NEXT STEPS ON THE UN CHIEF STATISTICIAN PROPOSAL

11th HLG-PCCB Meeting, Rabat, Morocco, 10 May 2018
• Members: South Africa, Angola, Mongolia, Argentina, Suriname, Italy, Palestine and Switzerland;

• UNSC decisions - 49/103
  ▪ (e) Recognized the need of a stronger coordination and more efficient UN Statistical system as well as the need of a stronger voice of official statistics within the UN system;
  ▪ (f) In this context, the Commission considered an early proposal to establish a UN chief statistician. The commission tasked the HLG-PCCB to report back to the Commission at its next session with a proposal that further clarifies the role, seniority and functions of this possible position, amongst other options taking into account what is likely to improve global statistical performance in a wider context of ongoing reform processes in the UN;
  ▪ (g) Asked the HLG-PCCB to conduct consultations with relevant actors especially the Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations Systems.
AIM OF THE SUBGROUP

1. Lead discussions with relevant actors:
   1. Regional commissions;
   2. Chief Statisticians of the United Nations Systems;
   3. Office of the General-Secretary;
   4. UNDESA;
   5. Missions in New York and Foreign Departments;
   6. Share and collect information with relevant stakeholders;

2. Conduct a global consultation if possible and needed;

3. Present the content of the paper at the 2nd UN World Data Forum;

4. Draft and finalize an official paper for the 50th Session of the UN Statistica Commission in March 2019;
CONTENT OF THE PAPER TO THE UNSC

1. Introduction (summary of the audit report and the discussion as well as the decisions of the 49th Session of the UNSC);

2. Summary of a global consultation;

3. Why a stronger coordination and more efficient UN Statistical system is needed — and elaboration which solutions may be realistic — maybe different option;

4. Clear description of the tasks of a UN Chief Statistician;

5. Necessary skills of a UN Chief Statistician;

6. Institutional setting of the UN Chief Statistician;

7. Summary and points for discussion.
WORKING METHODS OF THE SUBGROUP

• The group is leaded by two countries (co-chairs);

• The countries discuss the content actively with the regional commissions;

• The co-chairs discuss the content actively with Chief Statisticians of the United Nations Systems;

• The countries discuss the content with other relevant stakeholders;

• All members of the subgroup will be partly responsible for different chapters in the paper;

• The subgroup works mostly via e-mail but will have a few conference calls;

• The subgroup meets at the second UN World Data Forum in Dubai.
TIMELINE

• 10 May 2018: Discussion with the HLG-PCCB to finalize the work programme and the mandate of the group;

• 9 to 13 July 2018: HLPF – possible breakfast or dinner with selected people;

• 24 September 2018: Meeting of the Committee of the Chief Statistician of the United Nations System in Vienna;

• 26 September to 17 October: Global Consultation;

• 22 to 24 October 2018: 2nd UN World Data Forum;

• 30 November 2018: Finalizing the paper for the 50th UN Statistical Commission;

• 5 to 8 March 2019: 50th Session UN Statistical Commission
PROPOSALS AND QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

(1) Change of the name of the subgroup? Proposal: «HLG-PCCB subgroup on a more efficient statistical system within the UN»;

(2) Who are our main stakeholders?;

(3) How to deal with the position of the missions?;

(4) Can and should we do a global consultation?;

(5) Can and should we discuss this topic at the 2nd UNWDF?

(6) General comments on the aim of the subgroup, the content of the paper, the working methods and the timeline?