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

Virtual meeting  
5 September 2024, Closed meeting

### Opening

1. Ms. Dhuli and Mr. Annim (co-chairs) welcomed members and bidding teams to the meeting.

### Background and results on the selection the sixth host of UN World Data Forum

2. On 13 December 2023, the UN secretariat invited permanent missions to express interest to host the sixth UN World Data Forum (UNWDF). By the deadline 27 March 2024, the UN secretariat received expressions of interest from four countries to host the sixth Forum. A special meeting of the HLG-PCCB was held on the 28 May 2024 to invite all four to bid.
3. Bid documents were received from three countries by 20 August 2024 and one country withdrew from the process. The documents were shared with the HLG-PCCB in advance of the special meeting to select the next host. The special virtual meeting was convened on the 5 September 2024, members heard presentations from the three bidders and engaged in a Q&A session with prospective hosts.
4. At the conclusion of this special meeting, the fourteen members present and eligible to vote decided by majority through a secret ballot to select Saudi Arabia as the sixth host of the United Nations World Data Forum. According to their bid, the proposed dates and location for the next Forum are provisionally set for either **the Monday, 19 – Thursday, 22 October 2026** or **Monday, 9 – Thursday, 12 November 2026** in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Annex 1: Agenda

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

**Date/time:** Thursday 5 September 2024, 7:00am – 9:00am (EDT)

**Format:** Virtual closed meeting

**Objective:** Select the host of the sixth United Nations World Data Forum (2026)

<b>Time (EDT)</b>	<b>CLOSED SCHEDULE</b>
<b>CLOSED MEETING</b>	
07:00 – 07:10am	1. Opening and scene setting
07:10 – 07:24am	2. Kenya presentation on their bid - proposed May/June or November 2026 (14 min)
07:24 – 07:32am	Question and answer (8 min)
07:32 – 07:37am	Internal discussion (5 min)
07:37 – 07:51am	3. Qatar presentation on their bid – proposed October - December 2026 (14 min)
07:51 – 07:59am	Question and answer (8 min)
07:59 – 08:04am	Internal discussion (5 min)
08:04 – 08:18am	4. Saudi Arabia presentation on their bid – proposed October/November 2026 (14 min)
08:18 – 08:26am	Question and answer (8 min)
08:26 – 08:31am	Internal discussion (5 min)
08:31 – 09:00am	5. Final discussion, submission of votes and decision (29 min)

## Annex 2: List of participants

### Special 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.	Ghana (co-chair)	Mr. Samuel Annim, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)
3.	Belize	Ms. Diana Castillo-Trejo, Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB)
4.	Bulgaria	Mr. Atanas Atanasov, National statistical Institute (NSI-Bulgaria)
5.	Bulgaria	Mr. Rumen Antonov, NSI-Bulgaria
6.	Colombia	Mrs. Piedad Urdinola, Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)
7.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Andres Mendez Coronado, DANE-Colombia
8.	Dominican Republic	Mrs. Miosotis Rivas Peña, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
9.	Dominican Republic	Ms. Victoria Tapia Pérez, ONE-República Dominicana
10.	Mongolia	Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)
11.	Mongolia	Ms. Tegshjargal Tsagaan, NSO-Mongolia
12.	Pakistan	Mr. Naeem Uz Zafar, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
13.	Pakistan	Mr. Naveed Iqbal, PBS
14.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
15.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Struzewska, Statistics Poland
16.	Singapore	Mr. Tang Hsiu Chin, Singapore Department of Statistics
17.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
18.	State of Palestine	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
19.	State of Palestine	Ms. Safia Ibrahim, PCBS
20.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
21.	Switzerland	Ms. Ambre Crettenand, SFSO

22.	Uruguay	Mr. Diego Aboal, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-Uruguay)
23.	Uzbekistan	Mr. Odiljon Mamadaliev , State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

### Bidding teams

24.	Kenya	Amb. Philip Thigo MBS, Office of the Special Envoy on Technology, Kenya
25.	Kenya	Dr. Macdonald G. Obudho, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)
26.	Kenya	Ms. Sarah Omache, KNBS
27.	Qatar	Mr. Ahmed Al-Obaidly, National Planning Authority (NPA-Qatar)
28.	Qatar	Dr. Ahmad Hussein, NPA-Qatar
29.	Qatar	Ms. Haya Althani, NPA-Qatar
30.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Fahad bin Abdullah Al-Dossari, General Authority for Statistics (GASat-Saudi Arabia)
31.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Ibrahim Alali, GASat-Saudi Arabia
32.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Basil Alrayes, Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the UN

### Secretariat

33.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
34.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Rutherford
35.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper
36.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Paul Pacheco
37.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Li Wang
38.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Xiaoran Shi
39.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Yi Zhao
40.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Zhelei Song