Group break out work on financing for data and statistics

23 May 2019, 2:00 – 3:30PM

Objective of the exercise and key output from each group: Please come up with a set of key elements necessary in a financing mechanism.

The questions listed below are to guide your break out group's discussion.

Please identify a reporter who will present the main discussion points back to the full HLG.

Guiding questions

1. The value for data and statistics for evidence based policymaking, for measuring progress, for assessing the health, wealth and happiness of people, is undeniable. But securing adequate support to strengthen the systems behind the data and statistics has been difficult. Please discuss aspects of data and statistics that are unique in the context of resource allocation. What are some ways to enhance the level of resources dedicated to data and statistics?

2. Drawing from the presentations by the World Bank and FAO, what are some of the lessons that can be applied to securing financial support for national statistical systems? How can a sector specific mechanism, such as 50x2030, be expanded to data and statistics in general?

3. There has been discussion on the idea of an inventory of country identified priorities for capacity building/development and of resources available. How would this work? What are some ways that matching priorities and resources can be successful? What are some potential challenges?

4. How can countries have a stronger voice in the traditional donor approach to funding? What are ways that donors can align available resources with country priorities?

5. How do we reckon multiple interests and reporting need within a financing mechanism?