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

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Session Outline

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