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)

- **Alignment with international standards**: 17 countries
- **Avoidance of duplication and optimization of resources**: 16 countries
- **Improved outreach**: 13 countries
- **Harmonized curricula**: 9 countries
- **Others**: 6 countries

*Source: Seminar on statistical training, Beijing, 13-15 September 2017*
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Establishment after consultations with various stakeholders

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

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
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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

**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

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

GIST
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)
15. United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

**National Institutions (as of February 2018)**

1. Brazil
2. India
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
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