

22nd meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting

26 May 2021, Open/ closed meeting

Opening

1. Ms. Awad (co-chair) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting.
2. Mr. Schweinfest (secretariat) gave some opening remarks to thank members for their support during [52nd session of the UN Statistical Commission \(UNSC\)](#) held fully virtually for the first time.

Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF) Bern 2021

a. Logistics for Bern 2021 and process for the next host

3. Mr. Rothen (Switzerland) presented the current preparations for the UN World Data Forum to be held in Bern, 3 – 6 October 2021. The Swiss Confederation are now confident to hold the Forum with travel restrictions starting to lift in many parts of the world. The hosts predicted this will be the most inclusive Forum ever since it will be organised in a hybrid format to allow both virtual and in-person participation. The final decision to go ahead on the current dates will be officially announced by the Government in early July.
4. Ms. Perucci (secretariat) announced the HLG-PCCB a proposal to immediately restart the process for selecting the future host(s) of the Forum. Following some strong interest displayed during the 52nd UNSC to host the Forum, the secretariat felt confident in restarting this process to ensure the HLG-PCCB can decide in September. This was important to maintain the momentum in planning future forums and the needs of the current host to know in advance (due to possible travel restrictions) who is selected as the future host(s) to organize the closing ceremony and invite the relevant country representatives. The process would restart with a direct call for detailed bids and proposed choosing the next two hosts (fourth and fifth hosts). The selection of the fourth (January to March 2023) and fifth host (October to December 2024) in one process allows the secretariat to plot a path to returning to the Forum to its intended even-year biennial cycle. The HLG-PCCB agreed to the proposal.

b. Provisional programme review

5. Mr. Rutherford (on behalf of the chair of the programme committee) reported on the Programme Committee selection of the legacy session proposals (resubmitted) and their development of the high-level plenary sessions. Out of the 75 session proposals, 57 were selected to fill 63 slots in the provisional programme. A mini-call will be launched shortly to fill the remaining slots and provide other inputs showing innovative and interesting examples of how the data community has adapted itself during Covid-19. Seven high-level plenaries are now planned to cover the [six thematic areas](#) plus a special topic on data accountability. All the details of the selected sessions and the high-level plenaries are contained in an excel file shared before the meeting.
6. Members thanked the programme committee for their hard and dedicated work. Attending members of the programme committee were focused on bringing further innovative content into the Forum and harmonising the messages across different segments of the programme (i.e. gender). Members only note of concern was on the regional representation and expressed a wish to see more contributions from the Asia and Pacific, and Latin America and Caribbean regions.

Action: Members are requested to provide any further comments on the provisional UNWDF programme including specific comments on the sessions selected by Thursday, 3 June.

c. Outcome document

7. Ms. Dhuli (on behalf of the subgroup) reported on developments with the outcome document following the last meeting of the subgroup on the 22nd April. New inputs for the document were reviewed such as the recent World Bank World Development Report and a data initiative under the G20. A new timetable was proposed to map out key dates until the document's launch, including a public consultation over the late summer. Current members of this subgroup are Albania, Angola, Mexico, Palestine, the Philippines, Switzerland, the UK and PARIS21.

Review of the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP)

8. The secretariat together with PARIS21 and the World Bank are looking to collaborate with members on a new approach to the implementation and financing of the CTGAP linked to the Bern network's clearing house and the World Bank Global Data Facility, both to be launched in anticipation of the UN World Data Forum. This proposed developing a new collection tool to understand disruptions and new approaches resulting from the

Covid-19 pandemic; identify new and existing priorities to revise/shape the CTGAP by 2023/4; and to assess the needs for technical and financial support.

9. The secretariat proposes to convene a subgroup meeting in June to advise on this proposal. Current members of this subgroup are Hungary, Mexico, South Africa, the United Kingdom and PARIS21. World Bank will be added, and other members are welcome to express an interest to join.

Action: Members are requested to indicate their interest to join the subgroup on the implementation and financing of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP) by Thursday, 3 June.

Update on the data stewardship working group

10. Mr. Poledo gave an update on the working group which held a kick-off meeting on 29th April. At the meeting, Poland and Colombia volunteered to co-chair the group and the following five work streams were identified: governance and legal frameworks; equity and inclusion; sharing and collaboration; data stewardship and the city data agenda; and overall conceptual framework on data stewardship. The next steps are to define the coverage of work under each stream and ensure the different starting points and contexts among countries are recognised.

Administrative and logistical arrangements for further meetings and events

11. The High-level Political Forum will run from 6 to 16 July. Some data and statistics side events are planned such as the regular VNR datalab for the use of data for Voluntary National Reviews. Please check the [calendar](#) for latest updates on the different events.
12. The dates for the next meetings are tentatively scheduled in the current 2-hour virtual format (7:00 to 9:00AM EST) for:
 - Wednesday, 21 Jul 2021
 - Special meeting in September to decide the UNWDF host(s)
 - Sunday, 3 & Thursday, 7 October 2021 (coincide with day before/after UN World Data Forum)

Any other business & closing

13. None

Annex 1: Agenda

**Twenty-second meeting of the High-level Group
for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development**

Wednesday 26 May 2021, 7:00am – 9:00am

Virtual meeting

Open/ Closed meeting

Agenda (all times EDT)

CLOSED MEETING		
07:00 – 07:05am	1. Opening	
07:05 – 07:20am	2. Preparations for Bern 2021 and future UNWDF host	For discussion
07:20 – 07:25am	3. Preparatory work for other events: a. High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) inputs to the main programme and side events	For information
07:25 – 07:30am	4. Provisional agenda for the next meeting (Wed, 21 July 2021) and other administrative arrangements	For information
OPEN MEETING		
07:30 – 07:35am	1. Opening	
07:35 – 08:00am	2. Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF) Bern 2021:	
	a. Logistics for Bern 2021 and process for the next host	For information
	b. Provisional programme review (see additional documentation: excel workbook attached)	For discussion
	c. Outcome document (see additional documentation: word document attached)	For information
08:00 – 08:45am	3. Review of the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP) - update	For discussion
08:45 – 08:55am	4. Update on the data stewardship working group	For information
09:00am	5. Any other business	

Annex 2: List of participants

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

HLG-PCCB member countries

1.	Albania (HLG-PCCB co-chair)	Ms. Elsa Dhuli, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
2.	State of Palestine (HLG-PCCB co-chair)	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
3.	Albania	Ms. Vjollca Simoni, INSTAT-Albania
4.	State of Palestine	Ms. Haleema Saeed, PCBS
5.	State of Palestine	Ms. Dima Masad, PCBS
6.	Argentina	Mr. Mariano Poledo, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INDEC-Argentina)
7.	Argentina	Mr. Martin Chojo, INDEC-Argentina
8.	Argentina	Mr. Nicolás Petresky, INDEC-Argentina
9.	Argentina	Mr. Joaquín Marconi, INDEC-Argentina
10.	China	Mr. Xian Zude, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS-China)
11.	Ecuador	Ms. Monica Torres, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INEC-Ecuador)
12.	Ecuador	Mr. Nathaly Veloz, INEC-Ecuador
13.	Ecuador	Mr. David Munoz, INEC-Ecuador
14.	Finland	Mr. Markus Sovala, Statistics Finland
15.	Finland	Ms. Marika Pohjola, Statistics Finland
16.	Hungary	Ms. Tamara Pál, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO)
17.	Mexico	Mr. Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI-México)
18.	Mexico	Ms. Pilar García Velázquez, INEGI-México
19.	Mexico	Mr. Sergio Carrera, INEGI-México
20.	Mongolia	Mr. Otgonbayar Gantulga, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)

21.	Morocco	Mr. Oussama Marseli, Haut-Commissariat au Plan (HCP-Maroc)
22.	Philippines	Mr. Benjamin Navarro, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
23.	Philippines	Ms. Gerlie Espartinaz, PSA
24.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Naif Alblawi, General Authority for Statistics (GASat-Saudi Arabia)
25.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Meznah Alamri, GASat-Saudi Arabia
26.	South Africa	Mr. Risenga Butler Maluleke, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)
27.	Switzerland	Mr. Georges-Simon Ulrich, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
28.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, SFSO
29.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Gareth Love, Office for National Statistics (ONS-UK)
30.	Japan (ex-officio member)	Mr. Akira Tsumura, Statistics Bureau of Japan
31.	Japan (ex-officio member)	Ms. Azusa Yamada, Statistics Bureau of Japan

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32.	Canada	Ms. Cara Williams, Statistics Canada
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Issue partners

33.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
34.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Ms. Rachael Beaven
35.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
36.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiee
37.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Mr. Grant Cameron
38.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Daniel Taccari

39.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Gemma Van Halderen
40.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Juraj Riecan
41.	World Bank (WB)	Mr. Craig Hammer

Secretariat

42.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
43.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Francesca Perucci
44.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Mark Rutherford
45.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Faryal Ahmed
46.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper