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Statement:

Nepal supports the adoption of the global set of climate change statistics and indicators as the framework for climate change statistics and indicators and committed to use the Global Set as the framework to produce climate change statistics and for strengthening collaboration with the Ministry of Forest and Environment responsible for climate change policy and reporting climate change information to UNFCCC.

Nepal contributes only around 0.027 % to total global emissions, although it is one of the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Drought, landslides, floods, fire, thunderbolts, avalanche, coldwaves/hotwaves, GLOF etc. are the major causes of climate induced disaster. Climate change statistics is relatively new but cross cutting issue having its importance on the global, regional and national level. As a member of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics (EGES), Nepal has contributed actively to the development of the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators and also participated in the Global Consultation of the draft Global Set. We conducted national consultation workshop with stakeholders on the draft climate change indicators provided by UNSD and discussed about how we can contribute on the global set. Similarly we formed a technical committee led by Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) including representatives from Ministry of Forest and Environment, Acedemia/INGO/NGO & other stakeholders to work on Nepal specific climate change indicators from the global set.

CBS conducted a National Climate Change Impact Survey in 2016 with the aim to contribute on bridging data gap and avail reliable data and information for regular planning process. The objectives of survey was understanding and acquiring knowledge on effect and impact of climate change from social, economic & environmental perspective; exploring how the respondents are developing or making adaptive capacity to confront the impact of climate change and establishing linkage of climate change and environment related indicator with the SDG (Goal 13) for taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impact. It contributed to integrate climate change measures into policies, strategies and planning. We are also planning to conduct second round of climate change survey with more specific to produce data for the climate change indicators includes SDGIs.

In a post-covid economic seenario and being a developing country resources and capacity development program are highly demanded. We are also expecting the capacity development program and technical support from UNSD and other stakeholders for implementaion of second round of climate change survey and to develop the climate change indicators includes SDGIs.

Thank you, Chairperson, for this opportunity to submit a written statement on behalf of Nepal.

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