



Madam Chair,

Malawi considers this session as an opportunity to advance efforts to ensure sustained economic growth and development. Being the first session of the Commission to take place after the

adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the theme of the session which is "Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda" cannot be

Achieving the desired level of national statistical capacity for 2020 census round will require financial mechanisms that ensure the availability of resources for both addressing existing data gaps and for investments in long-term national statistical capacity development. My delegation ~~also stresses the importance of developing and using innovative approaches, methods,~~