS stakeholders in Malaysia have learnt the importance to heighten CRVS data sharing and thus, data sharing agreement was formalized between MOH and DOSM. This will certainly lead to a more resilient vital statistics system. Malaysia also will continue to make improvements and modernisation for the civil registration and vital statistics systems; including digitization and integration with administrative and survey data, while recognizing the importance of systematic planning for ICT.</p> <p>DOSM as a source of Malaysia's official statistics is continuing to cooperate with the geospatial community to carry out works on this integration which involve data sharing, developing standards, such</p>	

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as the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange, and developing a statistical geospatial and data dissemination to the public such as DOSM Stats Geoportal.

In enriching the collection and compilation of statistical information, steps are taken to further enhance data dissemination process using geospatial technology such geoportal and integration with linkages to a data warehouse and business intelligence such as DOSM Statistics Data Warehouse (StatsDW). This will cater for the current and future needs of stakeholders and users. In view of the huge benefits of geospatial information to the country such as providing interactive information [i.e turn statistics into knowledge] and providing informative data at small area statistics which is very useful for policymakers.

Based on our experience, certainly, we support the suggestion to establish an effective coordination mechanism where a group of experts will assist to meet the challenges in linking geospatial data at various geographical level.

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Agenda item	Item 4(b) Culture statistics (E/CN.3/2021/19)
Statement: Malaysia through the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) welcomes the Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on regional cooperation for the development of official statistics and greatly appreciates/congratulates on the productive achievements despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has established collaboration with The Cultural Economy Development Agency (CENDANA) to produce yearly report on the Creative Industry. We have identified the Creative Industry categories which comprises of (i) Multimedia Creative Industry, (ii) Culture Art Creative Industry and (iii) Culture Heritage Creative Industry. The statistical unit is establishment; we will also cover individual related to this industry that registered to CENDANA. DOSM also plan to release Annual Satellite Account for Malaysia Creative Industry in year 2021. Besides that, DOSM has planned to develop short term indicator for Creative Industry in quarterly basis starting 2021.	
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Agenda item	Item 4(c) Climate change statistics (E/CN.3/2021/20)
Statement:	
<p>Malaysia acknowledges the effort made by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).</p> <p>We would like to express our full support the work done on the development of a global set of climate change statistics and indicators, as well to what has been undertaken to strengthen the policy and statistics cooperation on climate change at the international level.</p> <p>Malaysia has published and submitted The Malaysia Third Biennial Update Report (BUR3) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2020 through Ministry of Environment and Water.</p> <p>The BUR3 was prepared according to Decision 2/CP.17 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The submission of BUR3 in 2020 is to meet Malaysia's obligations as a Party to the UNFCCC. The report is also as an output for the United Nations Development Programme - Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF) Project.</p> <p>The BUR3 highlights estimations of anthropogenic emissions and removals in four sectors, namely energy, industrial processes and product used (IPPU), agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU), and waste sectors with time series estimates from 1990 to 2016.</p> <p>The preparation of BUR3 involves the cooperation between government ministries, agencies, research organisations, corporations, industry associations, universities and non-governmental organisations through National Steering Committee, Technical Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups.</p> <p>Malaysia has also adopted FDES 1984 to compile the Compendium of Environmental Statistics (CES) since 1998. The revised version of FDES has been implemented in the latest publication which is CES 2020. New indicators highlighted in FDES 2013 is environmental protection expenditure in which Malaysia has already published through the Report on Environmental Protection Expenditure Survey since 2008.</p>	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(d) Disaster-related statistics (E/CN.3/2021/21)</i>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Malaysia through Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) acknowledges the effort made by the Commission to establish the Inter-Agency and Expert group on Disaster-related Statistics at regional level.</p> <p>Malaysia through DOSM and National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) would like to express our gratitude to the UN ESCAP for the invitation to be part of the Technical Working Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>NADMA has been appointed as a focal point in Malaysia to provide information to Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) through Sendai Framework Monitor (SFM) which is developed by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).</p> <p>It is hoped that the committee will provide a standard mechanism on DRSF tools as a guideline for all member countries in particular to provide the capacity building for common understanding on the DRSF.</p> <p>Malaysia hope that the commission will continue to provide the best effort in giving support, guidance and technical assistance for countries to strengthen their capacity building on geospatial information and services for disaster management.</p>	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(e) International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2021/22)</i>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Malaysia welcomes the report of ICP 2017 cycles that has been published in May 2020, accompanied by advocacy and outreach materials and the release of the global report entitled Purchasing Power Parities and the Size of World Economies: Results from the 2017 International Comparison Program.</p> <p>Malaysia have agreed with the decisions made by ICP Governing Board, in consultation with the regional implementing agencies and the ICP Technical Advisory Group, decided to postpone the next ICP cycle from 2020 to 2021, owing to disruptions to data collection and statistical processes in participating economies related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).</p> <p>For ICP 2021 cycle, price surveys and data collections are expected to be conducted throughout 2021, while selected administrative data compilations will take place in 2022. The ICP 2021 cycle results are scheduled to be released by the end of 2023. They will cover results for the reference year 2021, the revised results for the reference year 2017 and annual PPPs for the years 2018 to 2020.</p>	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(g) Statistical capacity development (E/CN.3/2021/24)</i>
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia through the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) welcomes the report of Statistical Capacity Development and greatly congratulates on the productive achievements in 2020 despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020 despite the impact of Covid 19 pandemic, the capacity development programme were continuously arranged using virtual method. Taking advantages of this method, the department manage to organize several webinar programmes with involvement of large number of participants at a lower cost. The department committed to strengthen the engagement with various level of stakeholders to enhance awareness on the importance especially in small area statistics and SDG. In organizing this programmes, the department has invited experts from international organizations (eg: UNSD, UNESCAP and UNSIAP) and other NSOs to share their knowledge and expertises. The department committed to establish statistical literacy among stakeholders and eventually to nurture the evidence based decision-making culture.	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(i) National Quality Assurance Frameworks (E/CN.3/2021/26)</i>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>Malaysia through the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) welcomes the report Report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks. Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) product is delivering data and information. Confidence in the quality of that information is solution to its existence. If its information becomes suspect, the credibility of the DOSM is called into question and its reputation as an independent, objective source of trustworthy information is diluted. The management of quality must therefore play a central role within the overall management of the Department. This National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) describes the approaches that DOSM takes to the management of quality.</p> <p>DOSM is implementing NQAF culture on 15 Selected Technical Division so that the resulting statistical work can meet international standard standards, in line with the vision and mission of DOSM as producer's of national statistic to become a world-renowned statistical organisation by 2020 as an initiative towards the exchange of MSISO 9001: 2008 to g-NQAF and to define the quality of information in terms of its capability for use. This is a multidimensional concept implementation both the relevance of information to users' needs, and characteristics of the information such as accuracy, timeliness, accessibility, interpretability and coherence that affect how it can be used.</p> <p>Further action, DOSM has acknowledged the latest version based on the United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual including recommendations the framework and implementation guidance 2019 for Official Statistics provided by the Expert Group of National Quality Assurance Framework is set up to update terms of reference of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks;</p> <p>DOSM noted and imply with the suggestion that the Expert Group carry out the following activities over the next two years (2021 and 2022) in support of the development and implementation of a national quality assurance framework in countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Promote the United Nations national quality assurance frameworks manual for official statistics and support its translation into the official languages of the United Nations;b) Support countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework throughout the national statistical system, considering specific needs such as assuring the quality of new data sources;c) Maintain and further update the website on quality assurance of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat;d) Conduct a programme of activities and events on quality assurance to further build the community of experts and share best practices;e) Further assess the implementation of national quality assurance frameworks in countries;	

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f) Report to the Statistical Commission in March 2023.

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(j) Integration of statistical and geospatial information (E/CN.3/2021/27)</i>
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia acknowledged the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information. In general, Malaysia also agreed and support the initiatives undertaken at the global and regional levels on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information. In the case of Malaysia, we also taking part in integration of geospatial information with agricultural data. We also involved in a pilot study in aerial imagery using Satellite Image in detecting building units.	
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Statement provided by: Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
Agenda item	Item 4(k) World Statistics Day (E/CN.3/2021/28)
Statement:	
<p>Malaysia strongly encourages and supports the initiative by celebrating the first WSD in 2010 and the second in 2015 with various forms of activities to emphasize the significance of data and statistics in the daily lives of people across the nation. Considering the importance of data/statistics and improving statistical literacy among Malaysians, the Government of Malaysia, through the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), has gazetted 20th October as National Statistics Day, known as MyStats Day in 2017. Since its inception, every year enormous celebration on a large scale will be held with the supports of relevant Ministries/ Departments together with the community in Malaysia. Last year's celebration has made history as it was celebrated with 70 years of DOSM. A total of 34 activities/programs were successfully implemented with the involvement of approximately 8,800 participants.</p> <p>Furthermore, year 2020 Mystats is the 6th celebration and also more meaningful and special where it will be celebrated together with the Third World Statistics Day on 20 October 2020, with the theme "Connecting the World with Data We Can Trust". The theme this time is very appropriate and reflects the elements of trust, authoritative data, innovation and public good that should be portrayed by the modern national statistics office especially in this turbulent season.</p> <p>Although COVID has prevented us from celebrating the day en masse, we are managing to organize the activities and receiving overwhelming participation and responses from the Malaysian especially from the school student, academia, researchers, statistics expert, data users and other government agencies.</p> <p>Activities Conducted During World Statistics Day And Mystats Day 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">A Special MyStats Facebook, (https://www.facebook.com/MyStatsDay) for promotion.Various interactive pamphlets, newsletters, and infographic on the WSD and HSN as well as the importance of statistics were promoted via social media MyStats.Launching Ceremony of the Mystats and WSD 2020 Celebration on 20th October and officiated by YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) virtually.For the first time, '149 MY LOCAL STATS 2019 Publications' was launched by the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy), YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed virtually on 19 October 2020 (Monday)7th Malaysia Statistics ConferenceVirtual Short Course for the 7th Malaysia Statistics Conference 2020 on 22th October 2020 (Thursday) with the invited international speakers	

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<p>g) Statistics Talk (Stats Talk) -DOSM panelists are invited to discuss issues/matters related to Statistics and its importance involving the audience like members of parliament, statisticians, lecturers, university students, government servants and ex-statisticians</p> <p>h) To support UN creativity on Stats Runners – a virtual run around the world, DOSM also will host FitDOSM for VIRTUAL RUN, RIDE & SWIM where the public invites to join WSD celebration by uploading your records of sports activities that you like and do it anywhere, any distance on 20 October 2020.</p> <p>i) Quiz Competition, takes place from 16 October 2020 (9.00 am) until 20 October 2020 (6.00 pm) and is open to all Malaysians aged 10 years and above.</p>	
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