

## 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting  
15 December 2022, Open/ closed meeting

### Opening

1. Ms. Awad and Ms. Dhuli (co-chairs) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting.

### Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF): Hangzhou 2023

2. Mr. Mao (China) gave an update on the preparations which are progressing smoothly across the areas of focus within the different national planning committees. On the logistics, the regulatory measures to protect against Covid-19 continue to be relaxed but some quarantine measures for international travel are likely to remain in place by the current April 2023 dates for the Forum. Therefore, the group was asked to consider two scenarios for holding the Forum: to maintain the current dates most likely for the Forum to be held in a virtual format or postpone to early September 2023 by which time the hosts assured members this will allow full in-person participation.
3. Ms. Badiie (Programme Committee co-chair) on behalf of the Programme Committee shared some concerns with the scenario to postpone until September. This would mean the dates would then fall into a very crowded calendar for complementary international meetings during the middle and end of 2023<sup>1</sup>. While much of the programme was already selected and currently on hold waiting for the decision from this group, the risk of significant postponement would likely impact the freshness of the programme and put in question whether session and other types of organisers as well as the Committee itself can extend their time and resource commitment to cover the new dates.

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<sup>1</sup> There are two large conferences on data and statistics occurring later in the year: 64th ISI World Statistics Congress (16 – 20 Jul 2023) in Ottawa, Canada and Festival de Datos (7 – 9 Nov 2023) Punta del Este, Uruguay and in addition at the policy level the 2023 SDG summit (19 – 20 September 2023) New York, USA

4. Members from Argentina, Hungary, Mexico, the State of Palestine, the United Kingdom and GPSDD shared the view of the hosts that an in-person event would be more beneficial, but they were also concerned with the impact on other future events and the splitting of the in-person audience for those held in 2023 as well as the impact on the timeline for planning the fifth UN World Data Forum to take place in Medellín, Colombia during November 2024.

**Action: The secretariat to prepare a special meeting of the group in the second week of January to make a final decision on the holding of the Forum. At that time, members will receive a risk assessment analysis from the secretariat with a recommended decision. The risk assessment will be based on views received from this group's members, Programme Committee members and discussions during the host/secretariat meetings**

### **Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP): updates**

5. Ms. Perucci (secretariat) kindly reminded members of the deadline to complete the second round of the CTGAP implementation questionnaire, which was originally Monday, 12 December 2022 and had now been extended by a few days to Monday, 19 December 2022. The questionnaire was a continuation of the joint efforts of the UN secretariat, the World Bank and PARIS21 to continue to track the effects on the operations of National Statistical Offices because of the Covid-19 pandemic, to gather information on the implementation of the CTGAP in the current six strategic areas, and to inform capacity development and funding needs especially as an input into the [Clearing House for Financing Development Data](#). She added that the results of this second round will be presented in a background document to the UN Statistical Commission and reviewed at a side event during the week of the Commission in March 2023.
6. Dr. Márquez (Mexico) gave an update on behalf of the CTGAP revision subgroup and recapped the conclusions on this work from the group's 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in London. The subgroup would continue to develop the [position paper](#) shared with the group and present this to the Statistical Commission in a background document in late January. This work would be further discussed during a side event webinar on the 1 February 2023 ahead of the Statistical Commission and then afterwards in a consultation prior to launching a new outcome document during the next UN World Data Forum.
7. Ms. Badiie (ODW) appreciated the mention of stakeholders outside Government being reflected in the contents of the CTGAP revision and requested the subgroup to also consider sectoral linkages in addition to national and regional. As advocated by the current CTGAP a whole system approach should be encouraged, but in practice many current capacity activities are organised along sectoral lines and as a result some sectors are not getting the attention they need.

## Updates on global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics

8. Issue partners from ODW, PARIS21 and the GPSDD gave an update on their continued joint efforts to improve the financing mechanisms for sustainable development data. Ms. Badiie (ODW) and Mr. Fonteneau (PARIS21) informed the group on the latest efforts from the [Bern Network/Clearinghouse](#) and alerted the group of news from the recent [Partner Report on Support to Statistics \(PRESS\)](#) showing funding to data and statistics has declined by a record amount in 2020 and some sectors have fared worse than the average. More positively, the network had made more progress with building deeper partnerships and coordination within the development community such as with the [OECD's Development Assistance Committee \(DAC\)](#). Further, the governance structure for the World Bank [Global Data Facility](#) was about to be put into effect with the first meeting of the partnership council to be held during the first quarter of 2023. Finally, Ms. Melamed (GPSDD) hinted at progress in engaging high-level political support within the UN, the World Bank and several Governments for the [investment case](#) for data which would be announced in the new year.

## Provisional agenda for the group's UNSC54 in-person meeting (26 February 2023)

9. The next main meeting of the group is planned for **Sunday, 26 February 2023** between **9:30am and 1pm** (New York local time) in a hybrid format during the side-lines of the [54<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Statistical Commission](#) which will be in-person this year.
10. The proposed topics for the next meeting's agenda are preparations for the 2023 and 2024 UN World Data Forum, the CTGAP revision and associated outcome documents for the next two Forums and updates on the global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics.
11. The secretariat proposed that the group consider at its next meeting removing the distinction between open and close segments of its meetings as the purpose of this has diminished since the group put it in place upon its inception at the beginning of the 2030 Agenda/ Sustainable Development Goals.
12. The secretariat reminded members the process by which the group rotated its membership alongside its sister group, the [IAEG-SDGs](#) would begin in 2023 with a letter to the statistical divisions within the regional commissions. Upon decision by these regional bodies the rotation would come into effect by June 2023 for the new members to be inducted into the group.

Annex 1: Agenda

**Twenty-eighth meeting of the High-level Group  
for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for  
Sustainable Development**

Thursday, 15 December 2022, 7:00 – 9:00am (EDT)

Virtual meeting

Open/ Closed meeting

<b>Agenda item (all times EDT)</b>		<b>Item type<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>CLOSED MEETING</b>		
07:00 – 07:05am	1. Opening	
07:05 – 07:20am	2. Provisional agenda for UNSC54 in-person meeting (26 <sup>th</sup> February)	For discussion
07:20 – 07:30am	3. Administrative and logistical arrangements for UNSC54 (28 Feb - 3 Mar 2023) and UNWDF2023 (24 – 27 Apr 2023)	<a href="#">For information</a> (1) <a href="#">For information</a> (2)
<b>OPEN MEETING</b>		
07:30 – 07:35am	1. Opening	
07:35 – 08:05am	2. Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF): Hangzhou 2023	
	a. Logistics update	<a href="#">For information</a> (2)
	b. Programme development	For discussion
	c. Communications strategy	For information
08:05 – 08:40am	3. Cape Town Global Action Plan: updates	
	a. Survey on implementation	For information (3)
	b. Revision subgroup	<a href="#">For discussion</a> (4) <a href="#">For discussion</a> (5)
	c. Side event during UNSC54	<a href="#">For information</a> (6)
08:40 – 08:55am	4. Updates on global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics	For information
09:00am	5. Any other business	

<sup>2</sup> Where relevant, item type text will contain a link to the wiki with the document for discussion or information with the document number in brackets.

## Annex 2: List of participants

### Twenty-eighth meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

#### HLG-PCCB member countries

1.	Albania (co-chair)	Ms. Elsa Dhuli, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
2.	Albania	Ms. Vjollca Simoni, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
3.	State of Palestine (co-chair)	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
4.	Argentina	Mr. Marco Lavagna, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INDEC-Argentina)
5.	Argentina	Mr. Martin Chojo, INDEC-Argentina
6.	Argentina	Mr. Nicolás Petresky, INDEC-Argentina
7.	Belize	Ms. Diana Castillo-Trejo, Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB)
8.	Burundi	Ms. Jeanine Niyukuri, Institut National de la Statistique du Burundi (INSBU)
9.	Cameroon	Mr. Barnabe Okouda, Institut national de la statistique (INS-Cameroun)
10.	China	Mr. Mao Shengyong, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS-China)
11.	China	Ms. Wang Juan, NBS-China
12.	China	Ms. Zha Ruixian, NBS-China
13.	Ecuador	Ms. Tania Romero, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INEC-Ecuador)
14.	Ecuador	Ms. Monica Torres, INEC-Ecuador
15.	Mexico	Ms. Graciela Márquez, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI-México)
16.	Mexico	Ms. Ariadna Díaz, INEGI-México
17.	Norway	Mr. Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway
18.	Norway	Ms. Live Rognerud, Statistics Norway
19.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
20.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
21.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
22.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)

23.	Spain	Ms. Ana Carmen Saura, INE-España
24.	United Kingdom	Sir Ian Diamond, Office for National Statistics (ONS-UK)
25.	United Kingdom	Mr. Oliver Mahoney, ONS-UK
26.	United Kingdom	Mr. Simon Jones, ONS-UK
27.	Hungary (ex-officio member)	Ms. Gabriella Vukovich, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO)

#### IAEG-SDGs

28.	Canada	Ms. Cara Williams, Statistics Canada
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#### Issue partners

29.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Francois Fonteneau
30.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Daniel Taccari
31.	UNECLAC / CEPAL	Ms. Pauline Stockins
32.	UNECLAC / CEPAL	Ms. Alynn Sanchez
33.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Tanja Sejersen
34.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
35.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiee
36.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Mr. Grant Cameron
37.	World Bank (WB)	Ms. Haishan Fu

#### Secretariat

38.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
39.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Francesca Perucci
40.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Mark Rutherford
41.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Jaspreet Doung