

Co-ordination in the Global Statistical System: a possible way forward

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The Global Statistical System

■ UN Statistical Commission

Apex body, BUT ...

- Needs to conform to UN rules
- Only 24 countries are members
- Only countries can be members
- Usually only NSOs represented
- Possible risks of politicisation

■ CCSA

Only international organisations

■ Regional bodies

UN Regional Commissions, RECS
EU, OECD

■ Sectoral bodies

e.g. International Conference of Labour Statisticians

Challenges for the Global Statistical System

- Better balance between formal and informal governance structure
- Improved cooperation IT tools + methodologies accessible
- Improved governance structure on implementing standards
- Network that allows organisations to share new developments at an early stage
- Improved transparency + strengthened assessment of quality

The way forward

- Creation of CCSA Bureau- towards a more explicit management system
- Definition of a medium term strategy linked with matrix for GSS projects
- Advise regional CCSA-type bodies

Comments on the paper at ISI

- Clarification of 'Better balance for formal role & position of IOs in GSS' and how to achieve this?
- Bureau:
 - CCSA definitely getting too large
 - Hold on to principle of 'creative ambiguity'
 - Not sure of strict implementation work plans, but should be informed of reasons for non-action
- Should directly promote coordination at national level, initially using few countries as case studies.