Smart Investments in Innovations in Official Statistics

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Current Investment

- Strategy - to support countries to develop and implement NSDSs.
- Approach - in alignment with the Paris declaration on aid effectiveness - Ownership, Alignment, Harmonisation, Results and Mutual accountability.
- Central Programmes - supporting the international statistical system.
- Country Programmes - bilateral support to NSOs.
Changing Technology

- Our capability to collect, store, manage, analyse and communicate data is changing at an increasing rate.

- The opportunity to be more effective and efficient than ever before to deliver trusted statistics that help government, business and the public make informed decisions.
Changing Demands

- Sustainable Development Goals and Leave No-one Behind.
- Data innovation in other areas has changed the expectation of what is possible in official statistics.
- Need for improved: coverage, spatial resolution, timeliness, quality, openness
Challenges

- Statistical
- Technical
- Ethical
- Commercial
- Skills
- Sustainable
What does this mean for innovation in official statistics?

- Innovations that better target user needs and fill data gaps.
- Innovations that increase efficiency.
- Innovations that tackle the challenges associated with big data.
Thank you!