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GIST Annual meeting

8 February 2022

Agenda

- Opening
- GIST Achievements in 2021
  - Q&A
- GIST Contributions and Constraints
  - Discussion Session
- Proposed Plans for 2022
  - Discussion Session – Future Directions for GIST
- Closing

Overview of GIST

https://unstats.un.org/gist/

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Background document on GIST

Available here:

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/53rd-session/documents/BG-3a-Coordinating-statistical-training-for-increased-accessibility-and-sustainability-work-of-GIST-E.pdf

Written statements related to item 3a and GIST in particular are much welcome.

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GIST Achievements in 2021

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Increased communication and outreach

- **Newsletter** developed and sent to almost 6000 people, more than 60 subscribers
- 5 GIST related **webinars and sessions**
- **Articles** in Statistical Journal of IAOS
- Draft **communication strategy**
- Trello board

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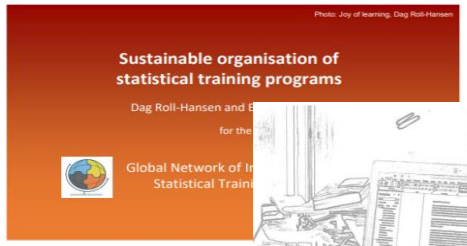
GIST microlearning

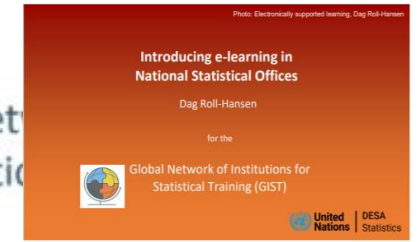
- National Superheroes Office – episode 1: Where are the green hats?
- National Superheroes Office – episode 2: Are the health data right?
- Data concierge
- Data visualization contest

Addressing specific NSO needs

- Continued work on **Sustainable statistical training programs at national level**
  - standard curriculum,
  - Suggestions for establishment of statistical training program,
  - Suggestions on how to use e-learning in national training program

- Piloting work
  - **Both countries:** Gap assessment
  - **Ethiopia:** Comprehensive training program for NSS
  - **Ghana:** Core standard trainings





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Online gateway and e-learning community of practice

- UN SDG:learn statistics: www.unsdglearn.org/statistics.
  - Over 70 courses available
  - Expanded with microlearning as a category – more than 20 materials added
  - Initiated work with members and partners to add more
  - Encourage all to add courses to make the hub/inventory more useful

- Is **exchanging experiences** on processes for peer feedback, course evaluation and participant's learning and benefit from the trainings.

UN SDG:learn

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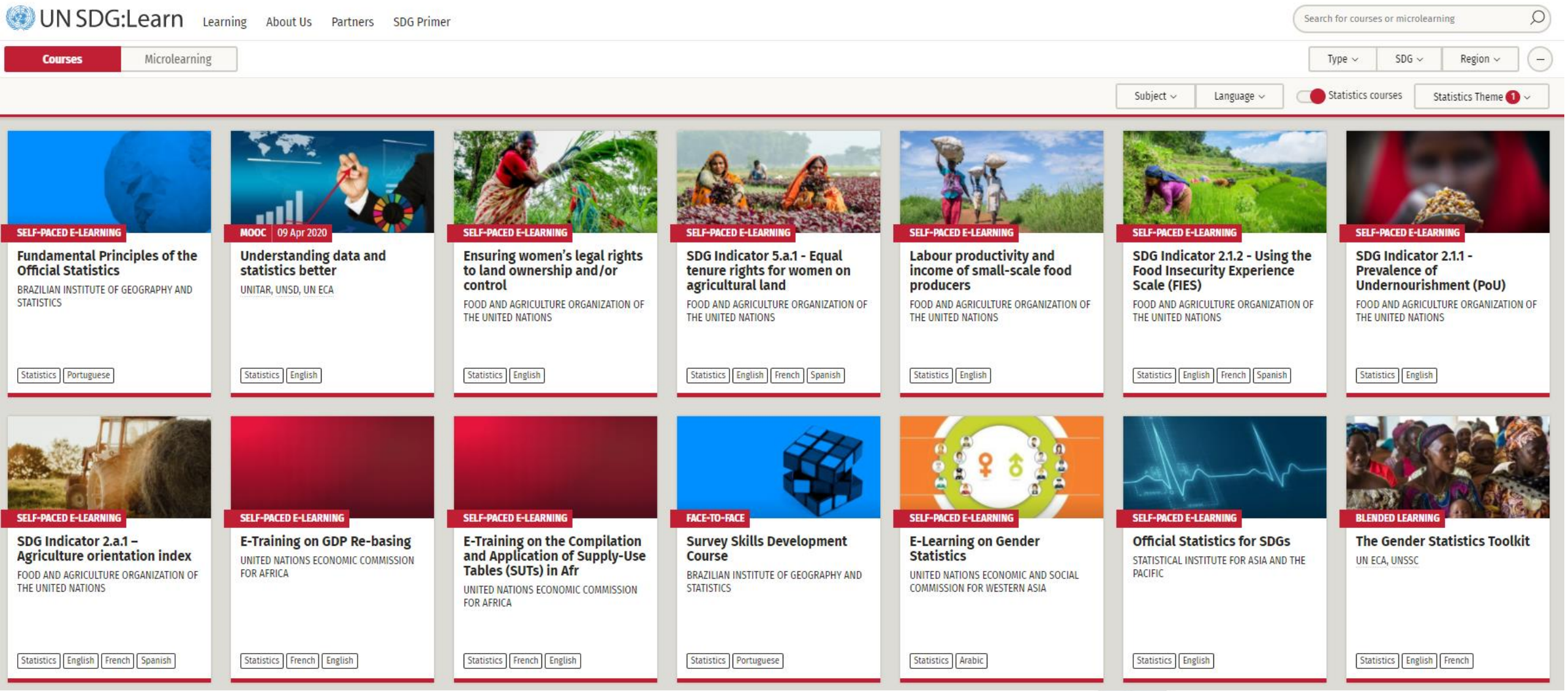

Statistical literacy

- **Inventory of initiatives in statistical literacy relevant to official statistics:** https://unstats.un.org/gist/statistical-literacy/.
  - Template for adding materials available – members to add
  - Engaging with International Statistical Literacy Program – they will substantially contribute to adding

- Discussions have led to the development of an e-learning course on statistical literacy led by UNITAR

Statistical Literacy Initatives Inventory

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E-learning course "Understanding data and statistics better – for more effective SDG decision making" (Organized by: UNITAR)

Purpose of the initiative:

The e-course was developed by UNITAR, UNSD and UNECA with the aim to offer a double opportunity: i) to help improve the understanding of how better data can help design more effective public policies and ii) to brush up on your core data skills. The course covers aspects related to the interpretation, analysis, and presentation of data of direct relevance to the SDGs and more broadly national and sectoral policies aimed at ensuring sustainable and inclusive development. It introduces these topics using concrete examples of data use and public policy context from around the world. The course reviews both traditional and non-traditional data sources and discusses their uses, as well as the opportunities and challenges presented by the latter. The course contains 5 modules structured around key competences: awareness about data use and basic data skills, data assessment and interpretation, effective communication with data,

Questions?

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GIST contributions and resource constraints

– how can we ensure complete and sustainable products?

GIST Contributions and Constraints – how can we ensure sustainable products?

- Introduction
- GIST achievements depend on your participation – Thank you!
- Now we have innovative products that need to be –
  - Used
  - Kept current and relevant
- New GIST initiatives to help countries deliver SDG indicators need -
  - Resources – learning materials, courses, translation
  - Funding - consultants
  - Staff time – participation on task teams and projects
- Let's brainstorm possibilities

Discussion: Guiding questions

- GIST has in the last years developed tools that need continuous updates to be relevant – how can we all contribute to this?
- Can your organization contribute more staff time or resources to support the work of GIST?
- Are there opportunities for fundraising to bring in more external resources? (Should we develop a fundraising strategy/proposal?)
- Is our level of ambition the right one?
- Should we bring in more members? How about inactive members?

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Proposed plans for 2022

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Suggestions for 2022

- Continue communication and outreach work
- Continued work of task teams
  - Add more courses, microlearning and functionalities to UN SDG:learn
  - Further pilot and develop work sustainable statistical training programs
  - Further develop inventory of statistical literacy initiatives in partnership with ISLP
- New focus?
  - Guidance on provision of remote training?
  - Gap and needs assessment of statistical training at national level?

Guiding questions

- Should we continue with the same task teams or rethink?

- Is there other work that has emerged as important and for which a task team or limited time workstream should be established?

Remember open GIST event on February 11!

Register for the event here

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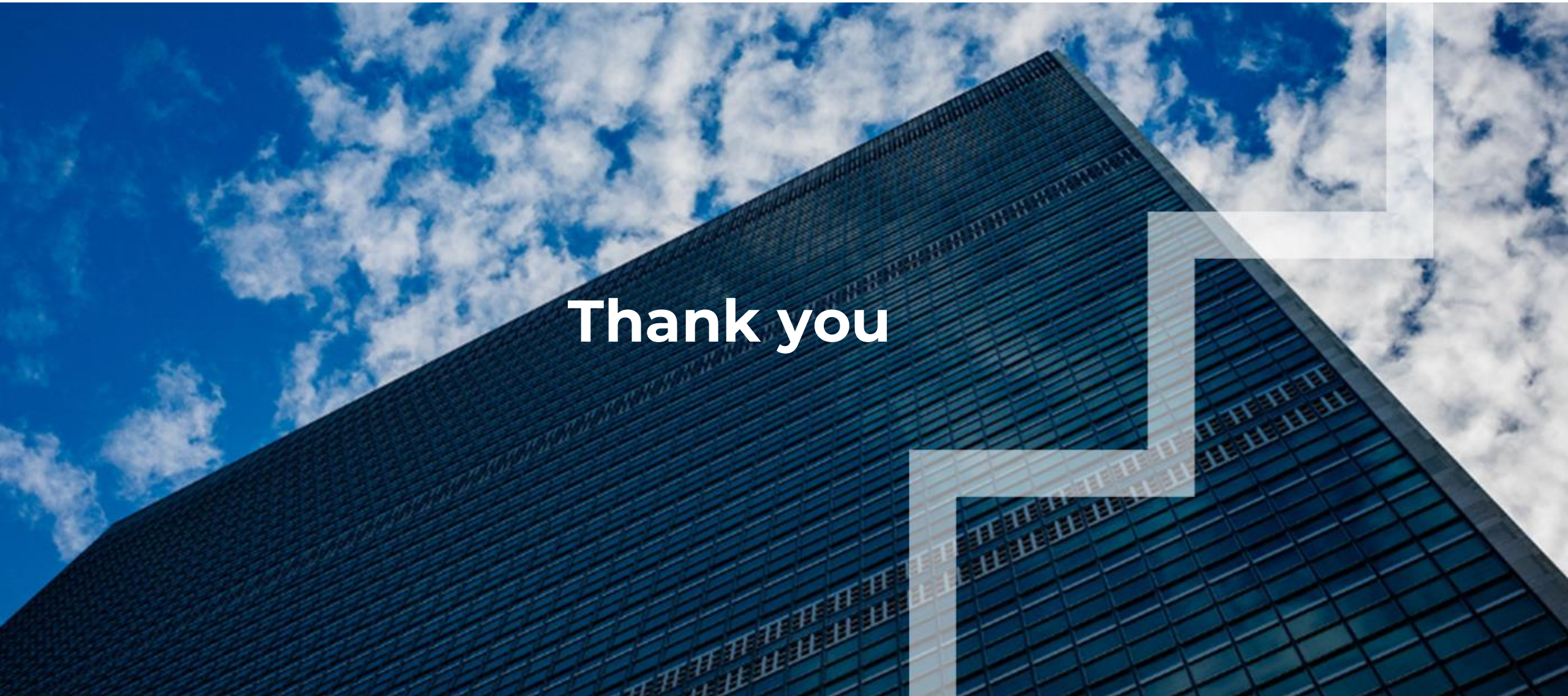

Thank you