



United Nations Development Account 10th tranche Statistics and Data

Workshop on sound institutional environment, cooperation, dialogue and partnerships for the production and utilization of SDG indicators

Tunis, 6-8 February 2018

Proposed Programme of Work

Objective and expected outcome

The workshop will address the institutional environment for official statistics in support of monitoring progress towards the SDGs, including governance, leadership, coordination mechanisms and tools as well as dialogue and partnership between producers and users of data and statistics. The workshop will contribute to the development of guidelines, compilations of best practices and other training material at global and regional levels illustrating the impact of institutional, organisational and managerial arrangements on the capacity of national statistical systems to embrace the necessary transformation of official statistics.

P.S. This workshop will NOT include topics on data, monitoring trends or progress achieved in terms of data.

DAY 1, 6 February 2018

Opening session

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Host country○ ESCWA○ UNSD <p>- UNSD - The Global context of Sustainable Development Data: Cape Town Action Plan for Sustainable Development and other global initiatives</p> <p>- ESCWA - The Arab context and the objective of the workshop</p>
10:30 – 11: 00 a.m.	Coffee break

Session 1: Institutional Framework (day 1)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.n.	<p>This session will consider how national statistical legislation may, from an institutional perspective, ensure the production and dissemination of high-quality statistics and data to address global, regional and national sustainable development agendas. In particular this session will address regulatory frameworks, ensuring consistency with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</p> <p>Regional and Global presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UNSD- International principles and supporting regulatory frameworks○ ESCWA- Regional principles supporting regulatory frameworks (analysis of questionnaire part 1)○ SESRIC- Interim Results of the Tendency Survey of SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries <p>Country presentations on national practices and challenges in developing and enforcing sound statistical legislation.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Libya –Blue Print of Libya Vision and Agenda 2030 for advancing statistics ○ Palestine - Modernization of Statistics Act ○ Jordan - Peer Review on the Implementation of the Statistics Code of Practice for the ENP South countries (based on the European Statistics Code of Practice) <p><i>Discussion points (sharing of experience):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enhancement of the status and professional independence of producers of official statistics - securing confidentiality and trust in official statistics -supporting the access to and use of non-traditional data sources for the production of official statistics and data -improving transparency and public access to official statistics
1:00 – 2: 00 p.m.	Lunch

Session 2: Governance, programmatic tools and funding mechanisms (day 1)

2:00 – 4:30 p.n.	<p>This session will focus on the mechanisms and tools that support the coordination of the national statistical systems (NSS), the coherence and comparability of its products and services, and the alignments of programmes and measures for the enhancement of national statistical capacity for the production and utilisation of SDG indicators. This session will also share best practices on how National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and other programmatic instruments can incorporate in flexible and modular ways recommendations provided in various assessment exercises such as reviews of national statistical systems or gap assessments while securing adequate human, financial and technical resources necessary for development of statistical capacities.</p> <p>Regional and Global presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNSD - Global principles for governance and coordination of NSS ● ESCWA - delineation, governance, planning and coordination (analysis of questionnaire part 1)++ ● UNEP - Funding opportunities
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Country presentations on national sound mechanisms and tools for the coordination of NSS to ensure efficient and effective delivery of coherent and comparable statistical outputs at global, regional and national levels and illustrate national practices in incorporating recommendations from various reviews and assessment in NSDS.

- Libya - دور التشريعات الاحصائية في بناء النظام الاحصائي الوطني الليبي - Role of statistical legislation in support of the national statistical system
- Egypt - تعزيز الدور التنموي للنظام الإحصائي الوطني وتكوين مسارات جديدة - لتوفير بيانات التنمية المستدامة
Enhancing the developmental role of the national statistical system and the creation of new approaches to provide sustainable development data

Discussion points

- required governance mechanisms and tools to support coordination, coherence and comparability of NSS products
- sound governance mechanism to ensure coordinated implementation of NSDS, including prerogative and current and future roles NSO
- resource mobilization for NSDS
- integration of results of various assessment in NSDS and other programmatic tools
- strengthening the availability of sustainable funding for NSS

DAY 2, 7 February 2018

Session 3: Leadership, partnership, communication and dialogue

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>This session will consider how to interact with the data communities outside the NSS, policy makers, civil society, researchers and other stakeholders in order to secure the access to innovative data sources, to acquire the human financial and technical resources for statistical activities, and eventually deliver products and services that are fit-for-purpose. This session will go beyond legal provisions that enforce such interactions and will focus on national practices on strategic alliances and behaviours that could strengthen partnerships of national and international statistical systems with stakeholders involved in the production and use of data for sustainable development. The role of data communities outside the traditional national statistical system and mapping agencies will also be discussed.</p> <p>Regional and Global presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UNSD - Global principles governing interaction with data communities and their potential role in official statistics○ ESCWA Dissemination, communication and partnership (analysis of questionnaire)○ UNFPA – Regional initiative to monitor ICPD-based SDGs: tools and partnerships - tbc○ UNEP - Coordination at the national level <p>Country presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Qatar - SDG indicators: Progress achieved○ Sudan - Strategies for Added Value of New Data to Achieve Sustainable Development● Morocco – 2030 التدابير الأولية في تنفيذ خطة التنمية المستدامة لعام 2030 Initial Processes in Implementing Agenda 2030
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11:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Coffee break
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Continuation of session 3</p> <p><i>Discussion points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - institutional consideration regarding the collaboration with data communities - how to interact and make strategic alliances with these stakeholders to secure access to innovative data sources, acquire resources - what are the national practices on strategic alliances (producers and users) to strengthen partnerships of national and international statistical systems production and use of data for sustainable development
1:30 2:30 p.m.	Lunch

Session 4: Quality assurance and quality monitoring (day 2)

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Session 4 will focus on quality assurance frameworks and quality monitoring in terms of institutional environment, data sources, methodology, statistical processes and output. Participants will share best practices and discuss future development in adapting quality standards to a rapidly changing data eco-system and to the use of innovative technologies for the production of statistics and indicators. As data are the source and input of the statistical production chain, the use of administrative data, geospatial information and other data sources to complement traditional statistical surveys and censuses (mix-mode) will necessarily impact the way to assess and communicate the quality of statistical products. It would be interesting to contemplate how statistical agencies could engage with various data communities outside the national statistical systems in order to gradually improve accessibility, accuracy and coverage of alternative data sources.</p>
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	<p>Regional and Global presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UNSD Global principles on quality assurance and quality monitoring, UNSD○ ESCWA Regional initiative to improve SDG data availability and quality, and Data sources, registers, processes and quality (analysis of questionnaire) <p>Country presentations on national practices and discuss future development in adapting quality standards to a rapidly changing data eco-system and to the use of innovative technologies for the production of statistics and indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Oman - Monitoring SDG4○ Iraq - Implementation of Geospatial to produce statistical data <p><i>Discussion points</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-what are the quality assurance frameworks and quality monitoring implemented to national practices to adapt future development in quality standards to a rapidly changing data eco-system- use of innovative technologies and mix-mode in preparing statistics from different and mixed sources to complement traditional statistical surveys and censuses)-what quality measures are implemented to secure statistical products.- examples of engaging other data communities outside the national statistical systems to improve accessibility, accuracy and coverage of alternative data sources
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DAY 3, 8 February 2018

Moderated discussion and conclusion

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Summary of session 1 and 2○ Summary of session 3 and 4 ○ UNSD- UN Handbook on Statistical Organisations <p><i>Discussion points:</i> <i>-identify good practices, opportunities and challenges in enhancing institutional capacities at national, regional and global levels for the production and utilization of SDG indicators.</i> <i>-propose ways to embrace opportunities and address institutional challenges including through specific programmes and actions supported by multilateral and bilateral donors.</i></p>
11:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Coffee break
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Continuation of Moderated discussion and conclusion
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Includes coffee break	Conclusion and closing remarks The conclusions and major outcome of the workshop prepared by the panellists and the team of rapporteurs will be submitted to participants for validation, followed by closing remarks and farewell by UNSD, ESCWA and the host country.