How to re-enforce the role of the Statistical Council as the coordination body of the national statistical system: the experience of Mongolia

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Legal framework

• The Law on Statistics of Mongolia (1997)

• Article 14 of the Law:
  - establishment of a Council;
  - chaired by NSOM Chairman; and
  - composed of seven members, appointed by the Parliament.

• Article 15 of the Law:
  - the procedure on functions of the Council approved by NSOM Chairman
National Statistical System

Bank of Mongolia
Ministries
Agencies

Parliament
Economic Standing Committee

NSOM
Council of NSOM

Statistical Departments/Divisions

Other structural units:
Policy/Administration

Statistical Divisions
Aimags

Statistical Department
Capital-City

Officers of Governors
(Treasury Fund)

Statistical Divisions
Districts

Governors of BAGS

Governors of Khoroo

Producers of official statistics/data

Statistics Authority of Mongolia

No strict delineation in the LS
Mandate of the Statistical Council

- According to the Law on Statistics, the Statistical Council:
  - supports official statistical activities;
  - provides advice to ensure the integrity of methodologies; and
  - makes recommendations in relation to decisions of the issues discussed.
Role of the Statistical Council

- The council:
  - convenes two times in the year;
  - is involved in the establishment and monitoring of the statistical programmes such as NSDS;
  - approves an Action Plan of the NSDS;
  - reviews the report of the NSOM; and
  - reviews the efficacy of the project implemented by NSOM (Monstat etc)
Challenges faced

• The Council is facing the following major challenges:
  - retention of the members of Council due to the political changes;
  - inadequate representation of users in the Council;
  - no conducive environment to better ensure the coordination between producers and users with focus on priorities;
  - no clear stipulation of its mandate and tasks in the Law of Statistics; and
  - under the said circumstances, it is not able to fully implement its role, part of the NSS.
Ways forward to reinforce the role of the Statistical Council

• We aim to reinforce the role of the Statistical Council by:
  - enlarging the participation in the Council to other users’ communities (e.g. academia, researchers, business community, civil society, media etc.,) in order to represent the interests of various users’ communities; and
  - explicitly stipulating the role of the Council in a revision to the Law on Statistics.