



Session 6:

Coordination with other Groups of the Statistical Commission

Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics

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Purpose and objectives

- Created by the 53rd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and tasked to:
 - Review social and demographic statistics, as outlined in Decision 53/105 on Working methods of the Statistical Commission.
 - provide recommendations for an agile and more responsive system of social and demographic statistics, in line with the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to leave no one behind, while anticipating data needs beyond 2030.
- Expected to work for a period of 3 years and report back on deliverables at the 57th session of the Statistical Commission in 2026.

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Members and Observers

FoC member countries*
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Colombia
Denmark
Hungary (<i>co-chair</i>)
Indonesia
Lithuania
Mexico (<i>co-chair</i>)
Poland
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How do we make social and demographic statistics fit for purpose today and in the future?

Current challenges

Lack of an overarching conceptual framework

Difficult modeling of social phenomena

Increasing demands for data disaggregation and timeliness

Declining response rates in household surveys and rising survey costs

Tight fiscal environments

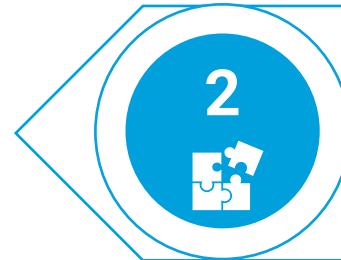
Decentralized statistical responsibilities

Low public acceptability for admin data linkages

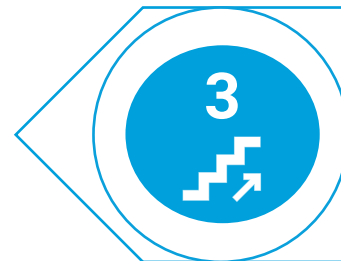
FoC workstreams



We map our collective work at the **international level**, identifying what is available as well as existing gaps (in data, tools, methods)

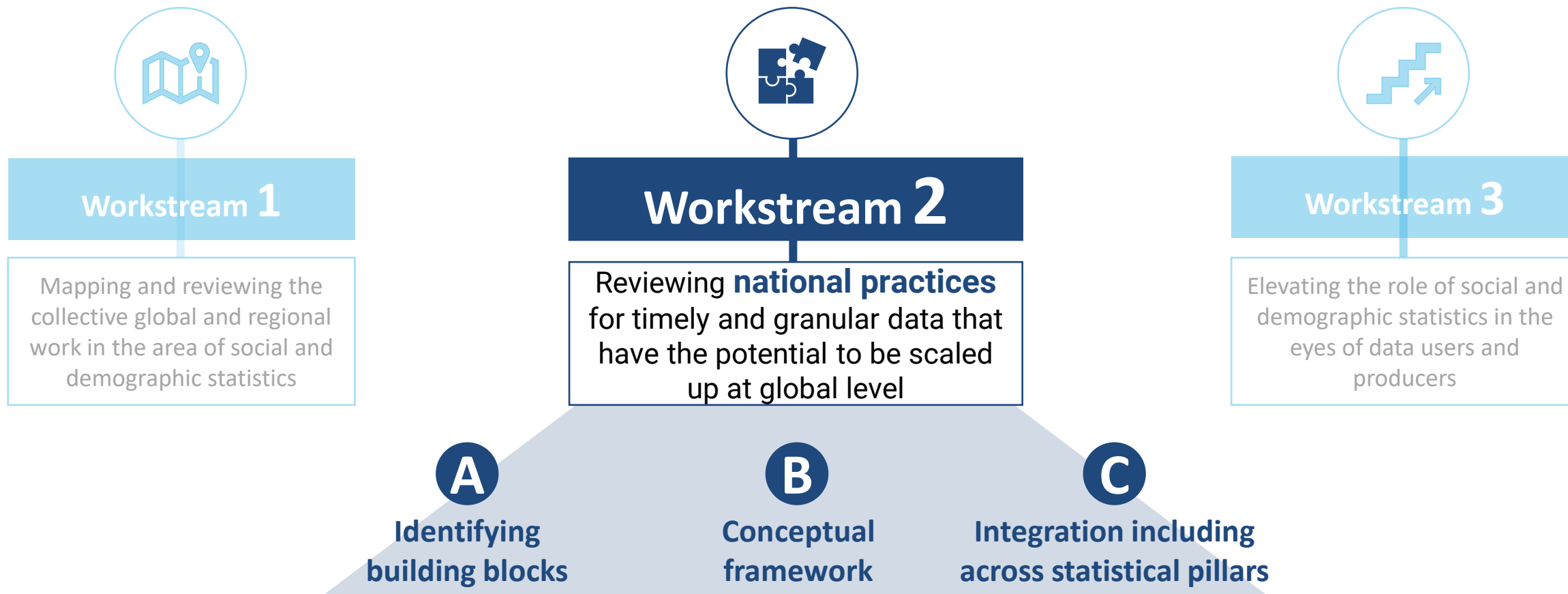


We showcase **national practices** for timely and granular data that have the potential to be scaled up at global level



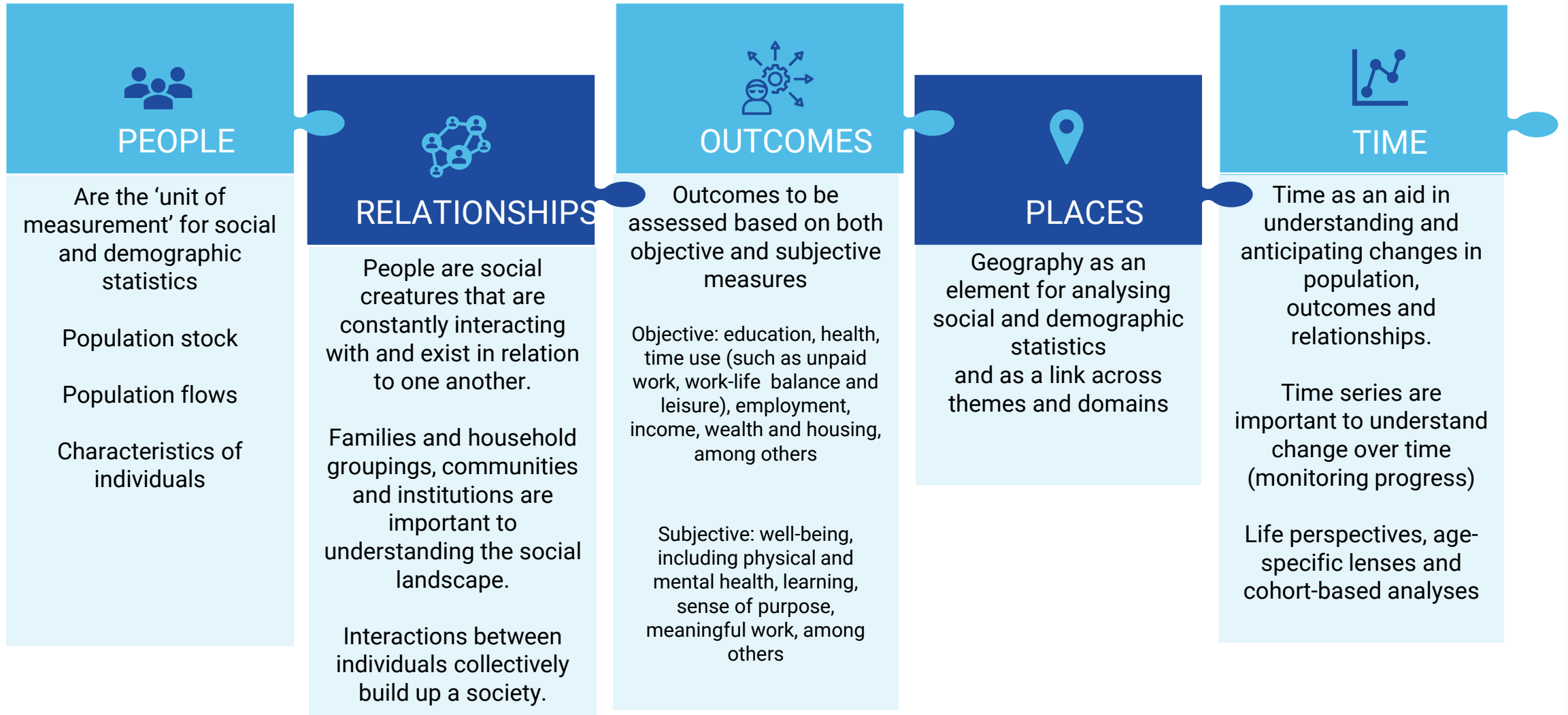
We elevate the **role of social and demographic statistics** in the eyes of users and producers

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Towards an overarching conceptual framework for social and demographic statistics



Time-use statistics to understand how people are doing and their relationships with one another

...and to link information across statistical pillars

And much more...

Transport
Public services

Behaviours

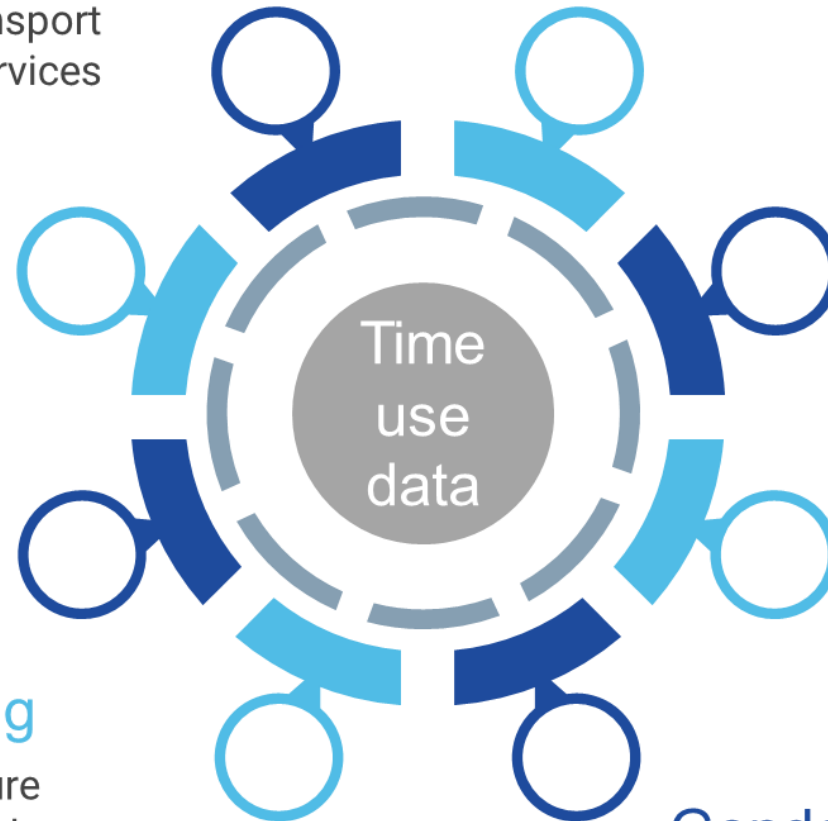
Use of technologies
Impact of pandemic
Teleworking and online education
Consumption patterns

Social connections

Volunteering
Loneliness
Social activities

Well-being

Education and culture
Health (physical activity, mental health, habits, unpaid health care)
Leisure
Work



SDGs monitoring

SDG 5 and more...

Measuring all forms of work

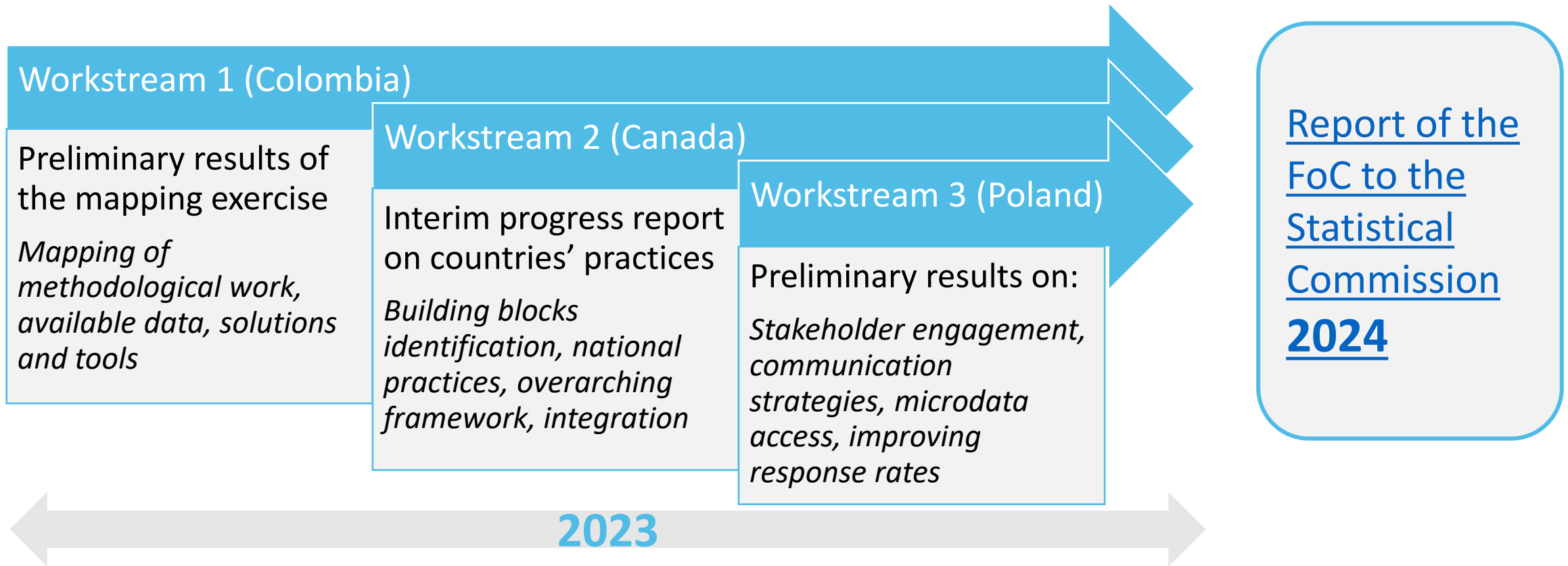
Links to the economy

Extended accounts (unpaid household service work, health accounts)
Distributional aspects (NTTA)
Human and social capital

Gender equality

Unpaid domestic and care work (including supervisory care)
Intrahousehold bargaining

FoC Social and Demographic Statistics: Timeframe and way forward



2026 Final report of the FoC to be submitted to the 57th session of the Statistical Commission.

 Endorsement of the recommendations and follow up actions of Commission decisions.

Thank you!