MODERNIZING OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: WHOSE JOB IS IT?

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There cannot be a modern National Statistical System without a modern National Statistical Office.
What is the IDB doing?

- Regional projects:
  - Statistical use of administrative records.
  - New measurement of informality (with ILO).
  - Agricultural statistics (with FAO).
  - Environmental statistics.
  - Common census framework (with CARICOM).
  - Demographic statistics (Central America).
What is the IDB doing?

• Country specific projects:
  – Argentina (institutional strengthening).
  – Ecuador (quality frameworks).
  – Perú (crime statistics).
  – Nicaragua (institutional reform).
  – Haití (census support).
  – El Salvador (census support).

These are just some of the ongoing projects in which the IDB is collaborating with NSOs in the Region.
What is the IDB perspective?

• Support collaboration among countries.
• In the context of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.
• “Traditional” areas of work.
• Promoting innovation.
• Emphasis on modernization.
MODERNIZATION

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TECHNOLOGY
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- Of course technology is a very important tool.
- But it is not the answer by itself.
- It is a cross cutting tool... ...that impacts all aspects of a NSO.

And is an indicator that...
TOMORROW IS HERE...

• New settings.
• New actors.
• New data sources.
• New partners.
SO WE NEED TO MODERNIZE...

• Processes.
• Organizational structures.
• Legal frameworks.

...and like in other areas...
GUIDANCE WILL COME FROM...

• Peer to peer cooperation.
• Showcase best practices.
• Share lessons learned:
  • positive, and
  • negative.
So that others can...
CHALLENGES
REPLICABILITY

Exactly 352 grams!
Production
Investment
Use
WHOSE JOB IS IT?

• EVERYBODY´S:
  – Government
  – NGOs
  – Academia
  – Private sector
  – International organizations

We all have a role to play to make sure that NSOs are modernized, but most importantly that...
¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!