

## 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting

14 September 2020, Open meeting

### Opening

1. Mr. Ceita (co-chair) welcomed members and standing issue partners to the meeting.
2. Ms. Awad (State of Palestine) was announced as the new co-chair for the group after deliberation among the membership of the group.
3. Mr. Schweinfest and Ms. Perucci (secretariat) gave some opening remarks and shared with the group recent and ongoing work including the holding of the tenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UNGGIM) as a virtual inter-governmental meeting and the third round of the global Covid -19 survey of National Statistical Offices was about to go out for collection.

### Preparatory work for the 2020-21 UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)

#### a. Programme (opening and closing sessions)

4. Ms. Vukovich (Chair of the programme committee) gave the group an update on the programme of the 2020 virtual UNWDF, including: the finalisation of the speaker line-up for the high-level plenary sessions, communication campaigns to spread the message on the holding of the virtual Forum and opening of registration tomorrow. The secretariat elaborated further on the current plans such as the 30+ pre-recorded session would now be released on the 12 October through the event platform in anticipation of the live-streamed programme on the 19 to 21 October. They also emphasised the onus for the closing session was on this group and requested any inputs to its organisation and set-up.

**Action:** HLG have decided that who should speak at the closing sessions on behalf of the Group. The propose was that the Co-Chairs can be the ones if there no one proposed

## **b. Results from the open consultation on the “Global data community’s response to COVID-19”**

5. Ms. Awad (State of Palestine) gave an update on the open consultation on the “Global data community’s response to COVID-19” which closed on 10 September 2020. At the close, we received over 150 unique responses to the consultation questionnaire which included over 250 comments on the different parts of the document. The new final draft of the ‘Global data community’s response to COVID-19’ is amended for specific changes to the language that were received. The subgroup will meet later to discuss how best to make use of all the comments received. The document will be launched as part of the closing session of the virtual Forum.

**Action: Members to provide any additional comments on final draft of outcome statement by Monday, 21 September 2020.**

## **c. Communications and logistics**

6. The secretariat presented some of the key communication activities and logistical events for the virtual Forum such as;
  - Official launch of the registration is planned for Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Members were sent an early registration email to preview the platform on which the virtual Forum will be housed. The Forum website is revamped in anticipation of this launch and an [information session](#) is planned for Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Launch of a 1-minute Voice of Youth Video Competition with deadline of Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September to collect video entries from youth for a chance for winners to attend the next physical meeting of the Forum. This was sent to the communication focal points nominated by members.

## **3. Update on the scoping paper on data stewardship**

7. The secretariat together with issue partners on this work from the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS team, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific gave updates on the case studies or recent discussions on this topic. All the case studies are still in the progress of being compiled and added to the draft document. The secretariat hoped to catch up with producing a first draft before the next meeting.

## **4. Financing for the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP) - status update**

8. PARIS21 and the UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) gave an overview of recent developments in the area of financing for data and statistics. Both spoke about the benefits of the "clearing house" being developed by the [Bern Network](#) for matching development partners with recipient countries. A [session](#) on this was planned for the virtual Forum with a commitment on financing to be unveiled in one year's time.
9. HLG-PCCB members were appreciative of the work being advanced by these four organisations and looked forward to hearing updates in future meetings.

## 5. Updates on other events

### a. General Assembly (the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the SDG moment)

10. Ms. Perucci gave an overview of the events planned as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly starting next week. The most relevant to the group is the "[SDG moment](#)" a three hour event to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September to acknowledge the key implementation gaps in achieving the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and the power of action and innovation to remedy this situation.

### b. World Statistics Day on 20 October 2020

11. Ms. Hooper gave a presentation on the preparations for the next World Statistics Day including the launch of the website and outreach efforts to collect the events and activities being conducted by National Statistical Offices across the World to mark the day.

**Action: HLG took note that countries (China and Finland) are planning to undertake activities around the date and ask others to do so.**

## 4. Administrative and logistical arrangements for further meetings

12. The provisional agenda of the next meeting will cover a post-virtual Forum de-brief, preparations for the UN Statistical Commission, the data stewardship consultation, the re-starting preparations for the physical Forum in 2021 and an evaluation and review of the working methods of this group.

**Action: The next meeting by teleconference was proposed as Thursday, 12 November tentatively scheduled for 7am (EDT) and suggested a two-hour time slot for the meeting**

## 7. Any other business & closing

13. None

Annex 1: Agenda

**19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Monday 14 September 2020, 7:00 – 9:00am (EDT)

Virtual meeting, open meeting

**Final agenda (All times EDT)**

<b>Time (AM)</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>For</b>
7:00 – 7:10	1. Opening	
7:10 – 7:55	2. Preparatory work for the 2020 virtual UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)	
	a. Programme (opening and closing sessions)	Discussion
	b. Results from the open consultation on the “Global data community’s response to COVID-19”	Discussion
	c. Communications and logistics	Information
7:55 – 8:15	3. Update on the scoping paper on data stewardship	Information
8:15 – 8:35	4. Financing of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP)	Information
8:35 – 8:50	5. Preparatory work for other events:	
	a. General Assembly (the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the SDG moment)	Information
	b. World Statistics Day on 20 October 2020	Discussion
8:50 – 9:00	6. Administrative and logistical arrangements for the next meetings (November)	Information
	7. Any other business & close	

## Annex 2: List of participants

### Special meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

#### HLG member countries

1.	Albania	Ms. Elsa Dhuli
2.	Angola (HLG-PCCB co-chair)	Mr. Camilo S. F. de Ceita
3.	Argentina	Mr. Marco Lavagna
4.	Argentina	Mr. Mariano Poledo
5.	Argentina	Mr. Martin Chojo
6.	Argentina	Mr. Nicolás Petresky
7.	Burundi	Ms. Jeanine Niyukuri
8.	China	Mr. Xian Zude
9.	Ecuador	Mr. David Munoz
10.	Ecuador	Ms. Monica Torres
11.	Ecuador	Mr. Francisco Chiriboga
12.	Finland	Ms. Marjo Bruun
13.	Finland	Ms. Marika Pohjola
14.	Hungary	Ms. Gabriella Vukovich
15.	Mexico	Mr. Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell
16.	Mexico	Ms. Pilar García Velázquez
17.	Mexico	Mr. Eduardo Gracida
18.	Mexico	Mr. Enrique Ordaz
19.	Morocco	Mr. Oussama Marseli
20.	Philippines	Mr. Benjamin Navarro
21.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Naif Alblawi
22.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Daham Nasser Aldaham
23.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Anwar Hammad
24.	State of Palestine (HLG-PCCB co-chair)	Ms. Ola Awad

25.	State of Palestine	Ms. Haleema Saeed
26.	State of Palestine	Mr. Aisar Tuma
27.	Switzerland	Ms. Bibiane Chammartin
28.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Oliver Mahoney
29.	Japan (exofficio member)	Mr. Tsumura Akira

#### IAEG-SDGs

30.	Sweden	Ms. Sara Frankl
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#### Issue partners

31.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
32.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Mr. Neil Jackson
33.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Ms. Rachael Beaven
34.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (UN Foundation)	Ms. Claire Melamed
35.	Open Data Watch	Ms. Shaida Badiee
36.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Mr. Hayden Dahmm
37.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Gemma Van Halderen
38.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Juraj Riecan
39.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Rolando Ocampo
40.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Xavier Mancero
41.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Daniel Taccari

42.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Ms. Monica Aguayo
43.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Ms. Pauline Stockins
44.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Ms. Alynn Sanchez
45.	World Bank (WB)	Ms. Haishan Fu

### Secretariat

46.	United Nations Statistics Division/DESA	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
47.	United Nations Statistics Division/DESA	Ms. Francesca Perucci
48.	United Nations Statistics Division/DESA	Mr. Ian Mark Rutherford
49.	United Nations Statistics Division/DESA	Ms. Faryal Ahmed
50.	United Nations Statistics Division/DESA	Mr. Paul Pacheco
51.	United Nations Statistics Division/DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper