Meeting agenda

7.30 am Opening by GIST Chair, Ms. Mitali Sen
7.40 am Presentation by GIST Secretariat on progress, Ms. Vibeke Oestreich Nielsen
7.55 am Questions and answers to progress
8.15 am Discussion around questions to SAG on sustainable statistical training
8.55 am Closing by GIST Chair
GIST and its work
Overview of GIST

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

Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)

Building sustainable statistical capacities through efficient, effective, and harmonized delivery of statistical training
Ongoing work – general

• Outreach
  • Webinars and workshops
  • Newsletter

• Access to materials – new wiki page being established

• Big data
  • UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics.
  • The group has a team of experts that are currently working on training materials, including e-learning, on the use of various innovative data collection and processing approaches.

• Establishment of group of teaching experts providing input
Ongoing work – three task teams

- Online gateway and e-learning community of practice
- Statistical Literacy in the context of the 2030 Agenda
- Addressing specific NSO demands
Online gateway and e-learning community of practice

• Has established a **statistics gateway or hub for statistical training materials** on UN SDG:learn: [www.unsdglearn.org/statistics](http://www.unsdglearn.org/statistics).
  - Microlearning has been added as a new feature
  - Microlearning videos under development
  - More learning materials being added in general – including from new partners

• **Is exchanging experiences** across agencies on development of e-learning materials. Current focus is on course evaluation and participant’s learning and benefit from the trainings.
  - Evaluation guidance in statistics available [here](http://www.unsdglearn.org/statistics)
UN SDG:learn
www.unsdglearn.org/statistics
Statistical literacy

- Is in the process of developing **an inventory of materials on statistical literacy** and post it on the GIST homepage.
  - A template is in place and members will soon be asked to provide examples.
  - Aim: to make it easier to find statistical literacy materials
  - Example: the toolkit for schools of the US Census Bureau

- E-learning course on statistical literacy has more modules available [here](#)
Census Academy (Organized by: United States Census Bureau)

Purpose of the initiative:
Census Academy is the Census Bureau's new data education and training hub with a heavy focus on digital content. It was created to provide more accessible, cost-efficient, and intelligible educational content to adult learners. A virtual data hub for learning data skills, as well as exploiting the data resources available to the public at the Census Bureau for a mix of users. Courses help comprehension of statistical concepts and enhance skills for data analysis, visualization.

Target Audience:
Addressing specific NSO demands

- Report on **sustainable statistical training programmes**
  - **Key suggestions for follow up:** repository of training materials and tools, standard set of courses, recommendations for establishment of statistical training programmes, clarification of role of regional and international partners

- Report on **training related to NSS coordination**
  - **Suggested follow up:** Standard/core trainings proposed for different levels of staff, suggestions for donor support in the area

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Addressing specific NSO demands

• Three draft documents:
  • A proposed overview of a standard set of training courses to potentially cover in a training programme.
  • Guidance on setting up and maintaining sustainable statistical training programs at national level
  • Proposals around use of e-learning in statistical training
Questions?
Special topic
Feedback from SAG members
We want to hear from you!

• Do the reports shared provide findings and recommendations that are in line with your thoughts and understanding for statistical training in your countries?
• What are, in your view, the main incentives for staff to be trained?
• What are the main obstacles?
• If you do not already have a well-functioning statistical training program, are the documents a helpful starting point?
• What is most relevant to you?
• Is the staff at your NSO/country using e-learning to improve skillsets?
• Is the UN SDG:learn/statistics platform a useful tool? How has your office been using it? What would you like to see being improved?
• Would you/your office be willing to work with members of GIST to pilot some of the recommendations by the consultants?
Any other questions?
Thank you