GLOBAL NETWORK OF INSTITUTIONS FOR STATISTICAL TRAINING (GIST)
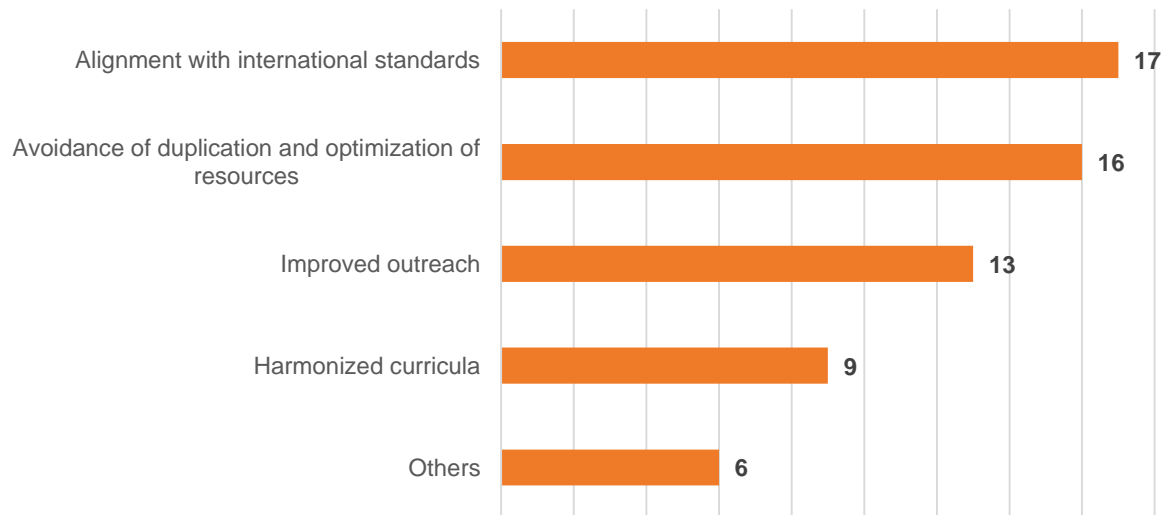
Inter-agency meeting on preparation for the 2018 SDG reports

1 March 2018

Background and Context

- 2030 Agenda has led to an **unprecedented demand** for data and statistical capacity building: training is a key pillar in strengthening statistical capacities.

- A wide variety of approaches in how global and regional institutions deliver training

- **Coordinated and harmonized** approach that can make training delivery more **efficient** and **effective**.

Benefits envisioned from a global network of training institutions (number of countries)

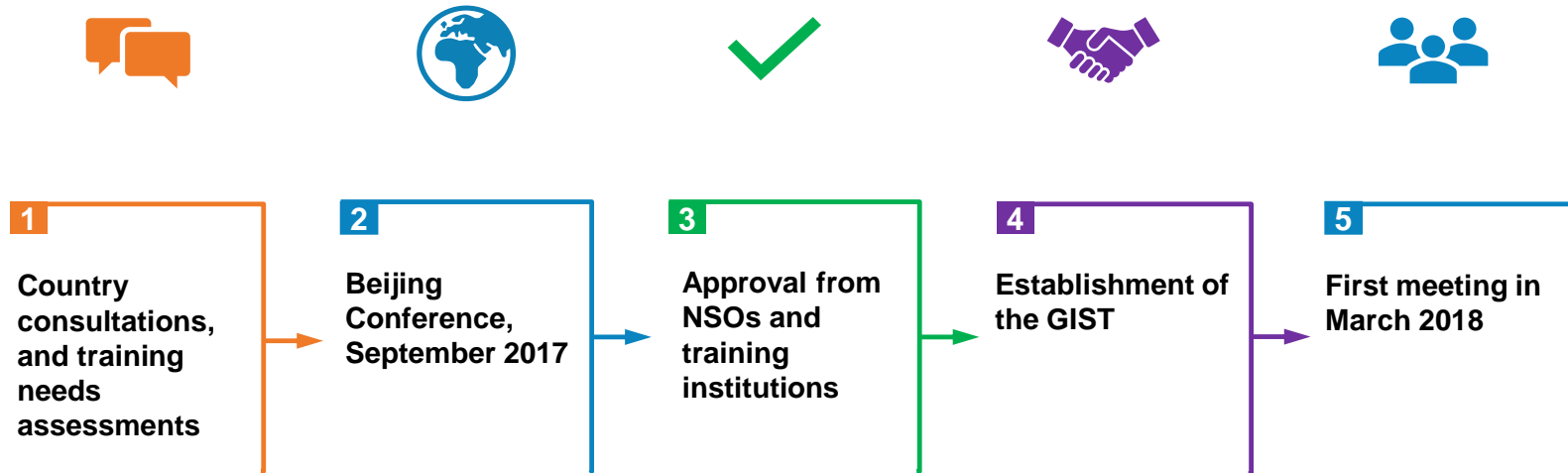| Benefit	Number of countries
Alignment with international standards	17
Avoidance of duplication and optimization of resources	16
Improved outreach	13
Harmonized curricula	9
Others	6

Source: Seminar on statistical training, Beijing, 13-15 September 2017

Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)

Establishment after consultations with various stakeholders

1 Country consultations, and training needs assessments

2 Beijing Conference, September 2017

3 Approval from NSOs and training institutions

4 Establishment of the GIST

5 First meeting in March 2018

Goal

To **build sustainable capacities** in countries **through efficient, effective and harmonized delivery of statistical training** at global and regional levels

Structure of the GIST

Founding member

- 15 members, includes international and regional training institutions representing all regions of the world

- Countries whose NSOs provide training outside their countries

Secretariat

- United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) is the Secretariat of the GIST

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Advisory group

- 11 countries proposed representing all regions.

- Group provides guidance on various matters, for example: programme implementation

- Group to be finalized in March

Chair

- Chosen from the Founding Members

- Rotated every two years

Founding Member Institutions

Membership is expanding to include national training institutions

Regional and International Training Providers

1. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

2. World Bank

3. International Labour Organization (ILO)

4. United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP)

5. Eurostat

6. Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

7. Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre (EASTC)

8. Ecole Nationale Superieure de Statistique et d' Economie (ENSEA)

9. Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS)

10. Statistical, Economic and Social research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)

11. United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

12. PARIS 21

13. UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

14. International Statistical Institution (ISI)

15. United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

National Institutions (as of February 2018)

1. Brazil

2. India

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Anticipated work areas of the GIST

Work streams would be finalized at the first meeting on 8 March

Needs assessment and addressing training gaps

Share training courses, calendars and other materials

Harmonize training courses in line with international guidelines and standards

Develop and nurture pool of trainers in different statistical areas

Foster global discussion on certification

Leverage capacity for distance learning

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GIST website will play a key role

- Website will be a **central location** for accessing training calendars, curricula, course materials etc., as information becomes available.

- Detailed **institutional profiles** in terms of training arrangements of existing members are already available for download

https://unstats.un.org/GIST