

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

Virtual, MS Teams

6 May 2025, Open meeting

### Opening

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

### Preparatory work leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> conference on financing for development (FfD4) – 30 June to 3 July Sevilla, Spain

2. The secretariat gave a presentation covering three areas of the FfD4 process where this group have an opportunity to contribute or influence: the ongoing [outcome document](#) discussions, [side events](#) during the conference and a submission to the [Sevilla Platform for Action \(SPA\)](#). A draft of the proposed submission for the SPA was shared prior to the meeting. The presentation covered what would make a submission eligible for the SPA; an initiative should be (1) new or represent a significant scaling up of an existing successful effort; (2) forward-looking and advance progress in at least one FfD4 action area; and (3) follow the principles of the UN charter and should follow SMART Criteria – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource-based, with Time-based deliverables. The presentation concludes on a timeline in two steps; first, to agree on a set of action areas/SMART commitments and second, understand who is willing to commit (i.e. adopting the SMART actions either in full or partially).
3. The group shared the actions and activities they were taking around the FfD4 process. There was a discussion on what it meant for a country to make a commitment to the SPA and how a SMART set of indicators might be established.

### Action:

- (1) Members to continue to provide comments on the SPA proposed submission by 17 May, especially on the action areas/SMART commitments.
- (2) The secretariat will continue to organise bilateral meetings with members of the group and other partners to secure enough support for the eventual submission of 6 June.

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

4. The secretariat continues to promote the Medellin Framework as the foundation for the work on FfD4 and moving forward with preparations for the sixth UN World Data Forum (UNWDF). Apart from the priority areas, the action list developed under the Framework would provide inspiration for the action areas/SMART commitments for FfD4. Other initiatives were also using it as a central reference like Commit to Data campaign which continues to be developed following its successful campaign during the fifth UNWDF.

## **Preparations for the sixth UN World Data Forum**

5. The secretariat thanked the group for their comments on the Programme Committee Terms of Reference which largely remained unchanged from what was presented in the last meeting. A subgroup consisting of Colombia, Mongolia and Switzerland lead by the co-chair helped development a public call for nominations for the Programme Committee announcement. This will be publicized and kept open for at least a month. Based on the nominations received, the group would decide how to proceed with the selection process of the Programme Committee.

**Action: Members to continue to provide any comments on the Call for nominations announcement for the Programme Committee by 14 May.**

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

6. The secretariat thanked a subgroup of Colombia, Spain and Switzerland who contributed their ideas to the next steps of the evaluation. The secretariat was working on getting a likely price list for three levels of evaluation. It was also exploring lower cost methods such as using AI tools to analyse past minutes and other information to extract lessons learnt and evaluate the progress made on them.

## **Administrative arrangements and any other business**

7. The secretariat was awaiting the decisions on membership rotation from the statistical bodies in the five UN regional commissions. This should conclude by the end of May for the secretariat to confirm the date of the next meeting. The secretariat would organise a orientation for members as part of this meeting. A final meeting of the year in the second week of November is also planned. The General Statistics Authority of Saudi Arabia has graciously agreed to host this meeting. The secretariat was in discussion with them on the necessary planning for this meeting.

## Annex 1: Agenda

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

Tuesday 6 May 2025, 7:00am – 9:00am (EDT)

Virtual open meeting

Agenda item (all times EDT)		Item type <sup>1</sup>
07:00 – 07:10am	1. Opening	
<a href="#">Workplan (January – December 2025)</a> <sup>2</sup>		
07:10 – 08:00am	2. Preparations for the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) – 30 June – 3 July 2025 Sevilla, Spain	
	a. <a href="#">Outcome document</a> [Deadline: ongoing]	For discussion
	b. <a href="#">Side events</a> [Deadline: 30 April (onsite), 15 May (offsite/virtual)]	
	c. post FfD4 - <a href="#">Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA)</a> [Deadline: 7 June 2025]	
08:00 – 08:15am	3. Medellin Framework for action on data for sustainable development	
	a. Commit to data campaign	For information
	b. Other initiatives	
08:15 – 08:40am	4. Preparations for the sixth UN World Data Forum (including selection of the seventh host)	
	a. Selection of Programme Committee: proposed call for nominations during May/June	For discussion
	b. Deliverables during 2025	
08:40 – 08:50am	5. Evaluation of the UN World Data Forum and the work of the group – update on options	For information
08:50 – 08:55am	6. Administrative arrangements	
	a. Member rotation	For information
	b. Meetings during 2025	
08:55 – 09:00am	7. 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 (9) of the official report for the workplan

## Annex 2: List of participants

### Thirty-eighth 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.	Botswana	Mr. Lucky Mokgatlhe, Statistics Botswana
4.	Colombia	Mr. Camilo Andres Mendez Coronado , Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)
5.	Dominican Republic	Mrs. Miosotis Rivas Peña, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
6.	Dominican Republic	Ms. Anyela Melody de León Mejia, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
7.	Dominican Republic	Ms. Indhira Rosa Almánzar Moreta, Oficina Nacional de Estadística (ONE-República Dominicana)
8.	Mongolia	Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)
9.	Mongolia	Mr. Norov Sodnomdorj, National Statistics Office (NSO-Mongolia)
10.	Poland	Ms. Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
11.	Singapore	Mr. Tang Hsiu Chin, Singapore Department of Statistics
12.	Spain	Ms. Ana Carmen Saura, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE-España)
13.	State of Palestine	Ms. Ola Awad, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
14.	State of Palestine	Ms. Safia Ibrahim, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
15.	Switzerland	Mr. Benjamin Rothen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)
16.	Switzerland	Ms. Ambre Crettenand, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO)

#### IAEG-SDGs

17.	Brazil	Ms. Denise Mari Penna Kronemberger, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE)
-----	--------	--

#### Observer

18.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Ibrahim Alali, General Authority for Statistics (GASat-Saudi Arabia)
19.	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Amor Laaribi, General Authority for Statistics (GASat-Saudi Arabia)

### Issue partners

20.	UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Ms. Paula McLeod
21.	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Mr. José Antonio Mejía
22.	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)	Ms. Reidun Gjengedal
23.	Open Data Watch (ODW)	Ms. Shaida Badiie
24.	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	Ms. Ingrid Rydell
25.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn
26.	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Mr. Ismail Lubbad

### Secretariat

27.	United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
28.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Ian Rutherford
29.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Linda Hooper
30.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Matthias Reister
31.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Yongyi Min
32.	UNSD-DESA	Ms. Vibeke Oestreich Nielsen
33.	UNSD-DESA	Mr. Gabriel Gamez