

32nd meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting

11 September 2023, 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.

Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP): updates

1. The secretariat shared a paper prior to the meeting with a proposed timetable for the second phase of the CTGAP revision process together with a summary of the first phase outcome and other background information. Following the request at the last meeting to reform a subgroup to work on the second phase, the membership now consists of: Albania, Ghana, Colombia, Pakistan, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and Uruguay with issue partners GPSDD, Paris21, UNESCAP and UK FCDO. The next step would be to convene a meeting of the subgroup to decide on the parameters and methods to carry out the revision, and thereby prepare for an in-person meeting of the group to develop these ideas further. the revision in time for its launch at the.
2. Members mentioned where the topic of data was being discussed in high-level settings such as the G20 declaration, the [Data Dividend High Impact Initiative \(HII\)/ 2030 Data Action Plan](#) at the UN SDG Summit 2023 and the UN Summit of the Future 2024. It was suggested to create an inventory of these references.
3. The secretariat updated the group on plans for a [survey on the implementation of the CTGAP](#) conducted by the secretariat with partners, PARIS21 and the World Bank. The current proposal is to plan to launch a third round of the questionnaire in late 2024. The survey could help to establish a baseline just after the CTGAP revision is launched at the fifth UN World Data Forum.

Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)

4. Ms. Urdinola and Mr. Mendez (Colombia) gave the group a brief update on the preparations for the UNWDF in Medellín, Colombia and offered more details at the group's next meeting. The secretariat provided an update on the status of the Programme Committee where 24 of the 26 persons invited had accepted the invitation to serve on the Committee with the first meeting scheduled for Thursday, 21 September.

Follow-up on the two outstanding responses would continue; but getting a member from the media to serve on the Committee had proved challenging in the past so any additional nominations from the group was welcome.

5. Ms. Awad and Ms. Badiee were introduced as the continuing co-chairs of the Programme Committee to maintain much needed continuity as the next Forum will likely take place in less than 15 months. The co-chairs mentioned a range of issues identified from the last Forum, they would discuss during the business of the Committee including measuring the impact of the Forum, improving links to other communities (i.e. digital agenda, financing, etc.) and participant representation (i.e. youth, private sector), continuation of the thematic areas, building back the in-person nature of the Forum, localization through different types of meet-ups, greater multilingualism, and more inter-Forum promotion and events.

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

6. The secretariat and issue partners from the GPSDD, PARIS21 and the World Bank gave the latest updates on the respective initiatives. GPSDD reported on the [Data Dividend High Impact Initiative \(HII\)](#), one of twelve initiatives being promoted at the UN SDG Summit being held during the UN General Assembly High-level Week 2023. The Data Dividend HII aims to mobilise high-level political guidance on the data leadership and investment needed to support the transformative and accelerated actions in the lead up to 2030. High-level political leaders, goodwill ambassadors, UN senior officials, civil society and private sector leaders will hold an [event on the 17 September to be broadcast on UNTV](#). PARIS21 reported on the latest monitoring of statistical funding and latest figures showed a recovery to pre-Covid levels, but better financial support to data and statistics remained a priority. Finally, World Bank reported good progress on the implementation of the Global Data Facility and offered to present more details at a future meeting.

Working arrangements updates

7. Members were sent a poll to understand their availability for an in-person meeting either in the week of beginning 11 December 2023 or later in April 2024 with dates to be determined. Ms. Dhuli generously offered the facilities and help of her office to host this meeting. If at least half of the members were not available in December, then the next meeting of the group would be at the side lines of the 55th UN Statistical Commission to take place on Sunday, 25 February 2024.

Annex 1: Agenda

Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Statistics Division

(as of 1 September 2023)

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

Monday, 11 September 2023, 7:00 – 9:00am (EDT)

Virtual meeting

Open meeting

Agenda item (all times EDT)		Item type
07:00 – 07:05am	1. Opening	
07:05 – 07:35am	2. Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP) updates	
	a. Revision subgroup	For discussion (see paper)
	b. Implementation questionnaire	For discussion
07:35 – 08:05am	3. Preparatory work on the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)	
	a. Next host selection for 2026	For discussion
	b. Programme Committee (PC) co-chairs update	For information (see composition file)
	c. Host update (DANE-Colombia)	For information
08:05 – 08:35am	4. Updates on global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics	For information
08:35 – 08:55am	5. Secretariat announcements: look ahead at working arrangements for 2023-4	For information
09:00am	6. Any other business	

Annex 2: List of participants

Thirty-second 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.	Botswana	Mr. Burton Mguni, Statistics Botswana
4.	Bulgaria	Ms. Antoaneta Ilkova, National statistical Institute (NSI-Bulgaria)
5.	Bulgaria	Ms. Maria Gochova , 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. Kenia Sánchez, ONE-República Dominicana
10.	Pakistan	Mr. Naveed Iqbal, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
11.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
12.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
13.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
14.	Qatar	Mr. Ahmad Hussein, Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA-Qatar)
15.	Singapore	Mr. Koh Eng Chuan, Singapore Department of Statistics
16.	Singapore	Mr. Tang Hsiu Chin, Singapore Department of Statistics
17.	Spain	Ms. Ana Carmen Saura, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
18.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, INE-España
19.	State of Palestine	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
20.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
21.	Switzerland	Ms. Ambre Crettenand, FSO
22.	Uzbekistan	Deputy Director , State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

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23.	Canada	Ms. Cara Williams, Statistics Canada
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Issue partners

24.	Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei)	Mr. Philipp Schönrock
25.	Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei)	Mr. Juan David Niño
26.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Ayodele Marshall
27.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Ms. Paula McLeod
28.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
29.	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)	Ms. Reidun Gjengedal
30.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiee
31.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
32.	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	Ms. Andrea Ries
33.	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	Ms. Ingrid Rydell
34.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Christoph Rouhana
35.	World Bank (WB)	Ms. Haishan Fu
36.	World Bank (WB)	Mr. Craig Hammer

Secretariat

37.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
38.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Rutherford
39.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper
40.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Yongyi Min
41.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Matthias Reister