

35th meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting

3 September 2024, Open meeting

Opening

1. Ms. Dhuli and Mr. Annim (co-chairs) together with Mr. Schweinfest (Director of the Secretariat) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting.

Workplan review (January – December 2024)

a. Selection of sixth UN World Data Forum (UNWDF) host

2. The secretariat informed the group regarding the special meeting to be held on Thursday to hear presentations from the bidding countries and vote on the sixth host. Members are required to register no more than two persons per member country and identify the designate/alternate voter. A vote will be conducted until a majority present and eligible select one bidder.

Action: Members requested to complete the [REGISTRATION FORM \(RVSP\)](#) by TODAY to attend the special meeting this Thursday to select the sixth host of the UNWDF as the meeting link will only be shared with these registered participants.

b. Programme of the fifth UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)

3. Mr. Mendez (UNWDF host country, Colombia) mentioned preparations for the fifth UNWDF in Medellín, Colombia was well underway with countless preparatory meetings undertaken to agree plans and mobilize the data and statistical ecosystem in Colombia. The [registration](#) to attend was now open until 30 September and he looked forward to welcoming all participants to the conference venue in November.
4. Ms. Badiee and Ms. Awad (co-chairs of the Programme Committee) confirmed the [programme](#) was released last month. The current programme reflects the comments received at the last meeting where there are now more lead organisers from a National Statistical Office featured on the programme.

c. Consultation on CTGAP 2.0 and other outcomes of the fifth UNWDF

5. The secretariat with partners (ODW/Paris21) and the host country of the Forum (Colombia) presented the status of CTGAP 2.0, the working title for the work on the realignment of the Cape Town Global Action Plan (see accompanying slides). The secretariat provided details on what had changed in the documents since the last meeting and described plans for a public consultation. The host country shared the work ongoing to engage national stakeholders on the outcomes. The partners leading the work on the Commit to Data campaign outlined the progress since its launch and how it would be developed up to and beyond the Forum.

Action: HLG members and issue partners to review and provide comments to the secretariat by Friday, 13 September 2024 on the two documents: CTGAP 2.0 document containing the priority framework (in MS Word) and the action framework (in MS Excel).

Reporting from issue partners on work related to HLG-PCCB agenda

6. Issue partners from GPSDD, PARIS21 and World Bank gave their updates on their increasing connected work with the [Power of Data](#) looking ahead to the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) conference to be held in Spain next June/July; the replenishment of the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) funds; and an appeal to build the narratives for better funding for data and statistics using existing platforms and tools (i.e. Clearinghouse for financing development data).

Review of the Terms of Reference (ToR)

7. The secretariat would have an opportunity to review and update their ToR at the next in-person meeting at the fifth Forum. Any agreed changes would be submitted through the group's report to the Statistical Commission in late November.

Action: HLG members to review the existing [Terms of Reference \(ToR\)](#) and provide comments and suggestions on how the ToR can be improved to strengthen participation and engagement among members (including the scope of work). This will be a key item for discussion at the 36th meeting to be held in Medellin at the sidelines of the fifth UN World Data Forum.

Any other business

8. Mr. Rothen (Switzerland) introduced a proposal to conduct an independent evaluation of the UN World Data Forum as it reached its fifth edition. Mr. Schweinfest mentioned two issues were the funding for this exercise and the choice of evaluator. Several issue partners (GPSDD, Paris21 and ODW) offered their support in this process.

Action: The Secretariat is looking at potential next steps and inform the HLG-PCCB what is feasible and how the group will handle the evaluation at the next meeting.

9. Next meeting will take place before and after the sixth UN World Data Forum: Tuesday, 12th and Saturday, 16th November 2024 (both in the morning).

Annex 1: Agenda

Thirty-fifth meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Tuesday 3 September 2024, 7:00am – 9:00am (EDT)

Virtual meeting

Open meeting

	Agenda item (all times EDT)	Item type¹
07:00 – 07:10am	1. Opening	
07:10 – 08:30am	2. Workplan (January – December 2024) ²	
	a. Selection of sixth host	For discussion
	b. Fifth UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)	For information: programme and registration
	c. CTGAP 2.0 and other outcomes of the fifth UNWDF	For discussion Document(s): CTGAP 2.0_priority-framework (clean) and with (track changes) [shared] CTGAP 2.0_action-framework [shared]
08:30 – 08:45am	3. Reporting from issue partners on work related to HLG-PCCB agenda	For information
08:45 – 08:55am	4. Review Terms of Reference	For information
08:55 – 09:00am	5. Any other business	

¹ Where relevant, item type text will contain a link to the wiki with the document for discussion or information.

² See final page (10) of the official report of the HLG-PCCB for the workplan.

Annex 2: List of participants

Thirty-third meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

1.	Albania (co-chair)	Ms. Elsa Dhuli, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
2.	Ghana (co-chair)	Mr. Samuel Annim, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)
3.	Belize	Ms. Diana Castillo-Trejo, Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB)
4.	Botswana	Mr. Lucky Mokgatlhe, Statistics Botswana
5.	Bulgaria	Mr. Rumen Antonov, National statistical Institute (NSI-Bulgaria)
6.	Bulgaria	Mr. R. Stefanova, NSI-Bulgaria
7.	Bulgaria	Ms. D Milanov, NSI-Bulgaria
8.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Andres Mendez Coronado , Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)
9.	Colombia	Mr. Juan Felipe Cruz, DANE-Colombia
10.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Gómez Ramos, DANE-Colombia
11.	Dominican Republic	Mrs. Miosotis Rivas Peña, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
12.	Dominican Republic	Ms. Victoria Tapia Pérez, ONE-República Dominicana
13.	Pakistan	Mr. Naveed Iqbal, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
14.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
15.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
16.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
17.	Qatar	Dr. Ahmad Hussein, Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA-Qatar)
18.	Singapore	Mr. Tang Hsiu Chin, Singapore Department of Statistics
19.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
20.	State of Palestine	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
21.	State of Palestine	Ms. Safia Ibrahim, PCBS
22.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
23.	Switzerland	Ms. Ambre Crettenand, SFSO
24.	Uruguay	Mr. Diego Aboal, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-Uruguay)

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25.	Brazil	Ms. Denise Mari Penna Kronemberger, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE)
26.	Canada	Ms. Cara Williams, Statistics Canada

Issue partners

27.	Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei)	Mr. Philipp Schönrock
28.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Rachael Beaven
29.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Ms. Paula McLeod
30.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
31.	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Mr. José Antonio Mejía
32.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiee
33.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
34.	World Bank (WB)	Mr. Craig Hammer

Secretariat

35.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
36.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Rutherford
37.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper
38.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Matthias Reister
39.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Xiaoran Shi
40.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Yi Zhao
41.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Zhelei Song