

Agenda Item 5: Emerging issues

5(b) Data governance in a changing world

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Mr. President/Chair,

- Thailand, has been promulgated the Digital Government Administration and Services Law B.E. 2562 (A.D. 2019) to enhancing how the public sector works for the people, including social and economic equitability, ensuring government transparency and improving people participation.
- We recognized the expanding of data ecosystem, new data sources and new methodologies which have potential to enable more efficient to improve quality of official statistics. As Statistical Offices need to have strong legal and institutional arrangements. Data governance frameworks can support the modernization of official statistics and remove unnecessary barriers to releasing the full value of statistics.
- Thai NSO together with the Digital Government Development Agency, Government Big Data Institute, and The National Electronics and Computer Technology Centre have been developing the Government Data Catalog or GD Catalog to organize inventory of government data assets as a metadata management platform. Moreover, NSO has been appointed to be the “registrar” or the data curator of GD Catalog. We also have been supporting line ministries to develop their own "Agency Data Catalog" to manage their own data in accordance with Data Governance Framework of Thailand.
- Statistic datasets including official statistics from GD Catalog have been promoted to exchange by using the SDMX standards for mutual benefits of the government agencies. We are on the process to develop Statistical Sharing Hub to become the centre of statistical exchange. The piloting phase for sharing statistics and key indicators are for labor statistics, demographic population and housing statistics, ICT statistics, and national resources and environment statistics including SDGs.
- We appreciate to support the UN- ESCAP to develop regional principles and approaches in the area of data governance, including adapting the Statistical Act, developing good practice principles for data ethics and defining legal framework for official statistics.
- Thank you.