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The 56th United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) convened in New York from February 28 to March 7, 2025, gathering leading statisticians, policymakers, and data experts from around the world. This session was organised by the UN Statistics Division (UNSD) and led by the UNSC 2025 Bureau. This annual gathering provided a critical platform to address today's most pressing data challenges and highlight the essential role of statistics in informed decision-making. This year's session welcomed over 500 participants from 98 countries, including delegates from 38 agencies and NGOs, reflecting strong global engagement.

With a dynamic agenda that included 380 written statements, 27 in-person side events, two (2) hybrid and 32 virtual side events, discussions focused on advancing the role of statistics in a rapidly evolving landscape. Guided by the theme "Better Data, Better Lives", the Commission emphasised the critical importance of reliable, high-quality data in shaping policies and improving lives worldwide.

BETTER DATA
BETTER LIVES

CURRENT BUREAU

UN56SC's Bureau members

The officers of the Commission, also referred as the Bureau, are the Chairman, three (3) Vice-chairmen and the Rapporteur.

A Bureau is elected for a one year period with the expectation that they will be re-elected to a second one year term if available. Nominations are made by members of the Commission.

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OVERVIEW OF THE #UN56SC PROGRAMMES

PHYSICAL EVENT: MAIN COMMISSION SESSION

The fifty-sixth session had extensive discussions and **approved** a variety of topics concerning global statistical standards. The agenda was divided into **three** categories, including:

- Items for discussion and decision with **22** agenda items
- Items for decision with **two (2)** agenda items
- Items for information with **10** agenda items.

Through deliberation and consensus, the commission made significant decisions that will help **advance** the development of the global statistical system.

THE SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMMES

- **ITEM 1:** Election of officers
- **ITEM 2:** Adoption of the agenda and other organisational matters
- **ITEM 3:** For Discussion & Decision
- **ITEM 4:** For Decision
- **ITEM 5:** For Information
Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)
- **ITEM 7:** Provisional agenda and dates of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission
- **ITEM 8:** Report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (ITEM 3):

- National accounts
- Population and housing censuses
- Working methods of the Statistical Commission
- Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- Migration statistics
- Work and employment statistics
- Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Social and demographic statistics
- Economic statistics
- Environmental-economic accounting
- Business and trade statistics
- Price statistics
- Crime and criminal justice statistics
- Food security and nutrition
- International statistical classifications
- Household surveys
- Data science
- National Quality Assurance Frameworks
- Regional statistical development
- World Statistics Day

ITEMS FOR DECISION (ITEM 4):

- Education statistics
- Environment and climate change statistics

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (ITEM 5):

- Informal economy statistics
- Financial statistics
- International Comparison Programme
- Price statistics
- Statistics of human development
- Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata
- Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council
- Integration of statistical and geospatial
- Energy statistics
- Industrial statistics
- Management and modernization of statistical systems

PHYSICAL EVENT: MEETINGS & DISCUSSION

Statistical organisations, under the auspices of the **UNSD**, have convened meetings of their working groups, expert groups and task force groups in parallel with the **UN56SC**. This collaborative effort is driven by the substantial engagement of the global community, with the overarching goal of **easing** the burden on participating countries in international endeavours.

SPECIAL EVENTS

To **ensure** that everyone stays **informed** of the latest trends and advancements in the field, **UNSD** has **organised** a series of **virtual** Side Events leading up to the Commission and some **in-person** events during the Commission week. Amongst are a series of **virtual** high-level webinars, a special **seminar** on emerging issues and a high-level **forum** on official statistics.

HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR

Friday Seminar on Emerging Issues:
Capacity Development for Relevant, Resilient, and Agile National Statistical Systems: Are We on the Right Track?

High-level Forum on Official Statistics: Data governance

Malaysia also participated in high-level discussions, expert meetings and related events, sharing national experiences and best practices with other National Statistics Offices (NSOs) and international statistical agencies. These events took place from February 28 to March 7, 2025.



THE INTERSECRETARIAT
WORKING GROUP ON
HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS



- Side Events' Organisers -



MALAYSIA COMMITMENT IN THE #UN56SC



With DOSM's significant role in coordinating Malaysia's statistical system, our participation in this esteemed gathering was essential to advocate for our nation's interests and uphold our commitment to evidence-based decision-making. In line with the invitation, Malaysia also participated in the meeting and high-level seminar that were held physically from 28 February 2025 until the commission convened to exchange the country's experience and best practices with other NSOs and Statistical Agencies.

MALAYSIA'S FULL ENGAGEMENT INCLUDED

Submitted 34 Written Statements of Malaysia (WS)

Emphasises its importance by supporting the UN's efforts for improved statistical guidelines across economic, social and environmental sectors. This approach addresses Malaysia's statistical requirements and challenges, ensuring alignment with global standards for producing reliable and comparable data.

Delivered 7 oral statements at the Commission

Communicated Malaysia's stance on commission topics through oral statements, prioritising key statistical insights to guide informed decision-making and advance the nation's agenda for sustainable development.

Engaged in Global Statistical Networking during UN56SC

DOSM reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to international statistical cooperation by engaging with key global leaders in statistics. Discussions focused on fostering collaborations, enhancing statistical capacity and addressing emerging challenges in trade, food security, labor and household-based statistics.

Panellist at a side event titled "Harnessing Technology for Modernizing Official Statistics"

Demonstrated expertise in e-commerce measurement as an invited speaker, sharing DOSM's best practices globally. This collaboration boosts global capacity building and fosters innovation within the international statistical community.

Working group/ expert group meetings as a member of the committee

Sharing the country's experiences and best practices with national representatives and international statistical agencies to develop global statistical standards.

Special Events - High-level seminars

Exploring strategies to enhance the implementation of international standards and methodologies by exchanging ideas, sharing best practices and collectively charting the development of the global statistical framework.

Virtual Side Events (VSE)

32 Virtual Side Events (VSE), 27 Physical Side Events & 2 Hybrid Side Events were organised by various international organisation/bodies from 22 January 2025 to 6 March 2025.



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DELIVERED 7 ORAL STATEMENT (OS)

ITEM 3(A): NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Malaysia takes note of the adoption of the 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA) and commends the work carried out by the ISWGNA, the AEG, and all contributors for their dedication, expertise, and commitment in developing this comprehensive framework. Malaysia also noted that there were 16 chapters, which were either new or revised extensively and 23 chapters are not new or substantially revised. Hence these changes resulted additional guidance on the some conceptual and practical uncertainties. Given this context, Malaysia looks forward for continued technical assistance, capacitybuilding programs, and knowledge-sharing initiatives to adopt and implement the proposed 2025 SNA.

Malaysia supports the 2025 SNA Implementation Strategy, which provides training, technical support, and monitoring to facilitate smooth adoption of the new standards. In this regard, Malaysia recognizes the ASEAN Working Group on System of National Accounts (WGSNA) under the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) as a key platform for facilitating the implementation of the 2025 SNA across ASEAN countries, ensuring the successful achievement of the target windows from 2029 to 2030. We remain committed to collaborating with international and regional partners to strengthen economic statistics for better policymaking.

Malaysia appreciates the ongoing work programmes of the ISWGNA and regional commissions in enhancing national accounts methodologies. In this regard, Malaysia proposes that workshops be held within the ASEAN region to strengthen technical capabilities, promote collaboration, and facilitate the smoother implementation of the 2025 SNA across ASEAN countries. Malaysia looks forward to actively participating in discussions and providing feedback based on its national experience to address practical challenges and real-world applications.

ITEM 3(B): POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES

Malaysia acknowledged the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, despite the global challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, several modifications were made to the procedures and administration for population enumeration, including adjustments to the timetable for various enumeration phases. To ensure the success of the 2020 Malaysia Population Census, several strategic actions were implemented. The development of the Malaysia Integrated Population Census System (MyIPCS) significantly enhanced the efficiency of data collection, analysis, and dissemination.

Malaysia fully endorses the draft Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 4, and supports the proposed activities for the 2030 World Population and Housing Census Programme. As part of the 2030 Census, Malaysia is compiling data from various agencies, integrating demographic, geospatial, health, education, employment, migration, housing, and social services data to build a comprehensive and up-to-date population register. Malaysia is also enhancing digital data collection methods through mobile apps, web-based questionnaires, and online self-response options for greater accuracy and efficiency. Extensive public awareness campaigns using social media, TV, radio, and collaborations with state and federal agencies ensure smooth coordination and provide capacity building and technical support to key stakeholders.

Malaysia strongly agrees on the crucial role of producing comparable time series data on households worldwide. This data is essential for creating and evaluating policies, allowing countries to compare and share best practices.

Finally, Malaysia acknowledge the potential of artificial intelligence in transforming the 2030 world population and of the housing census program and is committed to advancing towards this technology by automating data entry and capturing real time information, AI can streamline data collection and significantly reduce human error and enhance the accuracy of the data.

Advanced AI algorithms can quickly clean, validate and analyse large data sets. The integration of geo-AI which geospatial data enhances mapping and geospatial analysis.

The use AI in sensor data collection will further improve operational efficiency and provides spatial visualisation for census dissemination.



DOSM HIGHLIGHTS AT #UN56SC

ITEM 3(F): ICP

Malaysia actively endorses the implementation of the International Comparison Program (ICP) and anticipates the release of the ICP 2021 results in early 2024. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) supports the ICP2021 programs and is dedicated to meeting the timeframe set by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Malaysia commits to participating in the ICP 2024 cycle, using it as the benchmark year and adhering to the current ICP cycle's implementation approach. Plans for the 2024 ICP cycle involve initiating implementation in Q1 2024, with surveys scheduled for 2024 and 2025, focusing on the reference year 2024. Malaysia recognizes the value of the e-learning course on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) Fundamentals and other research materials available on the ICP website. Additionally, Malaysia acknowledges the utility of ICP data for various indicators.

ITEM 3 (H): ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING

Malaysia appreciates the work of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, particularly on the SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Ecosystem Accounting. They support updates to align with the 2025 System of National Accounts, emphasizing its significance for policies on climate change, the circular economy, biodiversity, and sustainable finance. Malaysia also applauds efforts in updating industry classifications and supports the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting work program for 2023-2025, highlighting the importance of capacity-building and infrastructure investment for compiling SEEA statistics.

ITEM 3(K): GENDER STATISTICS

Malaysia welcomes the Secretary-General's report on Gender Statistics, endorsing innovative methods for collecting time-use data to ensure international comparability. Supporting a gender perspective in trade, business, and climate change statistics, Malaysia aims to monitor and address gender gaps in these sectors. The country agrees with the Statistics Division's call to analyse gender issues on the Commission's agenda, aligning efforts with the SDGs for progress in gender equality. Malaysia supports hosting the 10th Global Forum on Gender Statistics to demonstrate commitment and learn from global experiences. Additionally, Malaysia supports validating the conceptual definition of technology-facilitated violence against women (TF VAW) and developing tools to protect women's rights in the digital era.

ITEM 3 (G): ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Malaysia strongly supports the Network's initiatives, including the 2023 sprint meetings that focused on innovative economic statistics with an emphasis on well-being. Malaysia agrees to continue developing metrics for measuring people's well-being. The country supports ongoing regional and global consultations, reflecting a commitment to collaborative statistical priorities. While appreciating the Network's progress, Malaysia recommends a comprehensive evaluation to ensure alignment with regional priorities and global inclusivity, emphasizing relevance for countries in the global South.

ITEM 3(M): REGIONAL STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT

Malaysia acknowledges and values the efforts made by the Statistics Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as well as its Bureau and member countries, to significantly improve statistical systems. The ESCAP groups have contributed immensely to this achievement by sharing their expertise, experience, and best practices in various domains. Collaboration among member countries in different statistical domains will not only help develop best practices in the Asia-Pacific region but also beyond.

Therefore, Malaysia is fully committed to supporting and promoting regional initiatives for sustainable development and a better future for all. To achieve this, Malaysia suggests that regional training institutes collaborate with their respective regional commissions to provide practical training on new tools and innovative practices to all member countries. Additionally, the Statcafe platform, webinars, and communities of practice will remain accessible to promote the sharing of best practices and encourage collaboration among member countries within and beyond the region.

Malaysia appreciates SIAP for its extensive efforts in providing member states with valuable statistical capacity-building activities. Malaysia has had the privilege of working with SIAP on several occasions and is keen to continue supporting and contributing to these activities in the future. Malaysia is open to in-kind collaboration with other organisations and development partners to enhance the national, regional, and global statistical system through capacity building.



EXPLORE MALAYSIA'S
34 WRITTEN
STATEMENT
SUBMISSIONS



RECORDING OF THE MAIN SESSION

1ST MEETING

- Item 1 : Opening Session & Election of Officers
- Item 2 : Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
- Item 3 : Items for discussion and decision
- Item 3 (b) : Population and housing censuses



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2ND MEETING

- Item 3 (c) : Working methods of the Statistical Commission ;
- Item 3 (d) : Data science;
- Item 3 (e) : Governance statistics;
- Item 3 (f) : National account.



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3RD MEETING

- Item 3 (f) : National accounts;
- Item 3 (g) : Economic statistics;
- Item 3 (h) : Environmental-economic accounting;
- Item 3 (i) : Agricultural and rural statistics;
- Item 3 (j) : Social statistics.



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4TH MEETING

- Item 3 (j) : Social statistics
- Item 3 (k) : Gender statistics
- Item 3 (l) : Population and housing censuses
- Item 3 (m) : Regional statistical development
- Item 4 (a) : Tourism statistics



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5TH MEETING

- Item 4 (b) : Business and trade statistics ;
- Item 4 (c) : Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Item 4 (d) : Climate change statistics
- Item 4 (e) : International statistical classifications
- Item 4 (f) : Open data



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6TH MEETING

- Item 5 (a) : Demographic statistics
- Item 5 (b) : Disability statistics
- Item 5 (c) : Ageing-related statistics and age- disaggregated data
- Item 5 (d) : Health statistics
- Item 5 (e) : Service statistics
- Item 5 (f) : International Comparison Programme
- Item 5 (g) : Information and communications technology statistics
- Item 5 (h) : Business registers
- Item 5 (i) : Integration of statistical and geospatial information
- Item 5 (j) : Data stewardship
- Item 5 (k) : Coordination of statistical programmes
- Item 5 (l) : Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council



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7TH MEETING

- Item 6 : Programme questions (Statistics Division)
- Item 7 : Provisional agenda and dates of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission
- Item 8 : Report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session



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VIRTUAL SIDE EVENTS AT #UN56SC

A total of **32 Virtual Side Events (VSE)** were organised by various international organisation/bodies. There are closed meetings and open events taking place between 22 January 2025 and 6 March 2024.

DOSM engaged in 24 impactful sessions alongside 96 officers as part of the Virtual Side Events, fostering valuable insights and collaborations to enhance our statistical community.

22/1/2025	Introducing the System of National Accounts 2025	UNSD	18/2/2025	Solving Data Disaggregation for SDG Localisation and beyond	ONS, UK and IBGE, Brazil Co-Chairs of the United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
5/2/2025	High-level Webinar on Population and Housing Censuses	UNSD	19/2/2025	Third Wednesday High-level Webinar: The 2025 SDG Indicator Review: Enhancing the Global Monitoring Framework for Greater Impact	IAEG-SDGs
19/2/2025	IAEG-SDGs Open Meeting	IAEG-SDGs	20/2/2025	Rescuing the SDGs with Geospatial Information	IAEG-SDGs
11/2/2025	With and For Citizens: Strengthening Partnerships Between NSOs and Communities Through Citizen Data	UNSD and the Collaborative on Citizen Data	20/2/2025	Harnessing Administrative Data for Census: Assessing Readiness with SATRAC	IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Geospatial Information DANE, Colombia - CSO, Ireland
13/2/2025	Linked Open Data for Statistical Classifications - New Developments in the UN Global Platform and Eurostat	FAO of the UN, UNSD and EuroStat	20/2/2025	New Developments in Business and Trade Statistics	ESCAP
13/2/2025	Shaping the future of international migration and temporary mobility statistics: revised recommendations in focus	UNSD, ILO, Hungarian Central Statistical Office	20/2/2025	Best practices on Energy Data Collection in Africa	UNSD
13/2/2025	Revising the UN Handbook on Household Surveys: Innovations and Perspectives	UNSD and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys	20/2/2025	Modernizing UN Data: Partnering for data innovation, usability and impact	AFREC and UNSD
14/2/2025	Beyond GDP: Leveraging Human Development Data and Statistics to Track Progress	UNDP/Human Development Report Office	20/2/2025	Practical Application of Non-Traditional Data in the Production of Official Statistics	UNSD
17/2/2025	Transforming Small Area Estimation: Innovations and Capacity Building for National Statistical Systems	UNSD, World Bank, ECA, ECLAC and ESCAP	21/2/2025	Indicators on climate change and health: developments, opportunities and challenges	International Statistical Institute
17/2/2025	The first ever South-South Data for SDGs - developed and reported by the countries of the global South: How to support the statistical work?	UNCTAD	24/2/2025	Carrying Forward the Legacy of the International Comparison Program (ICP)	NSO UK, African Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Rwanda), Regional Institute of Population Studies (University of Ghana)
17/2/2025	Measuring Equality and Non-Discrimination: Connecting the Dots Across International Initiatives	Praia Group on Governance, UNDP, OECD WISE, OHCHR	25/2/2025	Intra- and inter-regional cooperation for geostatistical integration	World Bank
18/2/2025	Additional tool for quality assurance	UNSD	19/2/2025	IAEG-SDGs Open Meeting	ONS, UK and IBGE - Brazil, UN Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information Systems
18/2/2025	Committee of Experts on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics (UN-CEAG): Achievements 2020-2023 and Programme of Work 2024-2027	Food and Agriculture Organization (ESS Division, HQ)			IAEG-SDGs



WHAT SAY YOU ON THE VSEs OF #UN56SC

Introducing the System of National Accounts 2025

The virtual side event introduced the System of National Accounts 2025 (2025 SNA), highlighting its adoption as the new global standard for national accounts. The 2025 SNA updates the previous framework to better address modern economic realities such as digitalization, globalization, sustainability and the informal economy and aims to strengthen the links between economic statistics and broader measures of well-being. Developed through extensive international collaboration, the 2025 SNA ensures consistency with related standards like the IMF's BPM7 and includes practical guidelines to support countries in its implementation, marking a significant step in modernizing economic statistics for contemporary policy needs.

BPAN & DOSM KEDAH

The first ever South-South Data for SDGs - developed and reported by the countries of the global South: How to support the statistical work?

The UNSC side event, "The First Ever South-South Data for SDGs," highlighted how countries in the Global South—like those in Asia, Africa, and Latin America—are working together to track and report how they support each other's development. Led by UNCTAD, this is the first shared system created by these countries to measure their contributions, which were often overlooked before. Over 60 countries are interested, and the effort includes training and tools to help with data collection and reporting, boosting their voice in global discussions.

BPPIB & DOSM PAHANG

Linked Open Data for Statistical Classifications - New Developments in the UN Global Platform and Eurostat

This webinar aims to introduce the Caliper Partnership, an international initiative to establish infrastructure that supports the publication and use of statistical classifications. The main objective is to enhance the integration and interoperability of official statistics through Linked Open Data (LOD), ensuring that data can be accessed, managed, and combined more efficiently. As the outcome, users, including national statistical institutions (such as DOSM), will have better access to up-to-date and comprehensive data and Caliper is expected to become the main reference for international statistical classifications.

BMP, BIPD, CTADR & DOSM PERLIS

Shaping the future of international migration and temporary mobility statistics: revised recommendations in focus

Migration has changed-so must our data! Since 1998, technology, travel and global policies have reshaped how people move. The Revised Recommendations make sure we keep up with clearer definitions, smarter data and global consistency. Better data = better policies.

BPPD & DOSM KELANTAN

IAEG-SDGs Open Meeting

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BPTMS & KLUSTER : BPHPP, BPPD, BPPAS, BPPIB

Committee of Experts on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics (UN-CEAG): Achievements 2020-2023 and Programme of Work 2024-2027

In 2024, a new UN Expert Group on Food Security and Nutrition Data and Statistics (UN EG-FSN) will be established, while the UN-CEAG will focus solely on agricultural and rural statistics. The EG-FSN will enhance food security data coordination. The ASTI workstream aims to improve agricultural R&D data collection and harmonization. Nigeria is piloting ASTI, preparing for global rollout in 2025. FAO is developing guidelines for the 2030 World Census of Agriculture, based on consultations and lessons from previous censuses.

BPPAS & DOSM PENANG

Additional tool for quality assurance

The Virtual Side Event (VSEs) of the 56th United Nations Statistical Commission (UN56SC) focused on enhancing statistical quality through improved methods, tools, and frameworks. This event aims to assist countries in improving their statistical practices by adopting more effective tools and frameworks. Key outcomes should include stronger integration of the National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) and the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM). Countries are encouraged to apply and adapt these guidelines while receiving ongoing implementation support.

BMP, BIPD & DOSM MELAKA

Revising the UN Handbook on Household Surveys: Innovations and Perspectives

This session highlighted the revised UN Handbook on Household Surveys, emphasizing inclusivity, integrating modern methodologies, data sources, and digital tools like AI chatbots for efficiency. It offers practical guidance with case studies and stresses collaboration, particularly for NSOs. Key areas include survey interoperability, innovative design, sampling efficiency, objective measurements, mixed-mode surveys, metadata management, AI integration, and data accessibility. Recommendations focus on accessibility through print, web platforms, and AI tools, with attention to Small Island Developing States and conflict-affected countries.

BPHPP & DOSM SELANGOR



20 October

WHAT SAY YOU ON THE VSEs OF #UN56SC

High-level Webinar on Population and Housing Censuses

To prepare for the world Population and Housing Censuses 2030 round, the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) has revised its primary international standards on censuses: The Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses (Revision 4). This revision updates the previous version (Revision 3) to reflect current best practices in census planning, organisation, conduct and utilisation. This revision addresses key areas including the use of administrative data, geospatial integration, contingency planning and quality assurance. The next census round should incorporate an extensible administrative register. However, using administrative registers presents significant challenges, including legal constraints and societal concerns about privacy, particularly regarding the sharing of individual ID numbers.

BPPD & PULAU PINANG

Modernising UN Data: Partnering for data innovation, usability and impact

In an increasingly challenging global environment, reliable and timely microdata is essential for making informed decisions and policies. The need for diverse and complex data requires integration from various stakeholders, including the government, private sector, academia, and the general public.

Furthermore, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) are seen as a valuable tool in data integration and analysis, enabling the public to search, view, and understand data or statistics more easily.

CTADR, BIPD, BKS, DOSM KEDAH

Intra- and inter-regional cooperation for geostatistical integration

Intra- and inter-regional cooperation for geostatistical integration bring together NSOs, regional organisations and other stakeholders to develop harmonised methodologies, share best practices and improve data accessibility. Geostatistical integration involves linking statistical data with geospatial information to provide more accurate and granular insights for SDG monitoring by establishing regional geospatial data platforms where these platforms allow countries to share geospatial datasets, improve mapping capacities, and ensure consistency in spatial data collection. Geo-statistical integration also encourages the use of Earth observation and remote sensing, which programs are supported by space agencies to help countries use satellite imagery to track environmental SDG indicators such as deforestation or urban expansion. Regional organisations can act as knowledge hubs that foster collaboration through workshops, conferences and training programs.

BPPD, DOSM SABAH & DOSM SARAWAK

Solving Data Disaggregation for SDG Localisation and beyond

This program addresses data disaggregation challenges for SDG localisation by integrating statistical and geospatial data. It highlights the importance of granular data for informed policymaking, showcases global use cases, and explores technologies like AI, population grids, and Earth observation. The program emphasises collaboration, interoperability, and open data to improve decision-making, resource allocation, and SDG tracking. It advocates for enhanced data-sharing frameworks, standardised identifiers, and capacity building for national statistical and geospatial agencies.

CTADR & DOSM SARAWAK

Carrying Forward the Legacy of the International Comparison Program (ICP)

The side event entitled "Carrying Forward the Legacy of ICP" highlighted the ongoing importance of the ICP's work in global economic comparisons. The ICP has been a vital tool in measuring price levels and comparing the purchasing power of different countries, and provided a foundation for understanding economic disparities and guiding policy decisions. Malaysia, through DOSM as one of the Regional Implementation Agencies in the Asia-Pacific Region, will continue to provide commitment to the ICP.

BPHPP & BPAN

Measuring Equality and Non-Discrimination: Connecting the Dots Across International Initiatives

Measuring Equality and Non-Discrimination highlights the importance of aligning global efforts to evaluate and promote equality. It explores methods to assess progress and ensure accountability in addressing discrimination across various dimensions, which include gender, race, socio-economic status and disability. In order to achieve the target, collaboration of data and contributions globally by governments, NGOs, international organisations, and stakeholders helps to reduce inequality and non-discrimination.

BPPD, BPTMS & DOSM SABAH



#UN56SC CAPTURED MOMENTS

HIGH-LEVEL SEMINARS



28 February 2025

FRIDAY SEMINAR ON EMERGING ISSUES:
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR RELEVANT, RESILIENT,
AND AGILE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS: ARE
WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK?

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MEETING



3 March 2025

MONDAY HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR:
DATA GOVERNANCE

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EXPERT / WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

2 March 2025

As a member of the Members of the ICP Governing Board

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON PROGRAM (ICP) GOVERNING BOARD

- The ICP 2021 cycle was reviewed, with key takeaways for improvement.
- Progress on the ICP 2024 cycle was assessed to ensure a smooth transition.
- Global price comparisons remain crucial for economic policymaking and global trade analysis.



#UN56SC CAPTURED MOMENTS

3 March 2025

As a member of the Committee on Statistics ESCAP

BUREAU MEMBERS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

- Reviewed key UNSC agenda items, focusing on priority issues for Asia-Pacific.
- Discussed progress since the 9th session, including the launch of a new online discussion forum and the development of DASH Teams to enhance statistical collaboration.
- Identified topics for Asia-Pacific Stats Cafes, providing a platform for regional knowledge-sharing.
- Planned activities for World Statistics Day 2025, ensuring coordinated regional participation.
- Discussed nomination processes for key statistical committees, including the IAEG-SDGs and HLG-PCCB.
- Provided a platform for members to share key statistical challenges and best practices across the region.



3 March 2025

As a member of the ISWGHS

INTER-SECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS (ISWGHS) ALL MEMBERS MEETING

- Reviewed the UN Household Survey Handbook, updating survey management and methodologies.
- Revised the ISWGHS Terms of Reference to strengthen governance structures.
- Discussed ongoing projects under ISWGHS, focusing on enhancing household surveys globally



4 March 2025

As a member of the Task Group under UNCTAD

ENHANCING TRADE IN SERVICES STATISTICS

- Strengthening national statistical systems to better capture trade in services data.
- Enhancing data quality and comparability for more reliable trade and economic indicators.
- Exploring innovative tools like the Trade-in-Services Information System (TiSSTAT) by UNCTAD to modernise data collection.
- Supporting sustainable trade policies through improved statistical methodologies.



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EXPERT / WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

5 March 2025

As a member of the OIC Statistical Commission

FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE OIC STATISTICAL COMMISSION

- Discussed key procedural matters, including the composition of Bureau Members, the provisional agenda, and the venue for the 14th Session scheduled for October 2025.
- Fostered collaboration among National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC Member Countries and relevant international organisations to enhance statistical cooperation.
- Explored forward-looking strategies to address shared priorities in official statistics.



6 March 2025

Guest speaker

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS FOR MODERNIZING NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS IN OIC AND ESCWA MEMBER COUNTRIES

- Attendees discussed challenges from the 2020 census round, shared insights from innovative adaptations, and identified recommendations for future censuses. The event facilitated collaboration, shared best practices, and outlined support for the 2030 census round to ensure countries have the necessary tools and knowledge for success.



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NETWORKING

DOSM took advantage of the opportunity to engage with leaders and experts from various statistical domains worldwide during the commission, fostering collaboration and sharing best practices. Specialised meetings were held with the **United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)**, the **International Statistical Institute (ISI)**, the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**, the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**, and the **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** of the **United Nations** to exchange expertise and enhance cooperation. **DOSM's** active involvement in these relationships underscores its **commitment** to shaping the international statistical landscape and **strengthening** collaborations with other agencies.

DOSM reaffirmed **Malaysia's** commitment to international statistical cooperation by engaging with key global leaders in statistics. Discussions focused on **fostering** collaborations, **enhancing** statistical capacity, and **addressing** emerging challenges in trade, food security, labour, and household-based **statistics**. These engagements provided a platform to **exchange** insights, **strengthen** methodologies, and **support** global efforts in **improving** data-driven decision-making.



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UNSC56: Amalan Perangkaan Malaysia Pada Standard Global - DOSM

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Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin

Penyertaan Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) di Suruhanjaya Statistik Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNSC56) memastikan amalan statistik negara sejajar dengan piawaian global sekali gus mengukuhkan komitmennya terhadap data yang boleh dipercayai dan setanding di peringkat antarabangsa.

Ketua Perangkaan Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin berkata belum mengetahui pencapaian penting Malaysia dalam pembangunan statistik sambil menerangkan meningkatkan keupayaan teknikal dan melaksanakan inisiatif pembinaan kapasiti untuk menangani cabaran global.

Mohd Uzir mengetuai delegasi Malaysia ke UNSC56 yang diadakan dari 4 hingga 7 Mac lepas di ibu pejabat PBB di Amerika Syarikat.

"Kehadiran Malaysia di forum global beruntung meningkatkan kapasiti

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UNSC56: Malaysia's Statistical Practices Align With Global Standards

PUTRAJAYA, March 8 (Bernama) -- The Department of Statistics Malaysia's (DOSM) participation at the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC56) ensures the country's statistical practices align with global standards, reinforcing its commitment to reliable and internationally comparable data.

Chief Statistician Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said he highlighted Malaysia's significant achievements in statistical development while emphasising the importance of enhancing technical capabilities and implementing capacity-building initiatives to address emerging global challenges.

"Malaysia's presence at this prestigious global forum reaffirms our commitment to enhancing statistical capacity, fostering innovation and strengthening international collaborations," said Mohd Uzir who led a Malaysian delegation to UNSC56 from March 4 to 7, at the UN Headquarters in the United States, through a statement released Saturday.

Mohd Uzir said DOSM's participation enables Malaysia to exchange expertise, learn from global best practices and contribute to the evolution of statistical methodologies to benefit all nations.

"Malaysia remains committed to advancing global statistical development through collaboration and capacity-building. We will continue ensuring high-quality, reliable data to drive informed policymaking," he said.

Mohd Uzir reaffirmed Malaysia's support for the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the UN World Data Forum 2025 in Medellin, Colombia, while emphasising DOSM's efforts to expand its global network and enhance knowledge exchange.

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强化能力数据可靠性 统计局参与联合国委员会

2025年03月10日

(布城9日讯) 大马统计局参与第56届联合国统计委员会(UNSC56)，与全球统计机构交流并强化统计能力及数据可靠性，以支撑决策制定。

大马统计局首席统计师拿督斯里莫哈末乌兹尔博士指会议期间，大马共讨论并通过34项议程。

我国参与的关键议题讨论包括官方统计基本原则、人口与住房普查、经济统计、国际统计分类、移民统计、2030年永续发展议程数据与指标、数据科学、性别统计等。

他指大马也参与高层会议、专家组会议及相关活动，与其他国家统计机构和国际统计机构交流：“统计局贡献多个全球统计倡议，如加强治理统计、整合大数据及推动官方统计的数字化转型。”

根据该局文告，莫哈末乌兹尔博士是于3月4至7日率领大马代表团前往美国联合国总部参加该会。本届大会吸引98个国家、38个国际机构和非政府组织近500名代表参与。

根据文告，统计局正在扩展全球网络，并指大马将继续通过合作与能力建设推动全球统计发展。

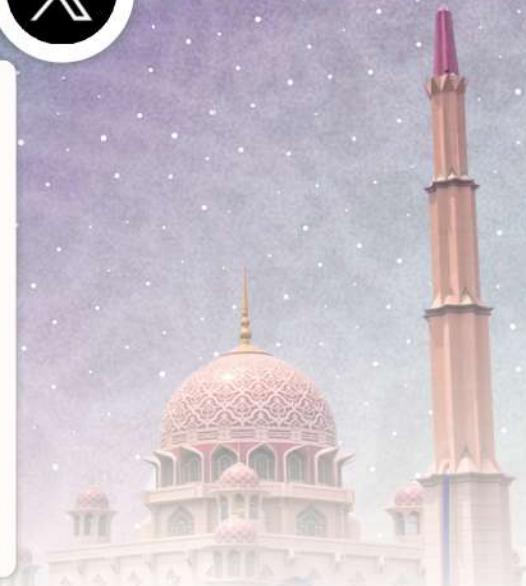
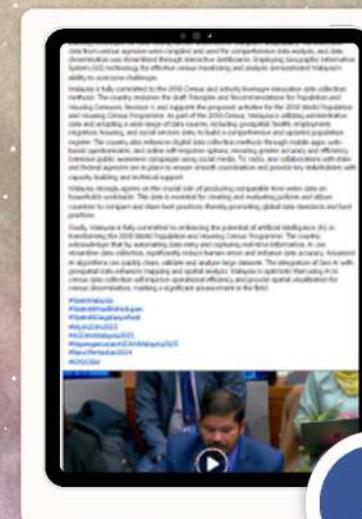
另外，莫哈末乌兹尔在大会上讲解我国统计发展的重要成就，并重申大马支持官方统计基本原则(FPOS)和今年在哥打基纳巴卢举行的联合国世界数据论坛的立场。

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Malaysia would like to **express** its gratitude to the Statistics Commission, the secretariat, Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the **United Nations, Member States**, and agencies for their contributions to the **success** of the **56th UN Statistical Commission**.

Not to mention all of the **organisers** of the side events throughout the session, who shared a great deal of statistical **knowledge** and **information** with the statistical community. Last but not least, congratulations to the **secretariat** for their outstanding preparations! **Malaysia truly values everyone's** dedication and enthusiasm in making this UN56SC a memorable event.



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