

2nd international workshop announced



Addis Ababa, 29 July – 2 August 2013

The second workshop of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and UK Department for International Development (DFID) project on "Improving the Collation, Availability and Dissemination of Development Indicators, including MDGs" will take place at UN ECA Headquarters. The workshop will focus on best practice for the sharing and dissemination of development indicators as well as demonstrate and provide practice on key enabling tools, like data repository platforms and registries for sharing with UNSD's [CountryData](#); for more details click [here](#).

NISR launch Open Access to Statistical Data



Kigali, 10 May

The National Statistical Institute of Rwanda (NISR) launched key tools to make access to their statistical data as easy as possible for users. For more details click [here](#). A UNSD mission attended the launch and conducted a metadata for development indicators workshop for NISR staff during the same week.

1st workshop on SDMX hosted at ESCAP



Bangkok, 18 – 22 March

The first workshop on SDMX was successfully conducted with 27 participants from across Africa and Asia. Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX). SDMX is a new technology which can be used to automate and standardize data and metadata exchange so that data are timelier and can be updated easily. For further details click [here](#).

CountryData at the SC 2013



New York, 26 February – 1 March

A number of events were organised as part of the 44th session of the Statistical Commission to promote and publicise [CountryData](#) and the work of the UNSD-DFID project on “Improving the Collation, Availability and Dissemination of Development Indicators, including MDGs”. A [steering group](#) was held with international agencies, a [project meeting](#) with participating countries, and an [open event](#) in the morning of the final day of the Commission. Click on the meeting links to find the range of presentations given by the organisers and countries at each event.

SDMX Missions to PCBS, GSO & UBOS



January – May

UNSD held missions to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), the General Statistics Office of Vietnam (GSO) and Ugandan Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) to brief key staff on the use of SDMX technology and install the tools necessary for direct communication with [CountryData](#).

Workshops held at LISGIS & GSS



Monrovia & Accra, 5 – 15 February

A UNSD mission went to the Liberia Institute for Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) and the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) to conduct a workshop on improving metadata for development indicators and their exchange with [CountryData](#).

Other recent & upcoming events

[Work Session on the Communication of Statistics 2012](#), Berlin, 27–29 May

[United Nations Regional Workshop on Data Dissemination and Communication](#), Rio de Janeiro, 5–8 June

[CountryData: Sharing Best Practice in the Dissemination of National Development Indicators](#), Addis Ababa, 29–2 Aug

UBOS metadata workshop & UgandaInfo launch, Kampala, 5–9 August

[SDMX Global Conference 2013](#), Paris, 11-13 September

CountryData: [3rd Global Workshop], tbc, October/November