

## Six month project extension announced at SC 2014



New York, 4 – 7 March 2014

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and UK Department for International Development (DFID) announced that the project on “Improving the Collation, Availability and Dissemination of Development Indicators, including MDGs” would be extended by a further 7 months until 31 January 2015 to concentrate on metadata production with the 11 project countries.

## 4<sup>th</sup> International workshop



Phnom Penh, 21 – 25 April 2014

The fourth workshop of the UNSD-DFID project will take place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in partnership with the National Institute of Statistics of Cambodia. Entitled “CountryData: Building better dissemination systems for national development indicators,” the workshop will focus on outstanding issues in implementation, metadata and discrepancy analysis, further practice on the tools for sharing data in SDMX and with UNSD’s [CountryData](#), and will look forward to potential data demands from the Post-2015 development agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For more details [click here](#).

## UNSD and NSO Thailand organise technical workshop

Bangkok, 14 – 18 October

A special workshop was organised by UNSD and the National Statistical Office of Thailand for training on technologies that enable the transformation of XML data into formats such as SDMX or HTML, and preparing publications in a printable format such as PDF.

## CountryData at SDMX Conference

Paris, 11 – 13 September

UNSD attended the SDMX conference and presented a paper on CountryData. For some CountryData countries attending, the conference was also their first chance to engage with the SDMX global community. A summary of the meeting can be found [here](#).

## Back to back workshops on SDMX



Nairobi / Casablanca, 25 November – 5 December

The third workshop of the UNSD/DFID project was held in Nairobi back to back with a joint workshop organised with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), held in Casablanca. Both workshops gave hands-on training in the use of technologies for dissemination and data exchange using SDMX tools for MDG Data Reporting. Practice and demonstration was given on tools like the UNSD developed features in [DevInfo 7](#) and EuroStat's [SDMX-RI](#). As a result of latter workshop, three new countries were able to exchange data with CountryData; Egypt, Jordan and Yemen. For more details on the Nairobi workshop click [here](#) and for the Casablanca workshop click [here](#).

## UBOS launch UgandaInfo for Statistical Data



Kampala, 25<sup>th</sup> October

The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) launched UgandaInfo 7.0 under the theme "Enhancing Access to Statistical Information". UgandaInfo provides statistics to monitor the progress made on development frameworks like the National Development Plan and the Millennium Development Goals.

## GSO Study Visit to NISR, Rwanda



Kigali, 16 – 20 September

A delegation from the General Statistics Office (GSO) of Viet Nam visited the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) to share knowledge and learn about the experience of the NISR in data production and data dissemination. For further details click [here](#).

## Other recent & upcoming events

25th Meeting of IAEG on MDG indicators, New York, 26 – 27 February 2014

45th Statistical Commission, New York, 4 – 7 March 2014

Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS), Manila/Dublin, 14 – 16 April 2014

**CountryData: Building better dissemination systems for national development indicators**, Phnom Penh, 21 – 25 April