

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

UNHQ, New York

2 March 2025, Open meeting

### Opening

1. Ms. Dhuli and Mr. Annim (co-chairs) together with Mr. Schweinfest (Director of the secretariat) welcomed members and issue partners to the meeting.

### Preparations for the sixth UN World Data Forum

#### a. Selection of the Programme Committee

2. The secretariat explained the first action to be taken by the group in preparing for the sixth and next UN World Data Forum (UNWDF) was to review the Terms of Reference for a new Programme Committee. An example of the current Terms of Reference was shared with the group before the meeting. There were three critical areas for review: their objectives and tasks; membership composition (provided as a guideline); and selection process. Members expressed their support for the creation of a review group to discuss and present back a new Terms of Reference at the next meeting.

**Action: Members to volunteer to join a review group on the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the UNWDF Programme Committee and/or provide comments on the ToR by 17 March.**

#### b. Deliverables during 2025

3. The secretariat noted the other deliverables required during 2025 to begin a new Forum cycle were: to decide the thematic areas and key topic framework (by October); call for programme proposals (launch in November); and call for seventh host country (send out announcement to Permanent Missions to the UN based at UNHQ in December). Members agreed with these deliverables and requested for the call for exhibits to be included in the planning.

### Evaluation of the UN World Data Forum and the work of the group

4. The secretariat had prepared a [background document](#) on an evaluation of the UN World Data Forum to accompany the official report of the group to the 56<sup>th</sup> session

of the UN Statistical Commission. This document was based on discussions held during the last two meetings of the group. The secretariat explained moving ahead with the evaluation required a budget estimate and committed funds as well as the identification of an appropriate independent evaluator. Members expressed their support for the approach described in the background document and wished to follow up on implementing this approach with the creation of a technical group to discuss and present back on the feasibility of the evaluation at the next meeting.

**Action: Members to volunteer to join the technical group on the evaluation of the UN World Data Forum and/or provide further comments on the approach to be taken with the evaluation by 17 March.**

## **Medellin Framework for action on data for sustainable development**

### **a. Preparatory work leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> conference on financing for development**

5. Mr. Annim (co-chair) introduced the work done by the group since its last meeting on the priority briefing lines and language recommended on data and statistics currently being negotiated in the outcome of the 4th conference on financing for development (FfD4). For guidance, the group produced two background documents: [Data and statistics in the context of Financing for Development](#) and [Repositioning and strengthening the language on data and statistics in the FfD4 Outcome Document](#) (an addendum to the other background document) to accompany the official report of the group to the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Statistical Commission. Members were appreciative of this effort led by the co-chairs and the secretariat. They would continue to consult through the group to ensure the desired language and briefing lines were advocated within their national context to their negotiating delegations and groups.

### **b. Commit to Data campaign**

6. Ms. Badiée (Open Data Watch) gave an update on the successful campaign launched prior to the last UN World Data Forum to collect commitment on data from the wider stakeholder base attracted to attend the Forum. Currently, 72 commitments were received from 120 organisations. A [web platform](#) was created to showcase these commitments, including in other languages such as Spanish. There was work ongoing to survey these commitments to help them achieve their potential and scale them. The two organisations behind this initiative Open Data Watch and Paris21

would continue to update members on future work on the campaign and seek their support.

**c. Action list refinement**

7. The secretariat wanted to keep this unfinished work around the action list on the agenda. Currently, the collaborative approach on the Medellin Framework has identified 51 new actions which supplement the 66 actions identified under the Cape Town Action Plan. More work is needed to refine and consolidate this list. This could be done as part of the group's work influencing the FfD4 agenda and other wider agenda such as linked to the Pact of the Future and Global Digital Compact which it contains. Therefore members may wish to return to this work at an appropriate point.

**Administrative arrangements and any other business**

8. The secretariat made three announcements on the administrative arrangements of the group. First, the secretariat intended to put the new Terms of Reference (ToR)<sup>1</sup> of the group into action as soon as it was agreed by the UN Statistical Commission, including alignment of objectives in the ToR with the annual work plan, input to the evaluation of the UNWDF and more concerted action to ensure full representation of members at meetings.
9. Second, the secretariat would organise the next two meetings in a two-hour virtual format (see below an action to indicate availability for these meetings) and hopes to hold the final meeting of the year in-person. The secretariat noted concerns from issue partners that time zones differences prevented some members from attending regularly. The secretariat would look at ways to mitigate this situation for future meetings like the use of pre-meetings.
10. Thirdly and finally, a rotation of members discussion was currently ongoing within the statistical bodies of the regional commissions. This would conclude with a confirmed membership list of this group by the end of May which would be put into effect in time for the invitations to the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action: Members to share their availability for the next two virtual meetings (two hour meetings at the usual time of 7-9am New York) to be held as the [38<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduling poll](#) (use link to indicate your availability 28 April – 8 May) and [39<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduling poll](#) (use link to indicate your availability 19 – 26 June 2025) by 17 March.**

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<sup>1</sup> Page 6 and 7 of the HLG report to the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Statistical Commission: [E/CN.3/2025/7](#).

## Annex 1: Agenda

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

Sunday 2 March 2025, 9:30am – 1:30pm

Venue: 2 UN Plaza, Room DC2-2330 (23<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Open meeting

Agenda item (all times EDT)		Item type <sup>2</sup>
09:30 – 09:50am	1. Opening	
<a href="#">Workplan (January – December 2025)</a> <sup>3</sup>		
09:50 – 10:35am	2. Preparations for the sixth UN World Data Forum (including selection of the seventh host)	
	1. Selection of Programme Committee	For discussion
	2. Deliverables during 2025	
10:35 – 11:30am	3. Evaluation of the UN World Data Forum and the work of the group	For discussion [link to <a href="#">background document</a> ]
BREAK		
11:45 – 12:50pm	4. Medellin Framework for action on data for sustainable development	
	3. Preparatory work leading up to the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development;	For discussion [link to <a href="#">background document</a> and <a href="#">addendum document</a> on FfD4 outcome document negotiations]
	4. Commit to data campaign	
	5. Action list refinement	
12:50 – 13:15pm	5. Administrative arrangements	
	1. Terms of Reference	For information
	2. Meetings during 2025	
	3. Member rotation	
13:15 – 13:30pm	6. Any other business	

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

<sup>3</sup> See final page (9) 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.	Ghana (co-chair)	Mr. Samuel Annim, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)
3.	Albania	Ms. Vjollca Simoni, Institute of Statistics (INSTAT-Albania)
4.	Botswana	Mr. Lucky Mokgatlhe, Statistics Botswana
5.	Bulgaria	Mr. Atanas Atanasov, National statistical Institute (NSI-Bulgaria)
6.	Bulgaria	Ms. Mariya Prokopova-Gochova, 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.	Mongolia	Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)
11.	Mongolia	Mr. Norov Sodnomdorj, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)
12.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
13.	Poland	Ms. Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
14.	Qatar	Dr. Ahmad Hussein, Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA-Qatar)
15.	Singapore	Mr. Koh Eng Chuan, Singapore Department of Statistics
16.	State of Palestine	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
17.	State of Palestine	Ms. Aseel Zidan, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
18.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
19.	Switzerland	Ms. Ambre Crettenand, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)

#### IAEG-SDGs

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

**Observer**

22.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Mohammed Alrasheed, General Authority for Statistics (GASat-Saudi Arabia)
23.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Saud Alotaibi, General Authority for Statistics (GASat-Saudi Arabia)

**Issue partners**

24.	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC / CEPAL)	Mr. Rolando Ocampo
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 Badiie
29.	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (Paris21)	Mr. Johannes Jütting
30.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)	Ms. Maryam Rabiee
31.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn
32.	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)	Mr. Tinfissi-Joseph Ilboudo
33.	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	Ms. Tiina Luige
34.	World Bank (WB)	Ms. Haishan Fu

**Secretariat**

35.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
36.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Rutherford
37.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper
38.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Matthias Reister
39.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Yongyi Min
40.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Vibeke Oestreich Nielsen