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Overview of the presentation

- Global statistical programs; 2009 – 2015
- The role of CCSA
- Challenges for the Global Statistical System and the role of CCSA

General trends

- Increasing global demands for Evidence Based Decision Making (climate change, economic crisis, fight against poverty, etc.).
- Economic / financial crisis (budgetary situation in many statistical offices, lacking cooperation budget and available expertise)
- Specific situations (dilution of expertise)
- Roles of countries and international and regional organisations

Global Statistical Programmes

Population Census, round 2010 – 2011

- Specific expertise,
- Enormous operation with heavy field work
- Well established methodology (UN recommendations)
- Well recognised value and base for statistical systems
- Preparations ongoing

Global Statistical Programmes

Agricultural Census, round 2010 – 2011

- Very specific expertise, international support (FAO) needed
- Enormous operation with heavy field work
- Well established methodology (UN recommendations)
- Recognised value and necessary basis for statistical systems
- Preparations ongoing
- Food crisis underlined need

Global Statistical Programmes

Indicators for MDGs

- General program, wide variety of issues
- Complex set of data collections, use of best sources,
- Heavy burden on expertise and coordination
- Diverse methodologies, based on Household surveys
- Highly rated and visible project, policy relevant, scepticism on feasibility+ quality issues

Global Statistical Programmes

International Comparison Programme ICP, Round 2011

- Very specific expertise, ad hoc approach
- Relatively complex (global+ regional levels)
- Methodology established in 2005 round
- Serves primary international goals
- Missed opportunity for capacity building in 2005 round
- Preparation starting

Global Statistical Programmes

Implementation of SNA 2008

- Very specific expertise, development of many basic statistics and classifications
- Relatively complex (global+ regional levels)
- Methodology established, compilation tools available
- Strong policy demand (economic crisis, financial crisis, globalisation)
- Support needed from GSS (role of regional org.)
- Preparation starting

Global Statistical Programmes

Enhancement of agricultural statistics

- Dilution of expertise last 10 years, advocacy needed
- Structural approach needed, wide range of statistics
- Introduction of new technologies possible
- Important role for developed countries and IOs
- Policy relevant, basic information, relates to many other fields
- Preparation starting

Global Statistical Programmes

Environmental stats / stats for Climate Change

- Very specific expertise, ad hoc approach
- Relatively complex (global+ regional levels), link to globalisation, food crisis etc.
- Methodology not well established, Accounting methods ask for high level expertise
- New basic statistics needed, relates to many fields
- In starting phase

Global Statistical Programmes

Measuring Progress in Societies (OECD)

- Movement, focuses on wide range of statistics
- Brings advocacy to all levels of society
- Builds mainly on existing statistics –opportunity for GSS
- Strong outreach of value of evidence based decision making
- Channel for implementation of Global statistical programmes?
- Link GSS programmes and Global Project activities

Challenges GSS

- 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

Challenges to the GSS- the role of CCSA

- Increase coordination and support GSS leadership
- Facilitating ongoing global programmes
- Same stakeholders, project overlap, use of common resources ▶ higher communication efforts

Obstacles to overcome



- Ad hoc initiatives to a strategic plan (proactive ≠ reacting)
- Follow up of actions ▶ continuous work flow
- Communication + joint involvement of stakeholders
- Role of UN regional bodies
- Comparability of data
- Sharing data and information standards
- Early stage coordination

CCSA – 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

Thank you!