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ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC STATISTICS WEEK

Integrating economic statistics in monitoring the 2030 Agenda

Increasing the **visibility and credibility** of National Statistical Offices

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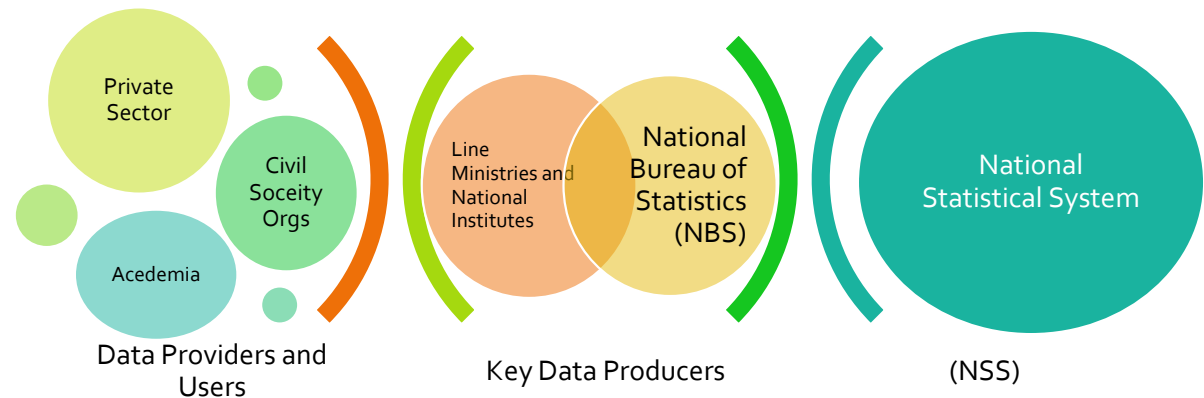
Review of the National Statistical System Maldives

National Bureau of Statistics

Official Statistics

National Statistical System of the Maldives

- Maldives NSS is highly decentralized



- Statistics Regulation of the Maldives - mandate for official statistics
- National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) - framework for strengthening the national statistical system

Drivers for a review of the national statistical system



Opportunity to improve the legal, institutional and organizational environment for the production and dissemination of official statistics

- Improve trust and credibility of statistical services
- Establish priorities and plan to meet users' needs
- Highlighted the strengths and weaknesses in specific areas of concern
- Practical recommendations to strengthen official statistics
- Allocate necessary financial and human resources

Lessons learned

To improve the value of statistics and boost the image of NSS

- The need for a strong legal basis
- Importance of an effective coordination mechanism
- Establish a National Indicator Set: this would establish clear data needs
- Assure the quality of official statistics - Data sources and processes



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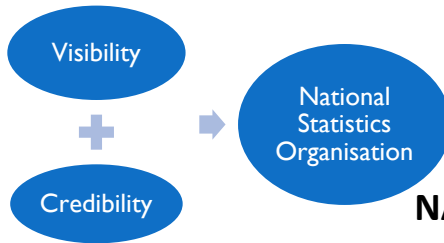
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INCREASING THE VISIBILITY AND CREDIBILITY OF
NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICES

HOW SPC AND REGIONAL MECHANISMS CAN SUPPORT COUNTRIES

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APPROACH THROUGH NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS

Short to medium term national strategy with a vision, mission and milestones.

Review annually to ensure alignment to the **National Development Plans**.

Include the **National Statistical System (NSS)**.

Addresses capacity development

Addresses **production**, **analysis** and **dissemination** of data

- Adoption of International standards and classification
- Use of Data Quality Assessment Framework

Challenge: Smallness of NSOs

GUIDED BY THE
UN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Thank you



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Group discussion (~30 mins):

1. What concrete initiatives have contributed to increased visibility and credibility of the NSO? (each group member to contribute something)
2. What are four key things that should be part of a visibility strategy?
3. Discuss what it means to be credible versus visible and recommend five ways to build and maintain credibility.

Replication studies

- Sharing and replicating good practices to improve economic statistics
- Documenting good practices
 - Short papers ~ 15 pages
 - Inspire others and have enough detail to replicate the work
- Five national projects documented as replication studies:
 - Lao PDR – Statistical Law
 - Maldives – Review of the National Statistical System
 - Bhutan – Export and Import Price Indices
 - Myanmar – Statistical Business Register Project
 - Cambodia – Supply Use Table and GDP Benchmarks