Agenda item 8:

Building a Global Conceptual Framework and a Collaborative on Citizen Data

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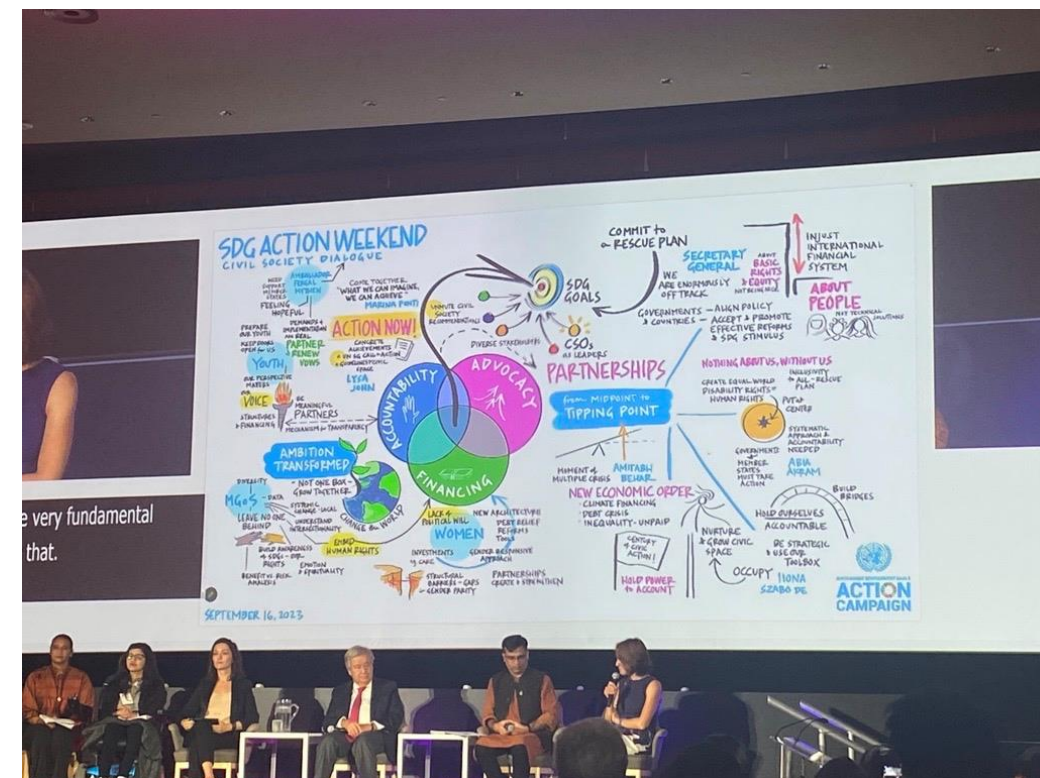14th Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs
Plenary Sessions
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Copenhagen, Denmark

The importance of citizen-Generated Data

- **The Secretary General's report** on [Data Revolution](#) asks for *"The disparate worlds of public, private and civil society data and statistics providers need to be urgently brought together to build trust and confidence among data users."*

- **Secretary General at the World Data Forum:** *Citizen-generated data allows people and communities to gather and take control of the data affecting their daily lives*
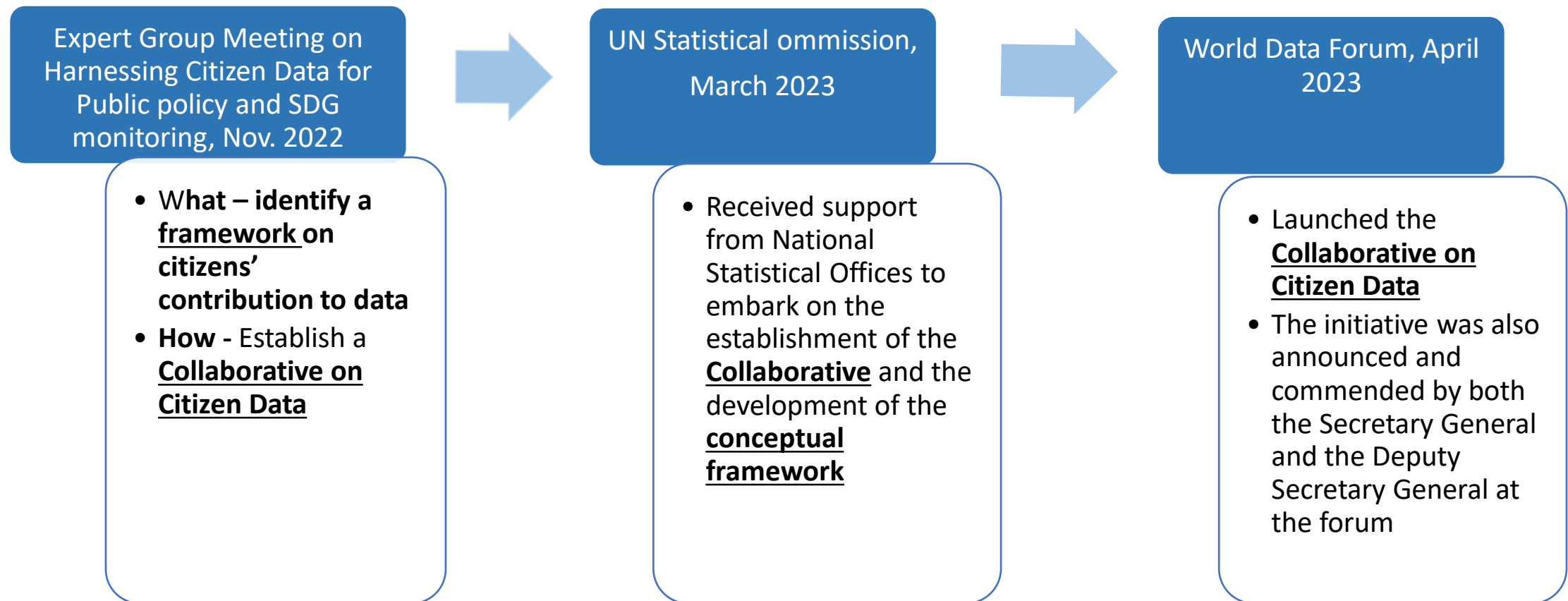
CGD in monitoring and reporting on the SDGs and policy

- As stated in the 2030 agenda, the SDG Follow-up and review processes at all levels "should be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people and **will support the reporting by all relevant stakeholders**".

- National review should "**draw on contributions from indigenous peoples, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders**"

- "**Nothing about us without us**": Make voices heard and count

Citizen-generated data can:

- Empower citizens and turn them into agents of change.
- Enhance data availability, timeliness, quality, openness, and disaggregation and provide valuable insights, especially for marginalized populations

Collaborative on Citizen Data

Citizen data at the global level: what we have done

Expert Group Meeting on Harnessing Citizen Data for Public policy and SDG monitoring, Nov. 2022

- **What – identify a framework on citizens' contribution to data**
- **How** - Establish a **Collaborative on Citizen Data**

UN Statistical ommission, March 2023

- Received support from National Statistical Offices to embark on the establishment of the **Collaborative** and the development of the **conceptual framework**

World Data Forum, April 2023

- Launched the **Collaborative on Citizen Data**
- The initiative was also announced and commended by both the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General at the forum

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Provide a space to share knowledge, resources, and experiences to leverage citizen data for policymaking and accountability

Foster collaborations and in-depth discussions among experts from different communities

Provide a platform for **advocacy and mobilization** of relevant stakeholders

Identify specific conceptual and methodological gaps and inform further development of guidance

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UN Expert Group Meeting on Citizen Data, September 2023

Objectives

Review and discuss a draft <u>Conceptual Framework on Citizen Data</u>

Discuss ways and steps to <u>operationalize</u> the Conceptual Framework

How does the <u>Collaborative on Citizen Data</u> help operationalize the Conceptual Framework

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UN EGM on Citizen Data

- **Participants**
  - 80 experts from NSO, CSO, Academia, NRHI, Reg. and int. organizations

- **Preceded by a Country-based Workshop**
  - **Exchange of experiences**
    - Kenya, India, UK, Colombia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Denmark
  - **Collective problem solving**
    - Sensitive data, Collaborative, National Guideline, CSO-NSO collaboration on data quality

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EGM discussions: the Conceptual Framework

The importance of Citizen Data

Fill data gaps; reach hard-to-reach groups; hear peoples experiences; participation; accountability; LNOB…

Objectives of Citizen Data

Monitor service access, assess implementation of rights, support policymaking, raise awareness, mobilization, research

Key principles

Align with existing principles such as UN FPOS, HuRi, Citizen-science…

Types of initiatives / Level of participation

CSO-driven + modalities of collaborations / Informing, consulting, engaging, driving…

Roadmap to implement the conceptual framework within the country

Include, Build trust, Institutionalize partnership, value lived experiences, leverage diversity of competences/expertise…

The Collaborative on Citizen Data

Bridge Global-Regional-National levels, map existing initiatives, nurture exchange of practices, provide guidance…

Roadmap and Next Steps

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The *Copenhagen Framework*

- Restructure/refine based on the EGM discussion
- Test/proof of concept with national/local case studies
- Develop advocacy and fundraising materials

Implementation of the *Framework*

- Pilot national roadmaps including the development of the national toolkits for citizen data
- Conduct mapping/baseline exercise of citizen data production at the national level
- Provide technical assistance to improve capacity of NSOs and community/CSOs and to foster an enabling environment

The *Collaborative on Citizen Data*

- Call for members from NSOs, Major Groups, Human Rights Institution network, citizen science network, researchers, UN agencies, philanthropic organizations
- Carry out a stocktaking/mapping exercise
- Establish a Community of Practice

Milestones and activities

March 2024 (UN Statistical Commission)

- A background document on a draft conceptual framework and a road map

June 2024: Expert Group Meeting

March 2024- March 2025

- Global consultation on the draft conceptual framework/roadmap
- Country case studies/piloting
- Identify areas that need methodological development
- Work with other key collective groups that have a strong presence of CSOs and human rights institutions to bring the different data partners together

March 2025 (Statistical Commission)

- Final conceptual framework/roadmap

Thank You!
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