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

UNHQ, New York

25 February 2024, Open meeting

### Opening

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

### Workplan review (January – December 2024)

#### a. Preparations for the UN World Data Forum

2. Ms. Urdinola (Colombia) gave the group an update on the preparations for the UNWDF in Medellín, Colombia to take place between the 11 and 14 November 2024. The host country was confident in its plans to host up to 1,500 participants in-person at the Plaza Mayor Convention and Exhibitions Center for the main programme and the city's Botanical Gardens for the opening. The National Statistical Office together with its partners in the national, provincial and city Government were following a sustainable economic, social and environmental approach to organising the Forum.
3. Ms. Badiie (co-chair of the Programme Committee) introduced the work of the Programme Committee and the secretariat presented (see accompanying slides) on the proposed programme structure, status of the call for programme proposals and timeline for launching the programme. Members asked questions on criteria by which the proposals are chosen, limits on size of the panel and number of appearances on the programme, gender balance determination, and selection of short talks for the programme. More detailed information on these questions are available on the [website](#). Members were also interested to support the representation of high-level political and other prominent speakers from the private sector, academia, and youth.
4. The secretariat also presented on the communications and sponsorship plans (see accompanying slides) for the Forum. Members welcomed more coordination with their own outreach events (i.e. StatsCafe in the Asia region and Stats Talks in Africa), the use of

the short video format to share key messages was also encouraged, especially to help those who will not be able to follow the programme online.

**b. Selection of sixth host**

5. The secretariat gave details on the timeline (see accompanying slides) for selecting the next host to hold the sixth Forum. A letter was sent out to the permanent missions of UN member states based in New York on the 13 December. Member States are requested to submit an expression of interest to host by 27 March 2024, whereupon the secretariat will ask them to prepare detailed bids by 27 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 the fifth Forum on 14 November 2024.

**c. Second phase realignment of the [Cape Town Global Action Plan](#) (CTGAP 2.0)**

6. The secretariat and the host country of the Forum (Colombia) presented plans (see accompanying slides) on the realignment of the Cape Town Global Action Plan (*working title*: CTGAP 2.0). The secretariat explained the development since the last meeting of moving from a subgroup of HLG members to work on this to a joint working group of interested HLG members, issue partners and programme committee members. There were many advantages to a more enhanced joint working approach including adopting a wider data community perspective on the work and creating closer connections between the strategic nature of the CTGAP and the operational nature of the programme of the Forum.
7. The joint working group had split its work across the four Thematic Areas of the Forum/ Strategic Areas of the CTGAP. Colombia presented the collaboration platform and set of questions which will inform the realignment process and drive the fine tuning of new and existing priorities under the Strategic Areas. Programme Committee members (Paris21 and Open Data Watch) supported the CTGAP 2.0 work with a proposal to launch a Call for Commitments (see accompanying brochure shared during the meeting).
8. Members reflected on the development of the work under CTGAP 2.0 and asked this paid attention to any linkage to the new [Terms of Reference](#) of the Statistical Commission and wider issues faced by statistical and data systems like digitalisation, was founded on the [Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics](#) and aimed at the current 2030 Agenda/SDG timeline, tried to adopt a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Realistic and Timebound) approach as appropriate, recognised the different national and regional plans and international initiatives tied to the existing CTGAP and attempted to join up the narrative on where these had gone further. They further requested clearer instructions on the collaboration exercise and direction of work, including not to attempt to do too much at the same time and introduced a vocabulary and language which could be understood, related to, and supported by other parts of the data community.

## Reporting from issue partners on work related to HLG-PCCB agenda

9. Issue partners from GPSDD, World Bank, PARIS21 and FCDO took the floor to update the group on the different initiatives under their responsibility related to partnership, coordination, and capacity-building for the 2030 Agenda. GPSDD gave an update on the recently held [Festival de Datos](#) and the [High-Impact Initiative on the Power of Data](#) initiative, the World Bank on the [Global Data Facility](#), PARIS21 on the [National Strategy for the Development of Statistics](#) programme and the [Bern Network clearinghouse](#) and FCDO on the [UK government's strategy for international development](#).

## Other areas of strategic importance tied to the Terms of Reference (ToR)

10. The secretariat drew members attention to the group's existing [Terms of Reference \(ToR\)](#) and made connections to four areas where the group may wish to review its role beyond its primary work on the global action plan and the organisation of UN World Data Forum: (1) the status of coordination in data and statistics, (2) continuing international dialogue with international data community, (3) engagement with new stakeholders and existing issue partners and (4) good practice in financing. Members shared a range of ideas to investigate such as the group's connection with its sibling group, IAEG-SDGs, each member's role as representative of their sub-region, the potential of the group to encourage peer learning, mapping between the ToR and important initiatives to understand gaps, the group as an enabler of implementation under the 2030 Agenda and its relationship with the political level and other parts of the international data community. The secretariat with the support of the co-chairs will bring these ideas back to the group at its next meeting.
11. Next meeting: **29-30 April** moved to a virtual setting.

Annex 1: Agenda

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

Sunday 25 February 2024, 9:30am – 1:00pm  
Venue: 2 UN Plaza, Room DC2-2330 (23<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
Open meeting

<b>Agenda item (all times EDT)</b>		<b>Item type<sup>1</sup></b>
09:30 – 09:55am	1. Opening	
09:55 – 10:35am	2. <a href="#">Workplan (January – December 2024)</a> <sup>2</sup> part one	
	a. Preparations for the UN World Data Forum	For information
	b. Selection of sixth host	For information
10:35 – 11:15am	3. Reporting from issue partners on work related to HLG-PCCB agenda	For information
11:15 – 11:45am	2. Workplan (January – December 2024) part two	
	c. Second phase realignment of the Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP 2.0)	For discussion
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12:00 – 12:50pm	4. Other areas of strategic importance tied to the <a href="#">Terms of Reference</a>	
	a. Status of coordination in data and statistics	For discussion (see <a href="#">background document</a> presented to UNSC55 under agenda 3c)
	b. Continuing international dialogue with international data community	
	c. Engagement with new stakeholders and existing issue partners	
	d. Good practice in financing	
12:50 – 13:00pm	5. Any other business	

<sup>1</sup> Where relevant, item type text will contain a link to the wiki with the document for discussion or information.

<sup>2</sup> See final page (10) of the official report for the workplan

## Annex 2: List of participants

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

1.	Albania (co-chair)	Ms. Elsa Dhuli, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
2.	Albania	Ms. Vjollca Simoni, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
3.	Ghana (co-chair)	Prof. Samuel Annim, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)
4.	Belize	Ms. Diana Castillo-Trejo, Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB)
5.	Botswana	Mr. Burton Mguni, Statistics Botswana
6.	Bulgaria	Mr. Atanas Atanasov, National statistical Institute (NSI-Bulgaria)
7.	Colombia	Mrs. Piedad Urdinola, Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)
8.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Andres Mendez Coronado , Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)
9.	Dominican Republic	Mrs. Miosotis Rivas Peña, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
10.	Poland	Mr. Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland
11.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
12.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
13.	Singapore	Mr. Tang Hsiu Chin, Singapore Department of Statistics
14.	Singapore	Ms. Seet Chia Sing, Singapore Department of Statistics
15.	Spain	Ms. Ana Carmen Saura, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
16.	Spain	Mr. Antonio Salcedo Galiano, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
17.	State of Palestine	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
18.	State of Palestine	Ms. Safia Ibrahim, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
19.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
20.	Switzerland	Mr. Pascal Blicke, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
21.	Uruguay	Mr. Diego Aboal, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-Uruguay)
22.	Hungary (ex-officio member)	Ms. Gabriella Vukovich, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO)

## IAEG-SDGs

23.	Brazil	Ms. Denise Mari Penna Kronemberger, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE)
24.	Canada	Ms. Cara Williams, Statistics Canada

## Issue partners

25.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Ms. Rachael Beaven
26.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Ms. Paula McLeod
27.	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Ms. Claire Melamed
28.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiee
29.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
30.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) TReNDS	Ms. Maryam Rabiee
31.	World Bank (WB)	Ms. Haishan Fu
32.	World Bank (WB)	Mr. Craig Hammer
33.	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	Ms. Dilek Fraisl

## Secretariat

34.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
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36.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper
37.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Matthias Reister
38.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Yongyi Min
39.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Xiaoqian Wang
40.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Yaru Ding