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Strategic Recommendations for Strengthening Social and Demographic Statistics

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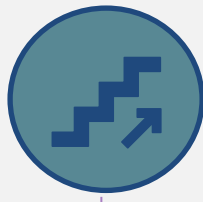
Year 3



Inventory of regional and global standards, methods and tools



Collection of national promising practices



Collection of communication strategies

Three workstreams identifying bottlenecks (mapping, organizing and communicating) and common building blocks



In-depth analysis of building blocks



PEOPLE



RELATIONSHIPS



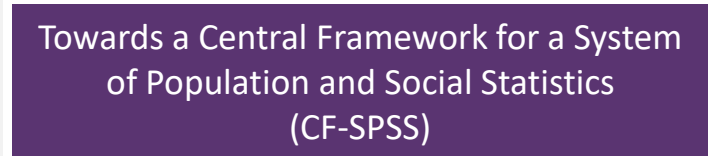
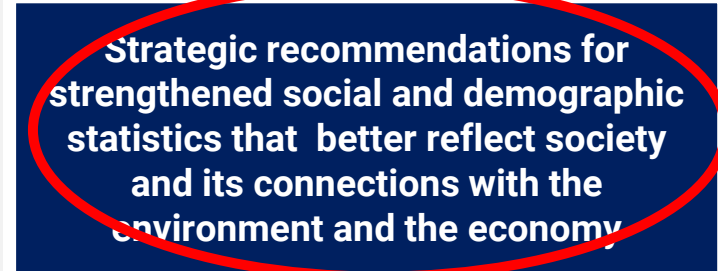
OUTCOMES



PLACES



TIME



Final Strategic recommendations



Central Framework for a System of Population and Social Statistics (CF-SPSS)

- **Horizons:**

- Basic
- Detailed
- Extended

- **Implementation:**

- Methods,
- Sources,
- Information elements.

- **Successor mechanism**

- Expert groups involved in social and demographic statistics
- Responsible for organizing and following statistical activities, preventing duplication of efforts, and promoting a unified vision for the social and demographic pillar.





- I. Introduction.
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- V. Streamlining work at the global, regional and national level.
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II. Objectives



- Improve social and demographic statistics across economic, environmental pillars.
- System of Population and Social Accounts (SPSA).



III.1. Growing demand for more timely and granular data.

III.2. Heavy reliance on conventional data collection methods.

III.3. Evolving public perception and trust in national statistical systems.

III.4. Absence of a comprehensive conceptual framework for social and demographic statistics.



IV. Elevating the role of social and demographic statistics



IV.1. Positioning social and demographic statistics

IV.2. Data quality and standardization



IV.3. Building trust and participation in official data ecosystems

IV.4. Communication strategies for social and demographic statistics



Strategic recommendations

V. Streamlining work at the global, regional and national level



V.1. Global and regional level



- Focus on strategic reorganization and enhanced alignment across all working groups.
- Reduce fragmentation, enhance collaboration, and ensure that all initiatives are complementary.



Strategic recommendations

V. Streamlining work at the global, regional and national level



V.2 National level



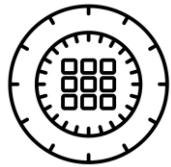
- Each nation to select the most appropriate methods, sources, and information elements for their unique context.
- This tailored approach ensures that implementation is both feasible and sustainable.



VI. Recommendations for a system approach

VI.1. Growing demand for more timely and granular data.

- Generate granular data for targeted insights.
- Focus on detailed data collection and disaggregation.
- Rethink data collection methods and tools.
- Leverage geospatial technologies allows for pinpointing the exact location of data points, enabling analysis for smaller geographies.





VI. Recommendations for a system approach

VI.2. Going beyond traditional data collection methods.



- Adopt a strategic shift towards leveraging existing data sources.
- Prioritize the systematic integration of administrative registers from both public and private sectors.
- Promote national coordination and governance.



VI. Recommendations for a system approach

VI.3. Improving perception and trust in data systems.



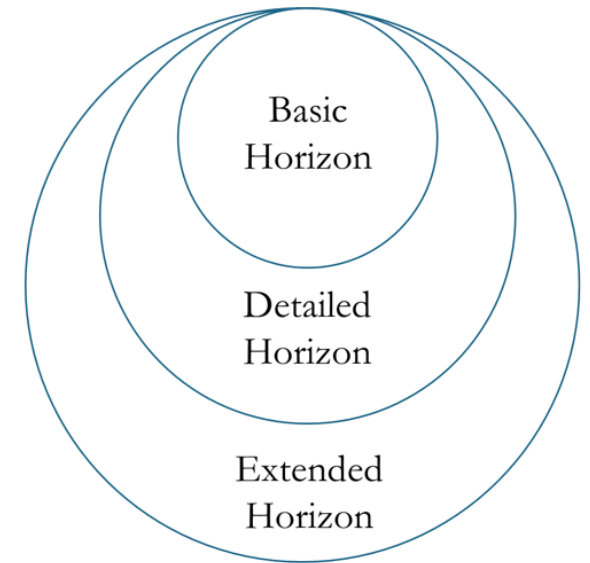
- Adopt "user-centric" approach.
- Communicate the direct benefits of participation in sample surveys and censuses.
- Improve public support for data linkages requires greater transparency and robust governance frameworks.



VI. Recommendations for a system approach

VI.4. Setting the foundations for a conceptual framework.

- Use a model of concentric circles or "horizons."
- Basic horizon of data consist of fundamental social and demographic statistics that can be produced by all countries in the near term.
- Subsequent horizons would define increasingly detailed and complex topics, which countries could produce later based on their specific needs and capacities.





- A strategic successor mechanism is required to ensure cohesion and progress.
- The successor mechanism could begin with the development of CF-SPSS using the content of the strategic recommendations.
- The successor mechanism's work must focus on people's well-being and be aligned with:
 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - High-Level Expert Group on the Pact for the Future.



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VIII. Expected outcomes

- A Central Framework for a System of Population and Social Statistics (CF-SPSS).
- Common standards for social and demographic statistics,
- An integrated data ecosystem.
- Further use of new data sources, new methods to produce social and demographic statistics.
- Increase trust and engagement from users, researchers, and citizens.





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