High-level Group on Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-building for statistics for the 2030 agenda

Update by the co-chair of the HLG-PCCB
Brief introduction

• The High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity building (HLG-PCCB) consists of 22 members, usually at the chief statistician level. The chair of the Statistical Commission is ex-officio member and the co-chairs of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators participate in the meetings as observers. Each member of the HLG-PCCB represents their sub-region and is expected to work closely with the countries of their sub-regions to represent their views and provide their substantive inputs to the discussion.

• There are two co-chairs of the group, though currently, Mongolia is the only co-chair as the second co-chair has not yet been appointed by the group after Hungary stepped down. This decision should be made by the November 2019 meeting of the group.

• The HLG-PCCB includes invited issue partners in their meetings. Issue partners are decided upon specific topics being discussed at each meeting, and are included to share their relevant experiences and work with the HLG-PCCB members. The issue partners actively engage in the discussions, and can contribute to the work of the HLG-PCCB. PARIS21 is a standing issue partner, and is invited to all issue-partner-segments of every meeting.
HLG-PCCB Membership

As of June 2019, the following United Nations Member States are currently members of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB):

Chair of UN Statistical Commission:*
- Kenya

Sub-Saharan Africa:
- Angola
- Burundi
- Senegal
- South Africa

Northern Africa and Western Asia:
- Morocco
- Saudi Arabia
- State of Arabia

Asia and Pacific
- China
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Tajikistan

Latin America and the Caribbean:
- Argentina
- Ecuador
- Mexico
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

North America and Europe:
- Albania
- Finland
- Hungary
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

*The Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission is a member of the HLG-PCCB ex-officio.
National Statistics Office of Mongolia hosted the 14th meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building (HLG-PCCB) for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 22-25 May in Ulaanbaatar.
15th meeting – November 2019

Hosted by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office

• 5 November 2019 – one day members only meeting
• 6-7 November 2019 – two day meeting with invited issue partners
• 8 November 2019 – national day organized by the host

• Main topics covered at the meeting:
  • Financing for data and statistics
  • Implementation of the data revolution
  • Engagement of the statistical community with other stakeholders
  • Preparations for UN World Data Forum 2020

‘We call for policy leaders to achieve a global pact or alliance that recognizes the funding of NSS modernization efforts is essential to the full implementation of Agenda 2030.’

This global plan is intended to provide a framework for discussion on, and planning and implementation of statistical capacity building necessary to achieve the scope and intent of the 2030 Agenda. The plan acknowledges that this work will be country-led, and will occur at sub-national, national, and regional levels. This global plan is proposed to leverage and coordinate these many efforts, and those of international organizations and other partnerships.
• Dubai Declaration was endorsed by the Statistical Commission in 2019.

It calls for the “the establishment of an innovative funding mechanism, open to all stakeholders under UN membership oversight, that is able to respond in a fast and efficient manner to the priorities of national data and statistical systems...

The mechanism will be demand-driven.
The UN World Data Forum 2020 will be held in Bern, Switzerland in October 2020.

Preparations are underway.

The UNWDF programme committee is preparing for the call for session proposals, which will open in December, for two months.

The forum is an exciting opportunity to bring together partners from all different sectors of the global data and statistical community.
Engagement of the statistical community with other stakeholders

• The HLG is working on identifying ways to leverage resources and creativity of the private sector and promote engagement between the statistical community and other stakeholders.

• Over the coming months, various consultations will be carried to feed into a guidance document for the Statistical Commission.
Implementation of the data revolution

• Another area of work undertaken by the HLG is a review of the recommendations proposed in the data revolution report, *A word that counts*.

• Based on this review, the HLG will review the gaps in the implementation of the recommendations and propose ways to tackle these gaps.
Financing for data and statistics

• At the May HLG-PCCB meeting, the group drafted a paper on the key elements of a financing mechanism, which are organized around three main pillars:
  • Securing domestic resources and funding
  • Improving the efficient of existing resources
  • Increasing the overall level of funding
• At the 51st session of the Statistical Commission, the paper will be presented as a background document.