

**Global Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics
Towards a Strategic Framework for Statistics in Support of the
Post-2015 Development Agenda**

Co-organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Statistical Office of
the European Communities (Eurostat)

United Nations Headquarters, New York,
Conference room 5
15-16 January 2015

Agenda

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Thursday 15th January

Registration (8:30am – 9:15am)

Opening (9:15am – 10:00am)

Opening remarks:

*Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD and
Ms. Mariana Kotzeva, Deputy Director General, Eurostat*

Objectives and working methods of the conference

Session 1: New requirements from policy demands for the global statistical system (10:00am-1:00pm)

Facilitator: Mr. Pieter Everaers, Eurostat

Questions: *How can we better coordinate the statistical programmes developed by international organisations that link the political agendas and reporting obligations? How do we assess the coherence of existing global statistical programmes, including taking into account the tentative list of goals, targets and indicators for sustainable development? Given the limited resources available at national and international levels, how can we join forces to experiment new approaches and exploit economies of scale?*

Discussion document #1:

Towards a comprehensive global policy agenda: what does it mean for statistics

Presentation: *Mr. Enrico Giovannini* (30 min)

Questions and answers (30 min)

Breakout group discussions (60 min)

Conclusions and recommendations (60 min)

Lunch (1:00pm-2:30pm)

Session 2: Innovations in data collection, data dissemination, data access and data analytics (2:30-5:30pm)

Facilitator: *Ms. Mariana Kotzeva, Eurostat*

Questions: *How can we come together to harness the innovative and transformational power of ICT for official statistics? How can we collaborate in an effective manner to ensure that we establish a consistent set of principles and standards for use in modernising official statistics and our national statistical systems and who is going to take ownership of these principles and standards and its global communication of “branding messages” within the statistical community at the global level?*

Discussion document #2:

Modernisation: Evolution or revolution

Presentation: *Mr. Pdraig Dalton* (30 min)

Questions and answers (30 min)

Breakout group discussions (60 min)

Conclusions and recommendations (60 min)

Reception (6:00 pm-7:30 pm)

Friday 16th January

Session 3: Modern Statistical Production Processes based on a Service-oriented Business and Information Architecture (10:00am-1:00pm)

Facilitator: *Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD*

Questions: *How do we move towards an integrated system of official statistics for the post-2015 development agenda? Does the multitude of external and internal challenges lead to a need for the evaluation of the national business and information architecture and its statistical production processes? Are the strategic directions of the proposed national programs on integrated statistics shared? Do the expected benefits of proposed national programs on integrated household and business statistics outweigh the investments in national statistical systems for the post-2015 development agenda?*

Discussion document #3:

Towards an Integrated Statistics Programme for the post-2015 development agenda

Presentation: *Mr. Geert Bruinooge* (30 min)

Questions and answers (30 min)

Breakout group discussions (60 min)

Conclusions and recommendations (60 min)

Lunch (1:00pm-2:00pm)

Session 4: Means of Implementation (2:00pm-5:00pm)

Facilitator: Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, UNSD

Questions: What are the means of implementation for transitioning from the existing to modern national statistical systems to meet the data requirements for the post-2015 development agenda? What global, regional and national coordination mechanisms can be put in place for the post-2015 development agenda? How can we better coordinate our partnerships and capacity building activities?

Discussion document # 4:

Means of implementation for the post-2015 development agenda

Presentation: *Mr. Mohamed Taamouti (30 min)*

Questions and answers (30 min)

Breakout group discussions (60 min)

Conclusions and recommendations (60 min)

Session 5: Concluding Session (5:00pm-6:00pm)

Facilitators: Mr. Stefan Schweinfest and Ms. Mariana Kotzeva

Objective: Recommendations and way forward for a strategic framework for statistics in support of the post-2015 development agenda