Group 1

1. Main users:
   - Mauritius: Ministry of social security
   - Malawi: Government, Ministry of Gender, International organizations
   - Guinea Bissau: Ministry of planning, NGOS, international organizations and associations, researchers
   - Swaziland: Swaziland government,
   - Cameron: Ministry of education
   - Chad: ministry of social affairs and women affairs, NGO (local and international)
   - Uganda: Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development, ministry of health, ministry of education, NGOs (local and international) organizations

2. **How is the statistics currently utilized:?**
   - for policy formulation
   - planning for disability grants
   - for the education system:
     - for training and sensation
     - for creation of training centre and prepare teachers
     - target PWDs to be exempted from school fees.
   - Defending rights of PWDs
   - for PWDs who want to know who, how many of the categories exist in the country
   - EOC uses this data to measure the extent of exclusion and advocate for their inclusion

3. **What mechanism exist for promoting utilization of disability statistics for policy purposes:**
   has a policy for utilization of statistics through the PNSD which has a pillar on increasing utilization of statistics in general.

   NSOs do not have an explicit statement in their mandates to produce disability but exists in the other ministry 's legislations that the NSO will produce the disability statistics.
   NSOs can derive their mandate from international treaties that the governments have ratified.
   NSOs are demand driven and use expertise in data production so do not move out to promote utilization per se.

4. **Ways to strengthen national capacity to produce and utilize data on d**
   - Need to have statistics inter related with other areas like education, health etc so the capacity should apply to multi-disciplinary statistics and cannot be looked at in isolation.
   - Comparability should be integrated in the production of disability statistics across countries
   - Need a dialogue to agree on the issue of measurement of disability i.e functioning (social) and (Medical) health related impairment. International agreement is to have the social dimension and we need to operationalize data collection inline with the ICF. This needs to be popularized at the country level. Capacity of NSO who have the mandate to produce official statistics needs to be strengthen on the ICF model so that it can be passed on to the other in country stakeholders. NSOs have the global mandate of the

UN P&R and Uganda has the overall mandate and needs to first bring on board the staff within the NSO before moving out.

- UNSD to hold capacity building meetings at the country level to get them to embrace the psycho social approach to measurement of disability.
- Clear the stigma among the PWDs so they can clearly respond to surveys and not hide them during data collection.

5. **How we can better coordinate production of statistics on disability by relevant stakeholder in the NSS?**
    - NSO are mandated to vet and pass official statistics
    - NSO produce a Compendium of indicators to be shared with all data producers, and in addition need to have a definition for disability from this meeting to be shared across all disability data producers.
    - Bring on board the other administrative data producers who have different mandates and purposes for data collection are Ok but we need to have uniform definition of concepts
    - The challenge of using or accepting the new measurement approach for fear to loss the trend analysis can be overcome by using a hybrid of the questions

6. **What do you propose as the next steps in developing this area of statistics?**
    - Agree on definitions, concepts to be used internationally especially the cut off of who is a PWD and not.
    - Popularize the agreed concept of disability measurement (Bio Psycho social model- BPS i.e. the integrated model)
    - Disability should be a theme area to be followed up by an independent survey and not as a module in other surveys
    - Lobby organizations dealing with disability to sensitize the public to embrace the data collection effort
    - Build capacity to compile and analyze administrative and primary data so that it can aligned to each other
    - Prioritize what should be traded off in the census questionnaire for the 6 WGSS without over loading it
    - Improve the way /channels the UNSD reaches out to countries
    - UNSD can create a pool of local or regional disability experts (knowledgeable about ICF) to assist other countries