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## Institutional cooperation for capacity development

### **The Nordic model - A broad approach**

*Organized by Statistics Norway, Statistics Sweden, and Statistic Denmark*

**Tuesday 7 March, 8:15 - 9:30 am**

**Venue: Conf. Room A**

The Nordic countries have a long tradition engaging in statistical capacity development. The main approach is to provide assistance through long term and broad based institutional cooperation. Experiences made over the years has showed that cooperation with the National Statistical Office (NSO) in improving the production of specific statistics is not sufficient to build sustainable National Statistical Systems and capacity for statistics. We need a broader focus.

In the later years the Nordic countries have engaged more in institutional cooperation not only with our sister organization in the partner country, but also formally including key data owners and key policy makers on the user side. Another element related to a broader approach in institutional cooperation is the importance we see in supporting not only specific statistical areas, but including support for more general institutional capacity development. Elements such as capacity in leadership and management and IT-infrastructure normally need to be a part of a comprehensive institutional development cooperation.

In this seminar we will present the overall Nordic model for institutional development cooperation, and go more into detail on what we mean when we talk about a broad based approach to capacity development.

## Agenda

- 08.15**      **Welcome**
  
- 08.20**      **The Nordic Approach to Capacity Development**  
Ms. Christine Meyer, Director General, Statistics Norway
  
- 08.35**      **Broader Approach: Institutional capacity development**  
Ms. Pernilla Trägårdh, Director International Development Cooperation, Statistics Sweden
  
- 08.50**      **Broader Approach: Cooperation with data owners**  
Ms. Silja Emmel, Head of Section International Consulting, Statistics Denmark
  
- 09.05**      **Broader Approach: User orientation in Capacity Development**  
Ms. Irene Tuveng, Head of Division International Development Cooperation, Statistics Norway
  
- 09.20**      **Discussion**