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CountryData Workshop – Sharing Best Practice

Conclusion & next steps (including post-2015 agenda)

Improving the collation, availability and dissemination of development indicators (including the MDGs)

United Nations Statistics Division

DFID Department for International Development

Burundi   Cambodia   Ghana   Liberia   Laos   Morocco

State of Palestine   Rwanda   Thailand   Uganda   Vietnam

Questionnaire results

- **Diverse range of views shared through the questionnaire**

Topic	Average score	Response
A. Relevance	3.9	91%
B. Effectiveness	3.8 - 3.6	82%
C. Efficiency	3.8 - 3.6	73%
D. Impact	3.7	64%
E. Sustainability	3.4	91%

Key: 1 = I strongly disagree (most negative)
         2 = I disagree
         3 = I agree
         4 = I strongly agree (most positive)

International workshops

International workshops

- **Aim is to share experience between countries and build on what was learned in previous workshops**

- **4 workshops planned (2 more to go)**

- **More technical workshop in Oct/Nov**

- **Followed in Feb/Mar by final experience sharing/ progress checking workshop (similar in format to this workshop).**

Metadata workshops

- **Aim is to broaden metadata exchanged and disseminated in NSS, and ultimately improve the way development indicators are communicated**

- **Continue to conduct metadata workshops/ consultancy to project countries with participation from across National Statistical System (NSS)**

- **Follow-up with further training once a first draft of the metadata handbook / document is complete**

- **Continuous process, shouldn't stop with publication of a handbook**

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More indicators, more metadata and more discrepancies explained

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- **Establish data and metadata exchange with remaining 1 country.**

- **Expand the number of indicators (including non-MDGs), time series and observations exchanged with existing countries.**

- **Resolve mapping and other issues.**

- **Expand the functionality of CountryData site.**

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Further development & installation of IT

Local installation

- **Local installations need to be upgraded to version 7**

- **Internal database inconsistencies may prevent data export to SDMX.**
    - -e.g. incorrect subgroup values in DevInfo

- **Some data structures are difficult to unambiguously map to MDG SDMX.**
    - -We are working to mitigate this issue

- **Updates to national databases are not always followed by data publication at an SDMX Registry.**

Further software development

- **Work is underway to improve the functionality of DevInfo 7 SDMX Registry**

  - Simplify menu structure

  - Greater mapping flexibility

  - Delete registered data

  - Automatic update

  - Installer & upgrade package

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Advocacy & awareness raising

Raising awareness

- **Important to raise awareness of outputs**

    - Upgraded dissemination platforms
    - Metadata handbooks
    - New indicator frameworks

- **User engagement is an important area & best practice needs to be shared**

Installments from the MoU

MoU Installments

- **There is an expectation from UN/DESA finance certain documentation are provided;**

    - Signed set of accounts for current expenditure/ forecast expenditure

    - These should mirror budget lines agreed in MoU and reported in local currency AND USD.

    - Note: MoU provided estimates, so expenditure should be 'in-line' but not exact to those estimates

    -Important to notify of any change to bank account

Key questions

- **Are we on track to achieve the project objectives by June 2014?**

- **What extra support is required beyond plans laid in this presentation?**

- **What other areas not discussed need developing?**

- **What other (intl. & nat.) projects would you like to see linked?**

- **What opportunities/ threats are there to implementation & long-term sustainability?**

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Beyond June 2014?

New Vision for a Phase II project?

Post-2015: Key messages

- Debate quickly moved from scene setting (i.e. "Future we want for all") into target detail.

- Broad range of stakeholders are interested in data and see it as a big part of the agenda.

- But see a greater role for non-traditional collection methods and collection agents

- Likely to develop a similar structure and approach as adopted by MDGs.

Post-2015: Illustrative Goals

1. End Poverty

2. Empower Girls and Women and Achieve Gender Equality

3. Provide Quality Education and Lifelong Learning

4. Ensure Healthy Lives

5. Ensure Food Security and Good Nutrition

6. Achieve Universal Access to Water and Sanitation

7. Secure Sustainable Energy

8. Create Jobs, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Equitable Growth

9. Manage Natural Resource Assets Sustainably

10. Ensure Good Governance and Effective Institutions

11. Ensure Stable and Peaceful Societies

12. Create a Global Enabling Environment and Catalyse Long-Term Finance

Source: Report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Post-2015: Data Revolution

"We also call for a **data revolution** for sustainable development, with a new international initiative to improve the quality of statistics and information available to citizens. We should **actively take advantage of new technology, crowd sourcing, and improved connectivity** to empower people with information on the progress towards the targets."

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Post-2015: Local reporting

"The most pressing issue is **not urban versus rural, but how to foster a local, geographic approach** to the post-2015 agenda. The Panel believes this can be done **by disaggregating data by place**, and giving local authorities a bigger role in setting priorities, executing plans, monitoring results and engaging with local firms and communities."

"The Panel reiterates the vital **importance of building data systems to provide timely, disaggregated indicators** to measure progress, in all countries, and at all levels (local, sub-national, and national)."
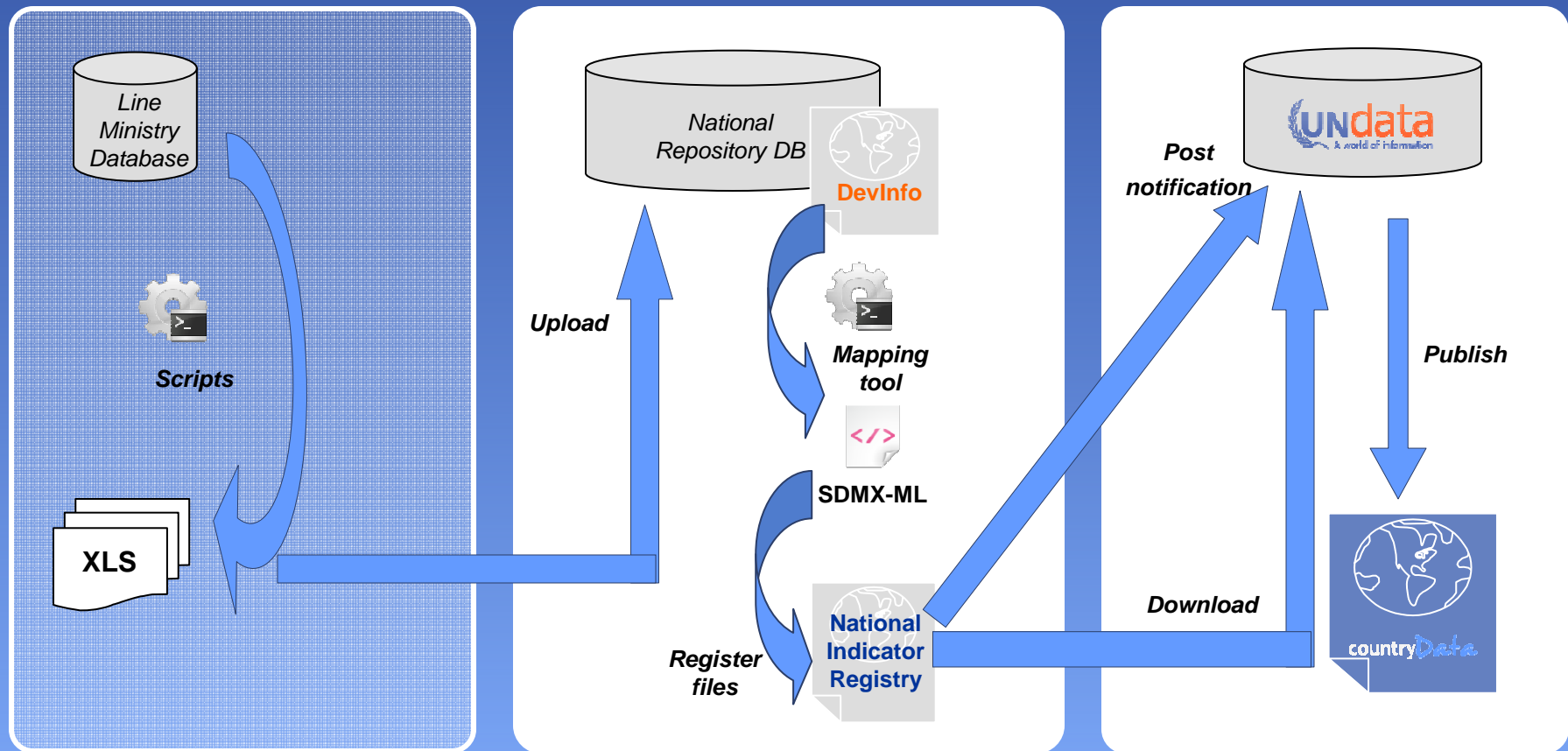
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How to build on the dissemination model to respond to this agenda?

Line Ministries

National Statistical Office

United Nations

Line Ministry Database

Scripts

XLS

National Repository DB

DevInfo

Mapping tool

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SDMX-ML

Upload

Register files

National Indicator Registry

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Post notification

Publish

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Thank you for your attention

Sources of further reference:

United Nations
Department of Economic
and Social Affairs

http://www.un.org/en/develop
ment/desa/development-
beyond-2015.html

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