

The Role of the Regional Hubs in mainstreaming Big Data and data science in official statistics

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Session Outline

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| 08:00 - 08:05 | The UN Global Platform and link to the Regional Hubs for Big Data |
| 08:05 – 08:35 | Presentations by Regional Hubs – overview of status and activities |
| | Ms Andrea da Silva (Brazil) |
| | Ms Song Shaoying (China) |
| | Mr Ivan Murenzi (Rwanda) |
| | Ms Thuraya Al Hashimi (UAE) |
| 08:35 – 08:40 | Outcome of Workshop with Regional Hubs, Dubai |
| 08:40 – 09:00 | Q&A |

Feedback from Regional Hub workshop, Dubai

Facilitated by the Task Team on Training, Competencies & Capacity Development

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Facilitated with colleagues Ralf Becker (UNSD) and Dominika Nowak (Statistics Poland)

Feedback from Regional Hub workshop

- All Regional Hubs working together to discuss where they are now, where want to be & the challenges
- Emerging key themes
 - **Governance Structure** – for steer and accountability
 - **Communications** – promotion of the Regional Hub offer -> Comms Champion
 - **UN Global Platform** – how NSOs can access and use data and platform -> UNGP Champion
 - **Capability Building** – how to support NSOs in building skills -> Capability Champion
- Action Plans developed – with Regional Hubs

Regional Hub - Capability Building Plans

- Would like each Regional Hub to appoint a **Capability Champion**
- **Capability Champion** is invited to join the Task Team on Training, Competencies & Capacity Development
- Continue to work together

- A huge opportunity for the Task Team to coordinate the development of training products and tools that are directly needed by the Regional Hubs and NSOs – *Fit for purpose*

Capability Building – immediate action

- Building big data / data science skills within regions
 - International Data Science Accelerator Mentoring Programme – **New****
 - Globally seeks mentors and mentees to work together on a small project
 - Graduation and Certificate at the end for all mentees
 - Regional Hubs are fully involved – advertising, sifting, matching mentors & mentees
- Application process is open :
 - Closing date is 28th Feb 2022 for both mentor and mentee applications
 - 1st Project Cohort will run 28th March – 17th June 2022