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Date	Time (KST)	Programme
Tuesday 19 September	10:00-10:30	Registration
	10:35-10:55	Opening Ceremony (watch the recording) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Remarks by Hyoung Il Lee, Commissioner of Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) Welcoming Remarks by Yoshiki Takeuchi, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD Congratulatory Remarks by Armida Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the UNESCAP and Youngmi Kim, Vice Chair of Presidential Committee on Aging Society and Population Policy
	10:55-11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Speech by Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director General, UNESCO
	11:05-11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15-12:45	Session 1: Insights on measuring well-being from an international perspective (watch the recording) Moderator: Romina Boarini , Director, OECD WISE Centre Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachael Joanne Beaven, Director, Statistics Division, UNESCAP Pedro Conceição, Director of the Human Development Report Office, UNDP Miguel Musngi, Assistant Director of the Poverty Eradication and Gender Division, ASEAN Secretariat Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristine Joy S. Briones, Assistant National Statistician of the Community-Based Statistics Service, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Batdavaa Batmunkh, Chairman, National Statistics Office of Mongolia <p><i>Calls to go “beyond GDP” have prompted many countries to put people’s well-being, inclusiveness, and sustainability at the centre of public policy. International organisations have helped countries forward work on measurement of well-being and on how well-being evidence can inform better policymaking. For example, multidimensional dashboards such as the OECD Well-Being framework, and its flagship report series How’s Life?, have enabled a more comprehensive assessment of people’s lives, today and in the future. This session will highlight such efforts by international organisations and global forums, including the OECD, UNESCAP, ASEAN and G7/G20, that have helped provide a richer picture of people’s well-being and future opportunities.</i></p>
12:45-14:00	Luncheon	

	14:00-15:30	<p>Session 2: Korea's experience in measuring well-being beyond GDP (watch the recording)</p> <p>Moderator: Haeryun Kim, Director, International Cooperation Division, KOSTAT</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Choi, Director, Economic and Social Statistics Research Division, Statistics Research Institute, KOSTAT • Seonga Kim, Associate Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs • Dongkyun Im, Professor, Seoul National University <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Tosetto, Policy Analyst, OECD WISE Centre • Masayuki Kanai, Professor, Senshu University <p><i>In recent years, the focus of national policies in Korea has moved towards promoting happiness and improving people's quality of lives beyond GDP. For example, Statistics Korea has been examining the Quality of Life indicators since 2014, which provide well-being data on 11 dimensions in terms of individuals, communities and environment. During this session, policy makers, researchers and civil society stakeholders of Korea will be asked to share insights from their experiences and innovations, in measuring well-being and applying a beyond GDP/well-being lens to policies in Korea.</i></p>
	15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
	15:45-17:15	<p>Session 3: What are the common dimensions across Asia that should be considered for measuring well-being and what data are available to measure them? (watch the recording)</p> <p>Moderator: Takuma Kato, Director of Healthcare and Long-Term Care Policy, ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neo Poh Cheem, Director, Economic Accounts, Statistics Singapore • Tshoki Zangmo, Senior Researcher, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford • Boonwara Sumano, Senior Research Fellow, Thailand Development Research Institute • Conal Smith, Senior Associate, Institute of Governance and Policy Studies and Atawhai Tibble, Director, Te Ao Māori, Census Operations, Census 2023, Statistics New Zealand <p><i>The South-East Asian region has achieved remarkable economic progress over the last half a century, making it the fifth largest world region in GDP terms. Despite its achievements, key challenges, including demographic changes, inequalities in social development and opportunities, and environmental degradation, remain. A well-being approach to policy would support the South-East Asian countries to address the highly interconnected challenges they face on a variety of dimensions. This session will aim at identifying the common dimensions which need to be considered to measure people's well-being, looking at both the outcomes that matter today and the key resources and capitals that drive and sustain well-being outcomes over time. Speakers from Asian countries with experiences of applying various well-being approaches will be asked to share their lessons learned so far. The session will also feature the variety of well-being data used across the region and reflect on which additional efforts are needed to fill existing gaps and to make data more comparable at international level.</i></p>

Wednesday 20 September	09:30-10:45	<p>Session 4: Unpacking well-being challenges in Asia: measuring the well-being of vulnerable populations and groups left behind (watch the recording)</p> <p>Moderator: Jihye Lee, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD WISE Centre</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Porio, Professor, Ateneo de Manila University • Min Sang Yoo, Research Fellow, National Youth Policy Institute • Phung Duc Tung, Director, Mekong Development Research Institute <p><i>Evidence has shown how reducing inequalities can be highly beneficial for society as a whole. Yet inequalities in Asia remain pervasive, for instance across individuals of different age, income, level of education, gender, ethnicity and place of living. Inequalities are also multidimensional and compound in several economic and non-economic dimensions, making it key to adopt well-being measurement approaches that can look at these interrelations and how they, sometimes, transmit over time and across places. By presenting empirical evidence on well-being of vulnerable groups and communities in Asia, the speakers will discuss which groups have been left behind and which specific data and statistical approaches are needed to best map progress made by these communities. The session will also look at the use of qualitative information, with a focus on lived experiences of disadvantaged communities.</i></p>
	10:45-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	<p>Session 5: How can well-being data be used in policymaking? How can the international community help promote a well-being agenda in Asia? (watch the recording)</p> <p>Moderator: Romina Boarini, Director, OECD WISE Centre</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joonhyuk Song, Governor, Statistics Research Institute, KOSTAT • Dennis Mapa, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) • Batdavaa Batmunkh, Chairman, National Statistics Office of Mongolia • Tadashi Yokoyama, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan • Diana Cook, Deputy Chief Economic Advisor, Te Tai Ōhanga – The Treasury, New Zealand <p><i>Building evidence base and civil service capacity are needed to facilitate the use of well-being evidence in policy making. In particular, identifying types of well-being evidence that are available in the region could help policy makers adapt policy mechanisms to apply the well-being evidence on a more systematic basis. Speakers will be asked to discuss how well-being evidence can support decision-making, and what difference it could make, including by drawing from examples of recent policy initiatives on well-being introduced in the region. Speakers will also reflect on the barriers policy makers face, in terms of both generating and using well-being evidence, and on how the international community could further help promote the well-being agenda in the region.</i></p>
	12:30-12:45	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by Yeon Ok Choi, Deputy Commissioner, KOSTAT and Romina Boarini, Director, OECD WISE Centre