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The Role in SDGs, Modernization the NSS and the Role of OIC

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me a great pleasure to share briefly Indonesia experience of the role of BPS-Statistics Indonesia in SDGs, in modernizing the NSS and the role of OIC in contributing to the effort of BPS Indonesia and OIC member countries in developing statistics indicators as well as SDGs indicators.

Before I tell you of the effort of BPS-Statistics Indonesia related to SDGs, I would like to inform you that for MDGs Achievement in Indonesia, until 2015, we could achieve 13 indicators, 36 on track and 14 off track. There were some challenges for MDGs implementation in the context of statistical data use and availability: At regional level, not all MDGs indicators were integrated in planning and budgeting, and not all MDGs indicators available in the database at district level. Some local governments still considered data as “not important aspect” for planning, monitoring and evaluation .

In relation to SDGs, there are three tiers indicators for SDGs. **Tier I:** Indicators are available in most countries and consolidated as well as agreed upon methods (e.g.; existing MDG Indicators). **Tier II:** There is agreement on the methods but the data are not yet available for the majority of the countries. **Tier III:** There is agreement on general principles, but methods for computation of the indicators need to be further developed.

In Indonesia, data for some indicators, of around 116 in Tier I, are available from BPS surveys but some need to be compiled from across ministries/institutions. From 241 indicators, 116 indicators are available. For Tier II, of around 87 indicators, some available but still need to be developed. Meanwhile, for Tier III, it is not available yet. We are optimistic that most of the SDGs indicators can be provided and compiled by BPS-Statistics Indonesia.

BPS-Statistics Indonesia has been giving strong attention to develop SDGs indicators. Our focus now is how to enhance the quality of data and to widen the types of data collected in line with SDGs requirement. We also try to look at the current position of SDG achievement – comparing one region to another. A great attention goes to monitor progress in SDGs achievement and to predict whether the target will be achieved or not. But, there are some challenges we are facing in SDGs (in term of data) as in MDGs. Not all indicators are available at district level. Data literacy among decision makers are also still of great challenges.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In order to provide many more types of data and data quality, BPS continuously pays serious attention for pushing the National Statistical System to be stronger. We do define Indonesia’s National Statistical System (NSS) as an integrated system supported by statistical community forum, data provider and all other resources with regard to methods, infrastructure, science/ technology and law to provide quality statistical data.

We, BPS-Statistics Indonesia has strategic roles to produce official statistics, to determine National Statistical System (NSS) to formulate national policy in the field of statistic, to guide and coordinate statistical activities in other government institutions, and to act as a supervisory body on functional statisticians in other government institutions.

BPS-Statistics Indonesia has also been taking several efforts in developing statistical system. At national level, we try to make official statistics important and trustworthy for all by providing better quality data supported by high quality of Human Resources, Modern Infrastructure and ICT system. This is the target of BPS Modernization programs.

We also believe that it would be difficult to achieve an effective and efficient NSS if the government does not look upon statistics indicators as of high value. We do make strong engagement with all line ministries, Media and NGOs as well. In order to strengthen coordination with line ministries, BPS-Statistics Indonesia has signed MoU with a number of ministries/ government institutions in conducting statistical activities to meet the demand for variety of data for development planning and monitoring as well as for SDGs. We are now developing stronger and clearer NSDS (National Development Plan for Statistics).

We are also tirelessly making BPS-Statistics Indonesia as the main reference for all ministries and government agencies by providing technical assistance to other government institutions in conducting survey and research to enrich their sector data and efforts have been made to establish “One Data” for development at both the central and sub-national level.

Although we are facing great challenges in provincial and district level, BPS Head Quarter provide a guidance /manual for local statistical offices related to data and indicators that should be produced based on both regular surveys conducted by BPS and administrative record compiled from all local governments units (ministries or autonomous agencies) Many BPS local offices have initiated the establishment of “Data Forum” and “One Data” for development at subnational level to support the development of statistical system at local level.

We give high attention to regional statistics office to take a lead for Data Forum in developing statistical system. We define the data forum as a forum for clearing house, validation, consolidation, verification, consistency checking and authorization for data to be released and used. Data forum also aims to strengthen local government officers in understanding the meaning of data and utilizing data for development and for synchronizing data coverage with development need (*matching with needs*): regional coverage, period covered, and types of data and information, and also to push the acceleration of data availability and data flow from region to central government.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia has become a member state in the OIC since 1969 and has built strong cooperation particularly with SESRIC, which acts as the OIC-StatCom Secretariat. All these times, we do recognize that OIC-StatCom has shown strong commitment and contribution in assisting OIC member countries, particularly in the most recent time, to follow up the SDGs indicator framework through the implementation of statistical capacity building programs, such as trainings, workshops, and study visit.

During 2011-2016, OIC-StatCom has sponsored the implementation of several trainings in many countries and invited experts from BPS-Statistics Indonesia to teach in those trainings with various subjects, including trainings on: Quarterly National Accounts held in Kazakhstan; Statistical Data Analysis (Projections and Forecasting) held in Saudi Arabia; Food Crops Statistics, Livestock Statistics, and Health Statistics held in Bangladesh; Government Finance Statistics, Informal Sector Statistics held in Malaysia and Tourism Statistics

held in Suriname and Malaysia; Labour Statistics held in Brunei Darussalam; Agricultural Surveys held in Pakistan; Government Finance, Fiscal, and Public Sector Statistics held in Brunei Darussalam and Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, BPS-Statistics Indonesia has also been given the opportunity to improve the capacity of its personnel, among others by inviting our staffs to participate in: Orientation Workshop on Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS); Study Visit on Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) to Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat); Study Visit on the Subjects of Statistical Business Processes, Strategic Planning Cycle, Data Collection and Quality Control, Information Technologies and Human Resources; Regional Workshop on Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Accounts and, Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS4) Data Dissemination and Further Analysis Workshop.

In addition, in April 2011, the former Director General of SESRIC, Dr. Savaş Alpay, gave a public lecture in front of the students of the Institute of Statistics about the importance and development of statistics in Islamic countries. In August 2013, an expert from TurkStat, Mr. Cem Bas, gave the training on Consumer Price Index held in BPS-Statistics Indonesia.

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We, from BPS-Statistics Indonesia, are extremely delighted that during this meeting of “the Sixth Session of OIC StatCom” we will discuss the paradigm shift of NSS/NSO and transforming NSS to effectively support the SDGs monitoring.

Thank You

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