

29th meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting

26 February 2023, Open/ closed meeting

Opening

1. Ms. Awad and Ms. Dhuli (co-chairs) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting.

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

2. Mr. Mao (China) gave an update on the final preparations for the fourth UN World Data Forum to take place in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province between the 24 and 27 April 2023 following the announcement that Covid-19 measures were lifted for international visitors travelling to China back in late December. Now the host country was confident in its plans to host up to 1,600 participants in-person at the Hangzhou International Expo Centre, previously used for the G20 summit. The National Bureau of Statistics together with its partners in the national, provincial and city Government were preparing the venue for the 100+ events on the programme plus much more such as exhibits and social activities showcasing the country, province, and city.
3. Ms. Badiie (Programme Committee co-chair) on behalf of the Programme Committee shared an update on the programme which built on the success of the third Forum by offering a hybrid (in-person/ virtual) viewing possibility for main the programme elements but expanded formats featured to include more in-person only events like learning labs and demonstrations. The Committee was busy securing speakers for the high-level plenary sessions as well as honing the messaging on the four thematic areas which these would be based. Finally, there were extensive plans for communicating and promoting the fourth Forum.
4. Members were appreciative of the significant work done by the host country, programme committee and secretariat in the short time since the announcement of the lifting of Covid-19 measures. Many members were planning to participate in-person while encouraging their offices to follow the programme remotely through the online event platform being offered.

Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP): updates

5. Ms. Perucci (secretariat) provided some [preliminary results](#) from the second-round of the CTGAP implementation questionnaire which received 87 responses from 193 National Statistical Offices under [six strategic areas](#) of the CTGAP. The questionnaire was a continuation of the joint efforts of the UN secretariat, the World Bank and PARIS21 to continue to track the operations of National Statistical Offices. She also gave an update on the plans for the realignment of the CTGAP including the outcome document for the Hangzhou Forum as outlined in the [official report](#) and [background document](#) of the group to the Statistical Commission.
6. Members gave their views on the low response rate associated with the second-round questionnaire; while they welcomed the continuation of this annual exercise they expressed a preference for a shorter questionnaire, a more flexible modular approach for sharing among their organisations to aid assigning responsibility for completion and more focused on specific topics or themes which could change each year. Members also gave their priorities and ideas for key topics to be included in the next outcome document. China wanted this document to review our collective effort on data and statistics to live up to the promises and commitments of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals and chart a way forward.

Action: UN Secretariat promised to maintain a dialogue with members in planning the next round of the questionnaire and would look at better tools and more focused concise content to collect the next round of results.

Updates on global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics

7. Issue partners from FCDO, NORAD, ODW and PARIS21 reflected on the latest situation regarding global initiatives related to financing of data and statistics. One key result was investment in foundational statistical systems had fallen from \$642 million to \$572 million in one year. Members and issue partners agreed more efforts were needed to embed the funding of data and statistical work within the national planning mechanism and provide a stronger narrative across national Government and donors through concrete examples and analysis of the impact of providing improved funding in this area.

Action: Members requested a written update from the World Bank and GPSDD on the initiatives they led. [The UN Secretariat would request this from these organisations and append to this summary]

Working arrangements updates

8. Members agreed with removing the distinction between open and close segments of its meetings as discussed at the last meeting. Co-chairs and members could still *request a meeting or segments of the meeting, i.e. certain agenda items, be held under closed conditions without issue partners but otherwise the secretariat would consider regular meetings to be open by default.*
9. The proposed topics for the next meeting's agenda are final preparations for the 2023 and 2024 UN World Data Forum, the CTGAP revision and associated outcome documents for the next two Forums and updates on the global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics.
10. The secretariat reminded members the process by which the group will rotate its membership alongside its sister group, the [IAEG-SDGs](#) will be concluded by the statistical divisions within the regional commissions by May 2023. Upon this decision the rotation would come into effect in June 2023 in time for the 31st (third quarter) meeting of the group where both the new and current members who be invited to help induct the new members and provide a hand-over period.
11. The next main meeting of the group is planned for **Monday, 24 April** and **Friday, 27 April 2023** before and after the next UN World Data Forum; travelling Programme Committee members and issue partners will be invited to both meetings.

Annex 1: Agenda

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

Sunday 26 February 2023, 9:30am – 1:00pm

Venue: 2 UN Plaza, Room DC2-1949 (and online)

Closed/Open meeting

Agenda item (all times EDT)		Item type¹
CLOSED MEETING		
09:30 – 09:40am	1. Opening	
09:40 – 09:50am	2. Updates on the 54 th session of the Statistical Commission and the World Data Forum (UNWDF 2023)	For information
09:50 – 10:00am	3. Member representation at UNWDF 2023	For discussion
OPEN MEETING		
10:00 – 10:05am	1. Opening	
10:05 – 11:00am	2. Preparatory work for UNWDF 2023	
	a. Logistics update	For information
	b. Programme overview	For discussion
	c. Communications	For information
11:00 – 11:15am	Break	
11:15 – 12:35pm	3. Cape Town Global Action Plan	
	a. Survey on implementation	For information
	b. Revision	For discussion
	c. UNWDF 2023 launch	For discussion
12:35 – 12:55pm	4. Updates on global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics	For information
12:55 – 13:00pm	5. Any other business	

¹ 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-ninth 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. Mariano Poledo, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INDEC-Argentina)
6.	Cameroon	Mr. Barnabe Okouda, Institut national de la statistique (INS-Cameroun)
7.	China	Mr. Mao Shengyong, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS-China)
8.	China	Ms. Ba Yunhong, NBS-China
9.	China	Ms. Wang Juan, NBS-China
10.	Ecuador	Ms. Tania Romero, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INEC-Ecuador)
11.	Ghana	Mr. Samuel Annim, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)
12.	Mexico	Ms. Graciela Márquez, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI-México)
13.	Mexico	Ms. Julieta Brambila, INEGI-México
14.	Mexico	Ms. Ariadna Díaz, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI-México)
15.	Morocco	Ms. Hasnae Fdhil, Haut-Commissariat au Plan (HCP-Maroc)
16.	Norway	Mr. Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway
17.	Norway	Ms. Live Rognerud, Statistics Norway
18.	Norway	Ms. Janne Utkilen, Statistics Norway
19.	Pakistan	Mr. Amjad Javaid, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
20.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
21.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
22.	Spain	Ms. Elena Manzanera, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)

23.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, INE-España
24.	United Kingdom	Ms. Nicola Shearman, Office for National Statistics (ONS-UK)
25.	Hungary (ex-officio member)	Ms. Gabriella Vukovich, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO)

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

27.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Rachael Beaven
28.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Ms. Paula McLeod
29.	Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Mr. José Antonio Mejía
30.	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)	Ms. Reidun Gjengedal
31.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiie
32.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
33.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Mr. Grant Cameron
34.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Haidar Fraihat

Secretariat

35.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
36.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Francesca Perucci
37.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Mark Rutherford
38.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Florina Lepadatu