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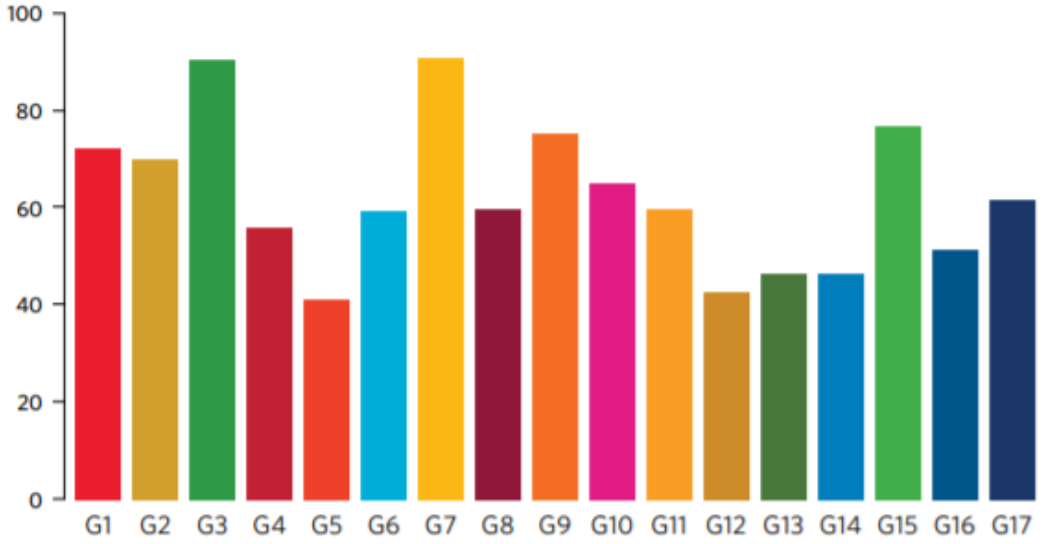
Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians

Data and Statistics for the Implementation of SDGs and SDGs and COVID-19 Responses

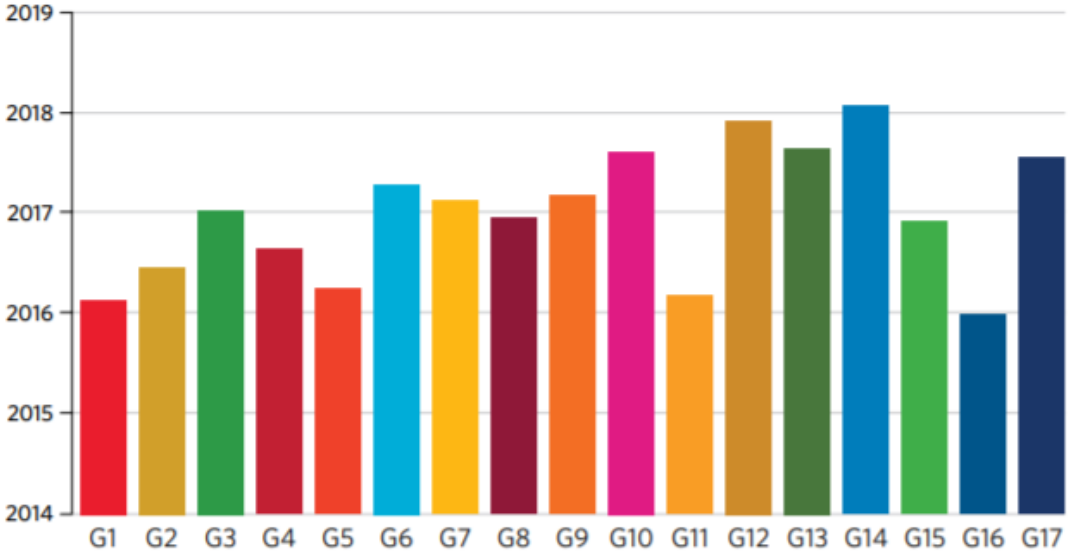
- **Timely, quality, open and disaggregated data** are critical for the successful implementation of the SDGs:
  - Tracking performance
  - Designing evidence-based policies and allocating resources
  - Holding stakeholders accountable
  - Better communicating SDGs
- During **the COVID-19 crisis**, such data are vital in understanding, managing and mitigating the human, social and economic effects of the pandemic. They can effectively **guide decision-making** at each step of the pandemic responses.

Serious data gaps remain in assessing country-level progress towards the SDGs

Data coverage: proportion of countries or areas with available data (weighted average across indicators), by Goal (percentage)



Data timeliness: the most recent year available (weighted average of the median country by indicator), by Goal



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- **To support UNRCO Data officers, build the statistical capacity of NSOs and strengthen their coordination roles in the NSSs in monitoring and reporting on SDGs, particularly in times of COVID-19**

  ➢ Establish a **Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians**

- **The main objective** of the Network is to **strengthen the national capacity** in monitoring and reporting on SDGs through collaboration, coordination, knowledge sharing, networking and technical support, in particular, by **facilitating the collaboration between data officers/RCOs and NSOs/NSSs** in supporting the national governments in the full implementation of the 2030 agenda.

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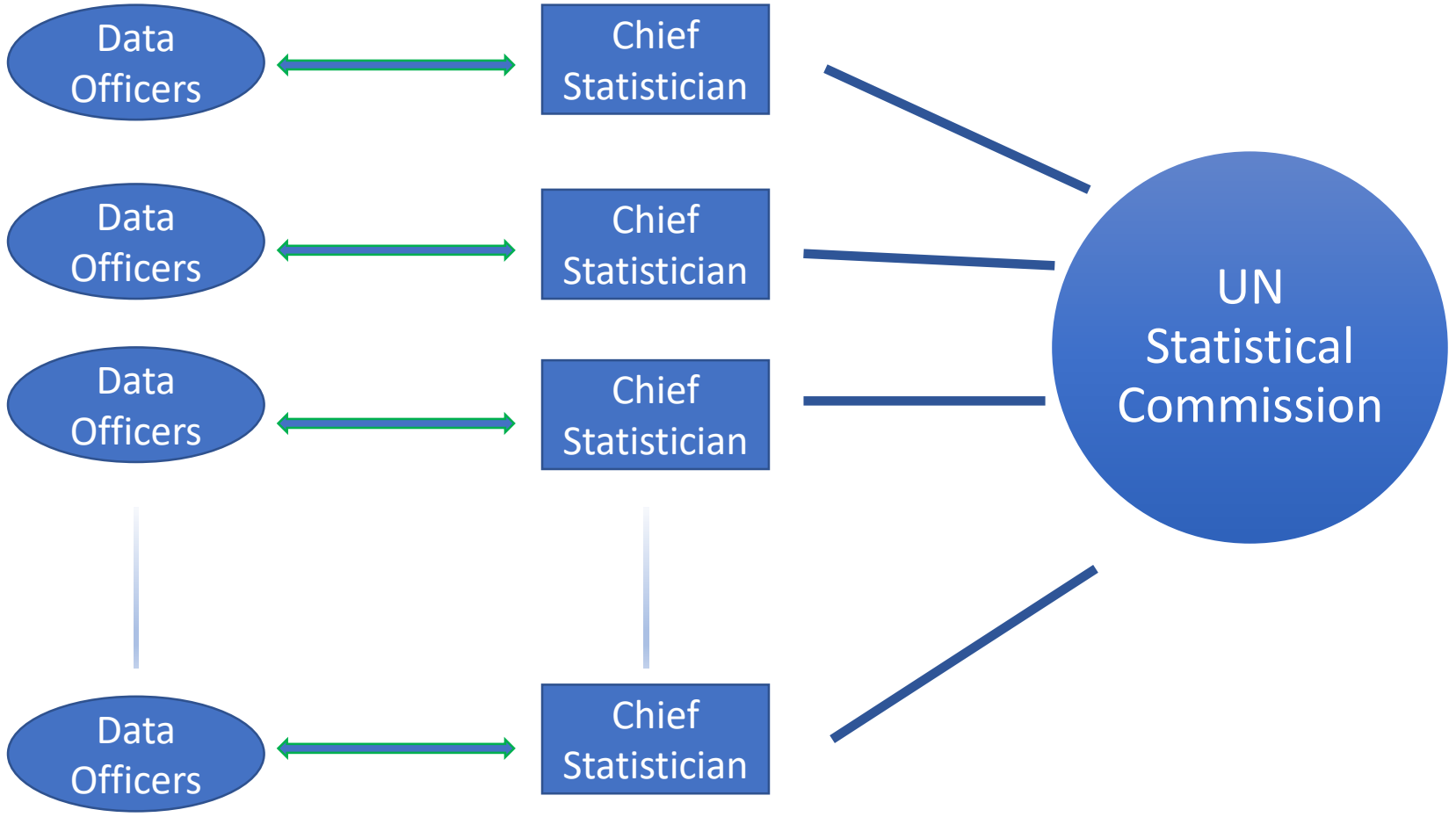

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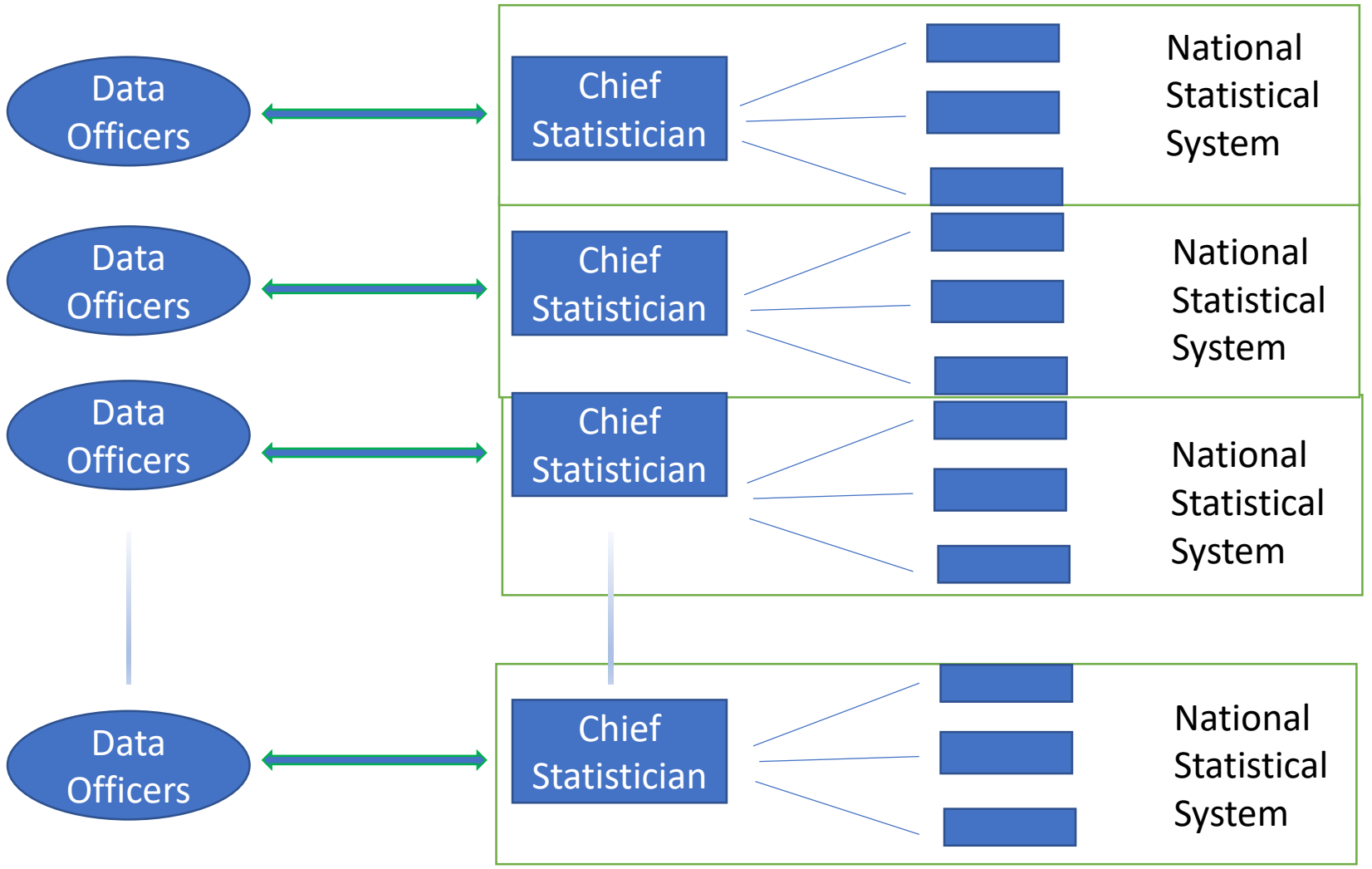

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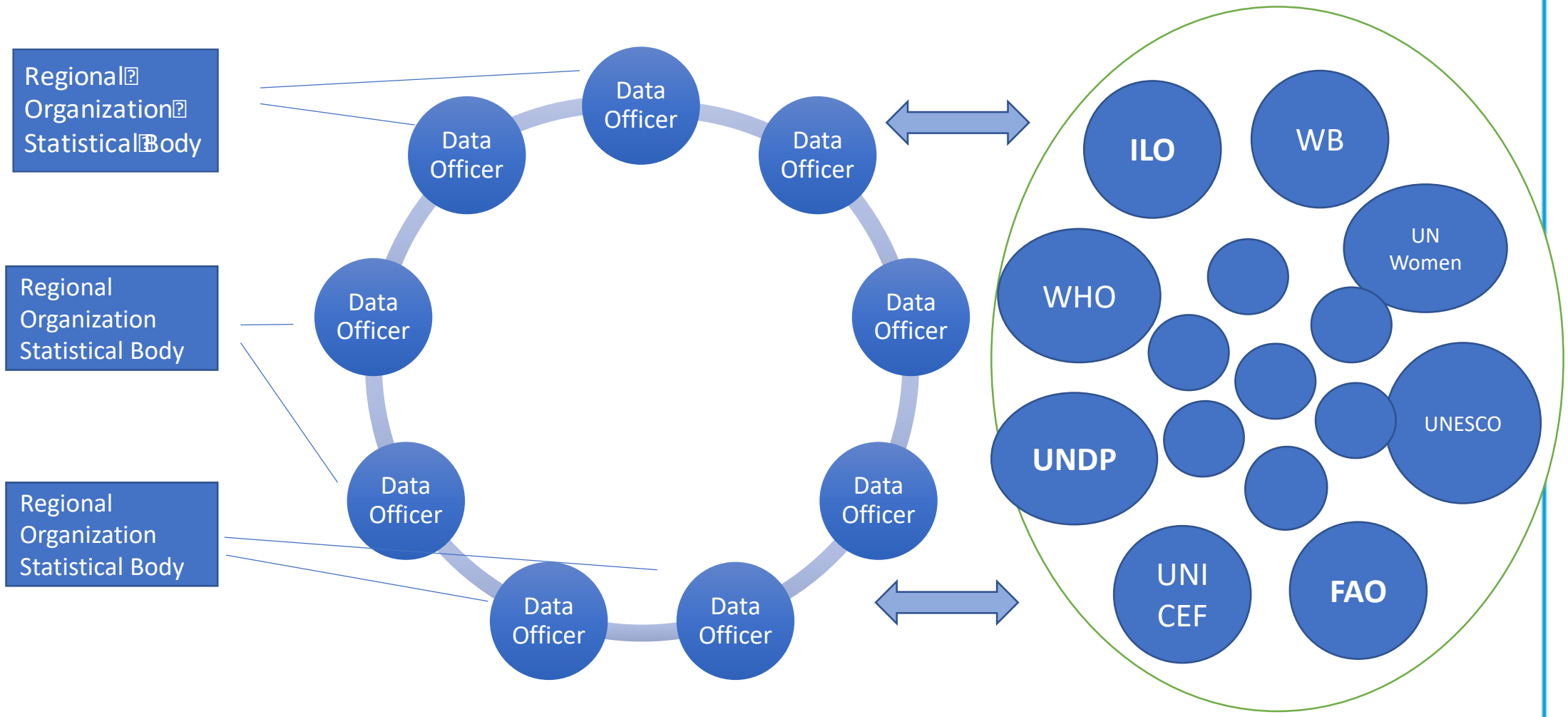

Objectives of the Network: Support the full implementation of the 2030 agenda through use of better data

- **Support** the national SDG monitoring and reporting and the VNRs
- **Strengthen** statistical capacity building, including supporting tools to integrate new data sources and geospatial data
- **Share** knowledge and best practices on SDG monitoring
- **Improve** coordination efforts on data and statistics and minimize overlaps
- **Foster** synergies in data development and effort to improve statistical systems
- **Provide** ad hoc expert supports

Membership of the Network

- **Data officers and economists working on data issues at the UN Resident Coordinator Offices**
- **Statisticians from NSOs and NSSs**
- **Experts and Statisticians from regional and international organizations**

Work Plan and Next Steps

- **Establish a Yammer Network and officially launch it at the UN World Data Forum/World Statistics Day in October 2020**
- Preparation and ongoing work includes:
  - ✓Assessing needs of the data officers and NSOs
  - ✓Developing right content by working with experts and building sub-groups focusing on different statistical domains (such as sub-groups on household surveys, training, big data, geospatial).
  - ✓Creating engagement strategies to promote the Network and better serve the existing and potential users;
  - ✓Working in close collaboration and consultation with RECs, the CCSA, the UNSDG Task Team on Data and DCO.

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