
25th meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting
24 February 2022, Open/ closed meeting

Opening

1. Ms. Awad and Ms. Dhuli (co-chairs) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting.
2. Mr. Schweinfest (UN secretariat) gave some opening remarks and shared information on the 53rd UN Statistical Commission (28 February-2 March, 4 March 2021), which will be held virtually for the second time. Like the previous year, members are requested to submit written statements on agenda items and register their delegates to receive the meeting links. Unlike the previous year, more time is allocated to the meeting with a provisional timetable running from 10am to noon and 3 to 5pm (New York time) on the days the Commission is in session. See the [website](#) for further information, including the numerous side events which took place.
3. Ms. Perucci (UN secretariat) wished to highlight the high-level side event on [Financing for data and statistics: the role of NSOs](#) as particularly relevant to HLG-PCCB members with a [summary](#) of the discussion to be presented under agenda item 3a.) of the Commission agenda.

Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF): Hangzhou 2023

a. Logistics and communications update

4. Mr. Xiaochao (China) gave some background on the host city, Hangzhou, and an overview of the venue, the International Expo Center, for the next UNWDF to be held 24 – 27 April 2023. Hangzhou is at the heart of China’s digital economy and the home of the Alibaba Group. The International Expo Center used to host the G20 summit and has a 2,000 person capacity, 61 meeting rooms and 90,000 m² of exhibit space to hold 4,500 exhibits. A website in English/Chinese will be launched to provide further details on the logistics including details of discounted hotels and the availability of shuttles to the venue.

5. Mr. Xiaochao gave members additional details on initial preparations for the Forum. A Preparatory Committee was established which includes 7 task groups covering the organization, leadership and coordination of the Forum within China. As a next step, this Committee will ensure strong liaison and coordination with the Programme Committee that serves the HLG-PCCB and will work closely with the UN secretariat in the planning and implementation of the Forum.

b. Programme development

6. Ms. Perucci (UN secretariat) gave an update on the timetable for developing the programme with many of the following milestones timed to coincide with meetings of the HLG-PCCB for the group to fulfil its strategic review and leadership function in relation to the UNWDF. The timetable is as follows;
 - First monthly meeting of Programme Committee will be held on 8 March
 - Call for proposals – mid-May 2022 to mid-June 2022
 - Session selection for HLG review – early September
 - Call for data stories (youth competition) – October 2022
 - Provisional programme, including high-level plenary sessions – December 2022
7. Ms. Perucci thanked members for their review of the nominations for the Programme Committee and was pleased to report most nominations had agreed to serve on the Committee. The breakdown of current representation in the Committee was as follows; 4 Government/ National Statistical Offices, 4 academia, 3 international and regional organisations, 2 private sector, 2 donor and philanthropic organisations, 1 geospatial, 1 media and 6 users/other partners. This represents 16 new members and 7 who had previously served.
8. Ms. Badiee and Ms. Awad were announced as the new co-Chairs of the Programme Committee. They looked forward to guiding the discussions of the Committee through its first task to review the [Thematic Areas](#) used to structure and focus the programme.
9. Members and issue partners expressed the importance of taking into consideration different time zones when planning the Forum and expanding the audience, especially to attract more representation from the private sector and civil society. Further development of the local meet-ups concept was suggested as one way to achieve this.

Financing mechanism and implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP)

a. CTGAP review for the revision of the global action plan

10. The secretariat presented a paper providing the current status of the review on the Implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, including a [summary of the results from survey](#) recently conducted. The paper introduced the following options on the approach to take in deciding the next steps for the review and possible revision of the global action plan:

Option	Level of revision
A	Maintain current scope of the CTGAP (i.e., Strategic Areas), but review Objectives, Key Actions, and general language.
B	Redefine the scope of CTGAP with a redesign of the framework.
C	Maintain current scope and other levels of the CTGAP but redraft the preamble .
D	No change

Option	Working modalities
I	Maintain revision work within main HLG-PCCB meetings
II	Establish a sub-group of HLG-PCCB members only
III	Establish a sub-group of HLG-PCCB members and issue partners

11. Two members expressed their support for the revision and highlighted areas identified in the recent survey such as use of administrative data and legislative frameworks as areas to review within the document or more generally areas such as the leadership of the National Statistical Office, role of custodian agencies within the indicator reporting for the Sustainable Development Goals and adopting a more focused road map approach to the document for its promotion at the political-level and among the public and the media.

Action: Members are requested to express their interest to take part in a subgroup on this work and/or provide any other feedback they wish to share with the group by Thursday, 17 March.

b. Updates on the financing and implementation of the CTGAP

12. The UN secretariat together with PARIS21, the World Bank and Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) gave an update on their continued collaboration on improving financing for sustainable development data. PARIS21 reported on further developments with the [Bern Network Clearinghouse](#), the World Bank on [Global Data Facility](#) and the GPSDD on beginning a new initiative with the support of the Secretary-General's Office on fund raising for data and statistics that will include a high-level event

during the World Bank’s Spring meetings. The GPSSD offered to share further information with members in a special information session.

Administrative and logistical arrangements for future meetings

13. Once the UN Statistical Commission approves the HLG-PCCB’s report, members agreed for the secretariat to update the “[Concept note on the participation of issue partners in the work of the HLG-PCCB](#)” reflecting the updated Terms of Reference in the report, the current modalities of meetings, and the extension of “standing issue partner” status to the following organisations¹:

- Five regional United Nations commissions: UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP and UNESCWA
- World Bank (WB)
- Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)
- Open Data Watch (ODW) [co-chair of UNWDF PC]
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS

The secretariat will continue to ask members on an ad-hoc basis to approve or nominate other issue partners to attend open segments of these meetings such as bilateral donors and philanthropic organisations.

14. Ms. Shearman (United Kingdom) announced the UK Statistics Authority would be pleased to invite members to a 2 day in-person meeting of the group in September (see dates below) and would share further details through the UN secretariat in due course.

15. The dates and times for the group’s meetings in 2022 are set or now confirmed as follows:

- Wednesday, 22 June 2022 (7:00 to 9:00AM EST)
- 27 - 28 September 2022 (in-person/ hybrid meeting)
- Thursday, 15 December 2022 (7:00 to 9:00AM EST)

Any other business & closing

16. None

¹ The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) is currently the only organisation with standing issue partner status.

Annex 1: Agenda

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

Thursday, 24 February 2022, 7:00am – 9:00am

Virtual meeting

Open/ Closed meeting

Agenda item (all times EDT)		Item type²
CLOSED MEETING		
07:00 – 07:05am	1. Opening	
07:05 – 07:20am	2. Updates to the 53 rd session of the Statistical Commission [Report: Arabic , Chinese , English , Español , Français , Russian]	For information
07:20 – 07:35am	3. Preparations for Hangzhou 2023 and Medellín 2024	For information
07:45 – 07:55am	4. Administrative and logistical arrangements - preparations for June, September and December meetings	For discussion
OPEN MEETING		
08:00 – 08:05am	1. Opening	
08:05 – 08:15am	2. Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF): Hangzhou 2023	
	a. Logistics and communications update	For information
	b. Programme development	For discussion
08:15 – 08:55am	3. Financing mechanism and implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP)	
	a. CTGAP review for the revision of the global action plan	For discussion
	b. Updates on the financing and implementation of the CTGAP	For discussion
09:00am	4. Any other business	

² Where relevant, item type text will contain a link to the wiki with the document for discussion or information.

Annex 2: List of participants

Twenty-fifth 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 (co-chair)	Ms. Elsa Dhuli, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
2.	Albania	Ms. Vjollca Simoni, INSTAT-Albania
3.	State of Palestine (co-chair)	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
4.	Angola	Mr. Jose dos Santos Francisco Calengi, Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INE-Angola)
5.	Argentina	Mr. Marco Lavagna, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INDEC-Argentina)
6.	Argentina	Mr. Mariano Poledo, INDEC-Argentina
7.	Argentina	Mr. Martin Chojo, INDEC-Argentina
8.	Argentina	Mr. Nicolás Petresky, INDEC-Argentina
9.	Argentina	Mr. Joaquín Marconi, INDEC-Argentina
10.	Belize	Ms. Diana Castillo-Trejo, Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB)
11.	China	Mr. Li Xiaochao, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS-China)
12.	Ecuador	Ms. Carina Santos, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INEC-Ecuador)
13.	Ecuador	Ms. María Belén Proaño, INEC-Ecuador
14.	Ecuador	Ms. Tania Romero, INEC-Ecuador
15.	Ecuador	Mr. José Pinto, INEC-Ecuador
16.	Kyrgyzstan	Ms. Ainura Orozbaeva, National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic
17.	Mexico	Ms. Graciela Márquez, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI-México)
18.	Norway	Mr. Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway
19.	Norway	Ms. Live Rognerud, Statistics Norway
20.	Pakistan	Mr. Amjad Javaid, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
21.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
22.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland

23.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
24.	Spain	Mr. Juan Manuel Rodríguez, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
25.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, INE-España
26.	Spain	Ms. Ana Carmen Saura, INE-España
27.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Ms. Nicola Shearman, Office for National Statistics (ONS-UK)
28.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Oliver Mahoney, ONS-UK
29.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Simon Jones, ONS-UK
30.	Japan (ex-officio member)	Ms. Azusa Yamada, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC-Japan)
31.	Japan (ex-officio member)	Ms. Orié Hirano, MIC-Japan

IAEG-SDGs

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. Paula McLeod
35.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
36.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiie
37.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Mr. Grant Cameron
38.	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)	Mr. Andre Nonguierma
39.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Ms. Pauline Stockins
40.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Haidar Fraihat

41.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Rachael Beaven
42.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Juraj Riecan
43.	World Bank (WB)	Ms. Haishan Fu
44.	World Bank (WB)	Mr. Craig Hammer

Secretariat

45.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
46.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Ms. Francesca Perucci
47.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Ian Mark Rutherford
48.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Ms. Faryal Ahmed