



Break-out group 4A: SUMMARY

Session 4: Mobilizing and securing adequate resources and infrastructure, and promoting regional and global cooperation for the development of national statistical capacity



Which resources given to official statistics are the most critical for securing and further developing statistical capacity that is fit for purpose?

- Training school (practical), need to train statisticians post-education.
- Recognise the increasing importance and demand for IT (seniority of staff, start-up costs), backbone of the organisation
- Specialists (poverty analysis, sampling, geospatial, software, programmer/system analyst)
- Physical infrastructure – HQs (single complex aids cooperation), regional offices, research –well equipped (furniture, comms, etc.)
- Fieldwork transportation
- Organisation structure – organogram which does not deliver, alignment of structure to the core business



Can you provide us with any recent success stories, new initiatives or best practices related to mobilizing and securing adequate resources for official statistics?

- MoU with university department to collaborate (Nigeria, Botswana, South Africa)
- NSO has a training school for entire NSS in-service training, 3 campuses. Provides certificates, diploma (Nigeria)
- Good succession planning for purposes of continuity and experienced - existence of deputies (South Africa)
- Soft skills training on leadership, 360 evaluation and feedback to improve (Ghana), senior leadership issues with University Stellenbosch (Botswana)



How could bilateral and multilateral partners contribute to the mobilization of adequate resources for official statistics without significantly increasing their respective technical assistance budgets?

- Census digitisation – technical support US Census Bureau (Malawi, Kenya)
- Bilateral/ multilateral partners engage Govt, continual advocacy to Govt to prioritise official statistics and put conditions to produce statistics as part of larger development programme
- Show relevance – display products, make headlines from data, show importance of updated methods/ sources (national accounts re-basing)
- Autonomy should be backed by adequate funding, still need appropriate access to political process (funding)



Can you provide us with any recent success stories, new initiatives or best practices related to the protection of core data and critical statistical infrastructure against natural disasters?

- No main issue
- Precautionary measures on IT infrastructure (servers)



What is missing from the discussion on this session that should be covered in the Handbook?

- None