

GIST board meeting

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Participants:

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Agenda:

- Planning for SAG meeting
- UN Statistical Commission
- GIST newsletter
- Updates from the task teams and language group
- AOB

Ad. Planning for SAG meeting

Proposed date: 23 January 2023

Proposed themes:

- Which documents/materials would SAG like to see translated (Elena to share previous produced proposal for resources to translate)
- Ways to promote GIST products
- Update on STAT and ask countries to think about which support they need on identifying and developing needed training (also linking to their statistical programme). Ask countries: How do we get them to take ownership on prioritizing training (what can they do themselves to take ownership).
- Ask for a direction for task team 2 on online gateway/e-learning community of practice

Draft a two-pager on STAT in advance of the meeting and also share newsletter with SAG in advance.

Ad. UN Statistical Commission

Secretariat/Vibeke to draft background document. Task Teams will be asked to input for their area of work and do overall review.

Proposed open event on launching STAT: Tentatively 27 February 2024 – in person (and possible online depending on venue). Target group: Chief Statisticians

Annual GIST meeting (virtual): 12 February 2024

Ad. GIST newsletter

A few outstanding texts still to be produced for the GIST Newsletter (Message from the chair/Elena, SDG blog/Madina, summary of GIST's first statistical literacy webinar...)

The draft version will be proof reviewed by the Board. Plan to submit Newsletter in January – before the SAG meeting.

Ad. Updates from the task teams and language group

Language group: One co-chair is in place (Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics/AIRTS), one more co-chair to be nominated.

Ad. AOB

- Registration list from the first GIST webinar (Statistical Literacy Inventory) can be used as a contact list for other GIST activities. UNSD has also received an updated list of contacts from the UN WDF that can be used for the next outreach activity to extend the list of recipients. In the registration link we need to ask for consent to receive the newsletter.
- GIST webpages: Need for substantial update of content. Alla and Vibeke will work on this and ideally have new content added by end of January (before GIST background document to the UNSC is made available). For a more modern look, this will have to wait until next year
- UN SDG:Learn: more e-learning need to be added.
- Top five courses on UN SDG:Learn: 1. Environmental SDG indicators, 2. energy statistics, 3. gender statistics toolkit, 4. land tenure rights by sex indicator, 5. better data use for policy-making
- Linking UN SDG:Learn with STAT: Making e-learning available on UN SDG:Learn that can match the skills in STAT. The UN expert group on big data has created a list of possible learning courses related to big data that potentially also could be added more explicitly to UN SDG:Learn.
- World Data Forum 2024: UNITAR suggested STAT (Colombia to present) and statistical literacy
- Next GIST Board Meeting: 16 January 2024