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Statement provided by: The Philippines - Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
Statement:
The Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), commends the hard work carried out by the UN Statistics Division in compiling and disseminating global statistical information, developing statistical standards and norms, and supporting other countries' efforts to strengthen their statistical systems.   We particularly support the work in strengthening capacity for the use of administrative data for statistical purposes and welcome collaborative efforts as maybe convened by the UNSD and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. We eagerly anticipate the workstreams to be developed by the members and the task teams in relation to quality assessment, data linking, and the best use for IT infrastructure. In the case of the Philippines, the PSA has ongoing work on processing administrative data for the use of official statistics, particularly in monitoring CPI through webscraping, the computation for SDG 9.1.1 or the Rural Access Index using geospatial data, the use of citizen-generated data to address SDG data gaps, and the use of Artificial Intelligence for the 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries. While most of the work is in the developmental stages, the initial results are promising.   This is why the work of the UNSD in strengthening capacity for utilizing administrative data is very important at this time. We hope to get insights from the future outputs of the collaborative efforts to finally mainstream these administrative data in generating more timely, responsive, and disaggregated statistics.
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