

31st meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Agenda (HLG-PCCB)

Virtual meeting

13 July 2023, Open meeting

Opening

1. Ms. Awad and Ms. Dhuli (co-chairs) together with Stefan Schweinfest (Director of the Secretariat) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting. The recent biennial membership rotation meant there were 14 new members and 6 members continuing into a second consecutive term to welcome. As part of this rotation process, the group chose a new co-chair, Mr. Annim the Government Statistician from the Ghana Statistical Service. He will take up the role of co-chair at the next meeting and the group thanked Ms. Awad for her long-standing work as Chair and appreciated her continued service as a member of the group.

Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)

2. Mr. Mendez (Colombia) gave the group the first update on the preparations for the UNWDF in Medellín, Colombia in November 2024 including a description of the city, the specifications of the venue, partnership with different Government ministries together with external groups (civil society, private sector etc.) and a focus on a sustainable approach to organizing following the example set by the previous hosts in Switzerland. This statement was supported by Cepei, Switzerland, UNECLAC and Uruguay. The latter who is organizing a [Festival de Datos](#) between 7 and 9 November 2023 in Punta del Este.
3. The secretariat presented the recommendations for the Programme Committee (PC) to serve the next Forum. Members were given the background that the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in shorter durations between Forums in the period 2020 – 2024 and to ensure adequate planning capacity, PC members were requested to serve two Forums (2023-24) at the time of their invitation. At the same time, members following the last Forum had left the PC for different reasons, including regional rotation, and therefore replacements were sought. In addition, at the previous meeting of the group emphasis on youth and academic representation was stressed and the secretariat had responded to this in its recommendation here.

4. Overall members were supportive of the recommendation for PC members to continue to serve as well as those for new members, especially the new youth representative. Switzerland commented on the balance between new and existing members and would provide further details in writing. Qatar proposed themselves for the PC and the co-chairs would deliberate on this further as by precedent only the co-chairs served on the Programme Committee (PC) to ensure balanced representation with the other data communities on the PC. Colombia wished to put forward an alternative suggestion for the regional academic representative and for the media representative. The group agreed to finalise the list by the end of the week (14 July)

Action: The group to provide any final comments on the PC member recommendation by Friday, 14 July

5. Ms. Badiie (continuing Programme Committee co-chair) highlighted the key business to be conducted over the next six months in preparing the Forum's programme including a short review of the Thematic Areas by Oct 2023; launch the Call for Programme Proposals by Nov/Dec 2023 and planning of the plenary sessions to start Jan 2024. She stressed the very focused and hands-on nature of the PC and recommended this be focused with the support of the group to fundraising to ensure the next Forum is properly resourced and well communicated.
6. The secretariat gave details on the timeline for selecting the next host who will hold the Forum between October – December 2026. A letter, with reference to host criteria, will be sent to permanent missions by the end of the year. This will start a period for prospective hosts to indicate their expression of interest by 27 March 2024, whereupon the secretariat will ask them to prepare detailed bids by 31 August 2024. A special meeting of the group will be convened in September for short list purposes and the proposal with most votes will be announced at the closing ceremony of Medellin 2024.

Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP): updates

7. The secretariat wished to renew the subgroup on the revision of the CTGAP. Over the last two years some foundational work was completed which was presented in the outcome of the fourth Forum, the [Hangzhou Declaration](#) and in a [background document](#) for the 54th UN Statistical Commission. The next stage would be to build more detail into the revision of the plan preparing it in time for the next Forum; including developing an assertive communication plan. Existing subgroup members (Albania, Pakistan, Poland, Spain and State of Palestine with issue partners GPSDD, Paris21, UNESCAP and UK FCDO) were invited to reaffirm their membership and new members were needed and most welcome. Colombia, Switzerland and Uruguay indicated their wish to contribute.

Action: The group to reaffirm/ nominate themselves for the CTGAP revision subgroup and provide inputs by 20 July 2023.

8. The secretariat also committed to conducting another [survey on the implementation of the CTGAP](#) together with partners, PARIS21 and the World Bank. As previously agreed within the group, the approach would be more focused and modular. Plans for the next survey would be developed and presented to the group at the next meeting.

Action: The secretariat to present plans for the next survey at the September meeting.

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

9. The secretariat and issue partners from the GPSDD, PARIS21, SDC and the World Bank gave the latest updates on the respective initiatives. PARIS21 spoke about developments in the [Clearing House](#) for financing development data. The World Bank about the Trust Fund for Data and the Global Data Facility, inviting the group's co-chairs to join the Partnership Council meetings on this. SDC on the efforts of the [Bern network](#) during the [Effective Development Co-operation Summit](#). Finally, the secretariat and GPSDD gave an introduction to the High Impact Data Initiative to be launched at the SDG summit. This is aligned to the SG's SDG progress report, the SGs position on strengthening data and statistical systems, the CTGAP and the Bern network. The work is led by the secretariat (UN DESA), Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the UN System (CCS-UN), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and GPSDD. This represents the first time there is a separate track on data seeking national investments with global donor commitments and builds on an earlier initiative to state the investment case for data, a key result being the 32:1 ratio of return to investment from data.

Working arrangements updates

10. Members will be polled for their availability for the next meeting in September. The secretariat is working to secure an in-person meeting in December which will be followed by a meeting at the UN Statistical Commission in February 2024.

Action: The group to complete their availability for a meeting in September:

<https://doodle.com/meeting/organize/id/dwr7QQmb> by 20 July

Annex 1: Agenda

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

Thursday, 13 July 2023, 7:30 – 9:00am (EDT)

Virtual meeting

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Agenda item (all times EDT)		Item type
07:00 – 07:30am	New to the group orientation briefing	<i>Optional for new members</i>
OPEN MEETING		
07:30 – 07:35am	1. Opening	
07:35 – 08:05am	2. Preparatory work for the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)	
	a. Logistics update from next hosts	
	b. Programme Committee (PC) 2023-4	For decision (see Attachment 1: PC membership proposals)
	c. Process for selecting the 2026 host	For decision (see Attachment 2: Bid criteria document)
08:05 – 08:40am	3. Cape Town Global Action Plan: updates	
	a. Revision subgroup	For decision (see Attachment 3: CTGAP revision document)
	b. Implementation questionnaire	For information
08:40 – 09:05am	4. Updates on global initiatives related to the financing of data and statistics	For information
09:05 – 09:25am	5. Secretariat announcements: look ahead at working arrangements for 2023-4	For information
09:30am	6. Any other business	

Annex 2: List of participants

Thirty-first 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.	State of Palestine (co-chair)	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
3.	Botswana	Mr. Burton Mguni, Statistics Botswana
4.	Bulgaria	Mr. Atanas Atanasov, National statistical Institute (NSI-Bulgaria)
5.	Bulgaria	Ms. M. Gochova, NSI-Bulgaria
6.	Cameroon	Mr. Barnabe Okouda, Institut national de la statistique (INS-Cameroun)
7.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Andres Mendez Coronado , Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)
8.	Colombia	Ms. Paola Borda, DANE-Colombia
9.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Gómez Ramos , DANE-Colombia
10.	Colombia	Mr. Juan. C Barbosa, DANE-Colombia
11.	Dominican Republic	Mrs. Miosotis Rivas Peña, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
12.	Ethiopia	Mr. Beker Shale, Central Statistical Agency (CSA-Ethiopia)
13.	Ghana	Mr. Samuel Annim, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)
14.	Mongolia	Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)
15.	Pakistan	Mr. Naveed Iqbal, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
16.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
17.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
18.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
19.	Qatar	Mr. Ahmad Hussein, Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA-Qatar)
20.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
21.	Spain	Ms. Ana Carmen Saura, INE-España
22.	Switzerland	Ms. Muriel Meister-Gampert , Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)

23.	Uruguay	Mr. Diego Aboal, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-Uruguay)
24.	Uruguay	Ms. Lorena Lewis, INE-Uruguay
25.	Uruguay	Mr. Federico Segui, INE-Uruguay
26.	Uzbekistan	Mr. Bakhodir Abdusalomovich Begalov, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics
27.	Hungary (ex-officio)	Ms. Gabriella Vukovich, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO)

Issue partners

28.	Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei)	Mr. Philipp Schönrock
29.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Daniel Taccari
30.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Rachael Beaven
31.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Mr. Philip Cockerill
32.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
33.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiee
34.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
35.	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	Ms. Andrea Ries
36.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Ms. Maryam Rabiee
37.	World Bank (WB)	Mr. Craig Hammer

Secretariat

38.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
39.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Francesca Perucci
40.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Mark Rutherford