

African Conference: Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics

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Opening Session

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Transformative agenda for Official Statistics in support of the post-2015 development agenda

Africa regional conference

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What are the requirements?

Modern democratic societies must rely on a solid basis of reliable and objective statistics to function properly

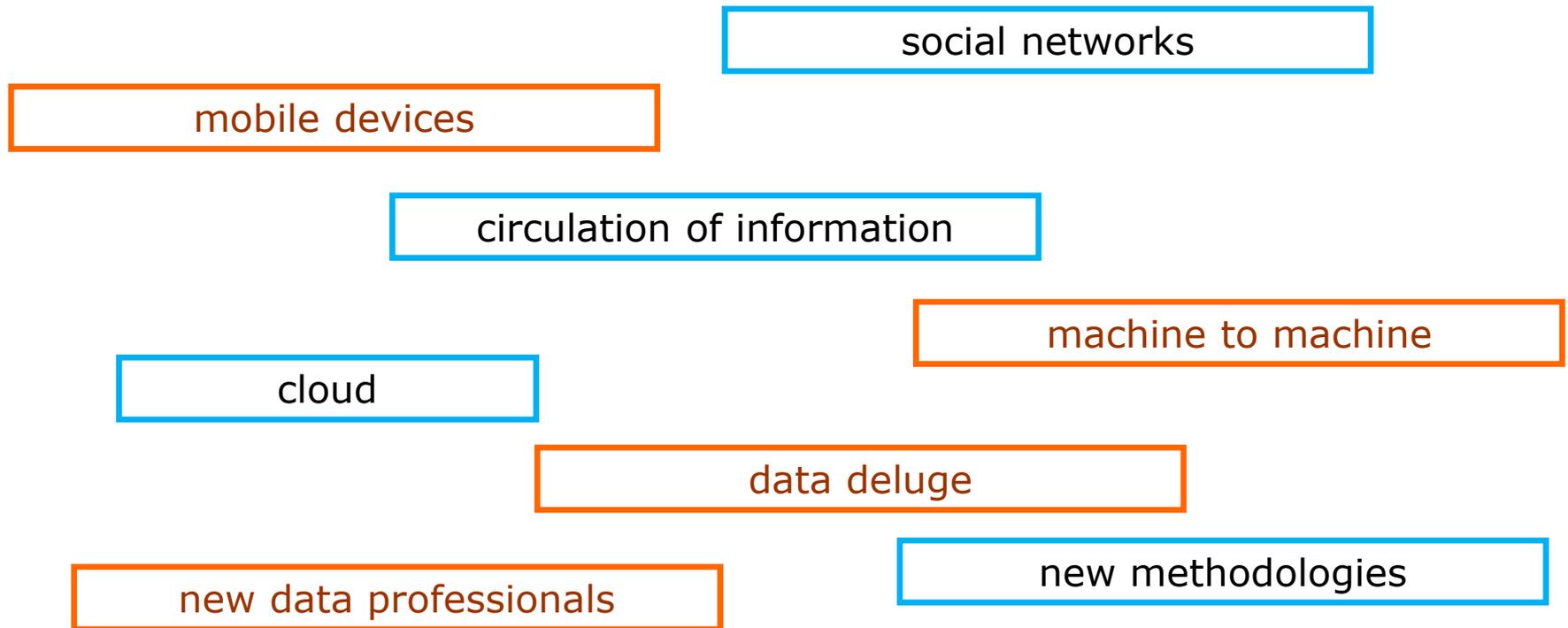
Public and media need statistics for an accurate picture of contemporary society and to evaluate the performance of politicians and others

Evidence based decision making

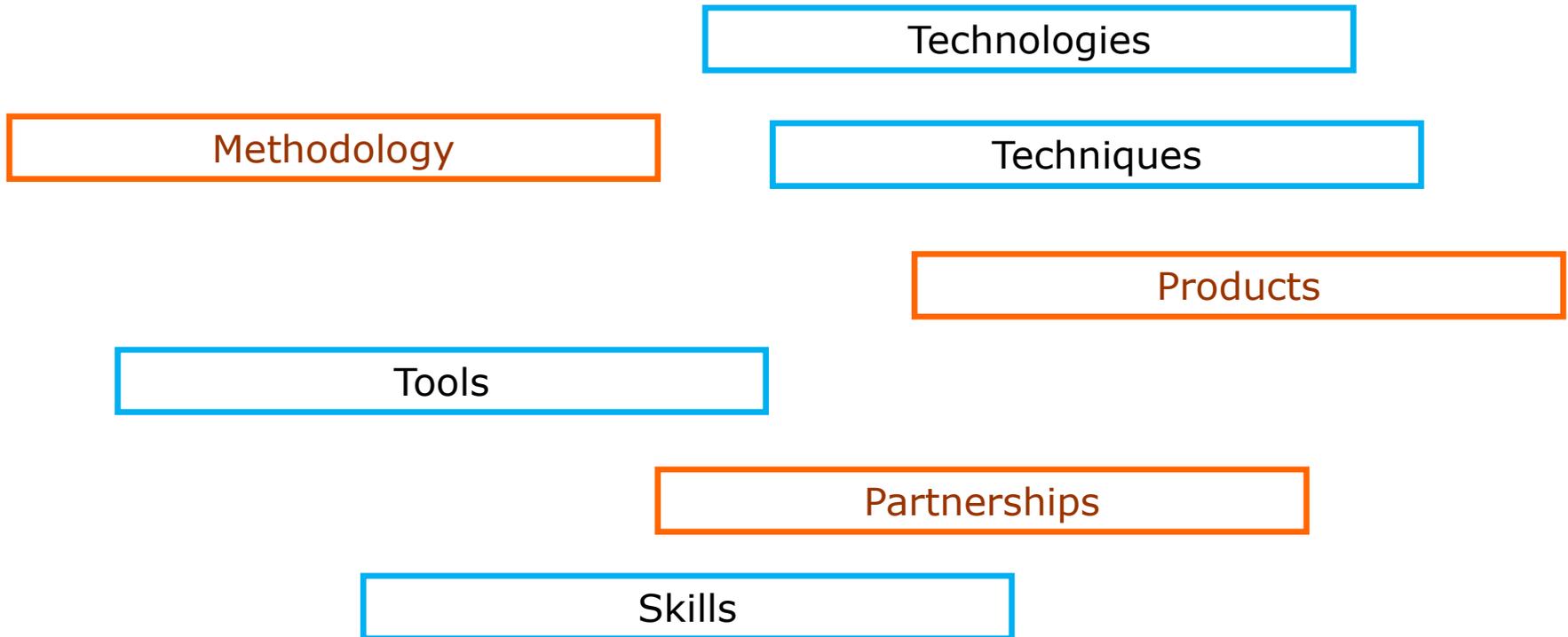
Decision-makers at Union level, in Member States, in local governments and in business need statistics to make those decisions

Quick and fit for purpose

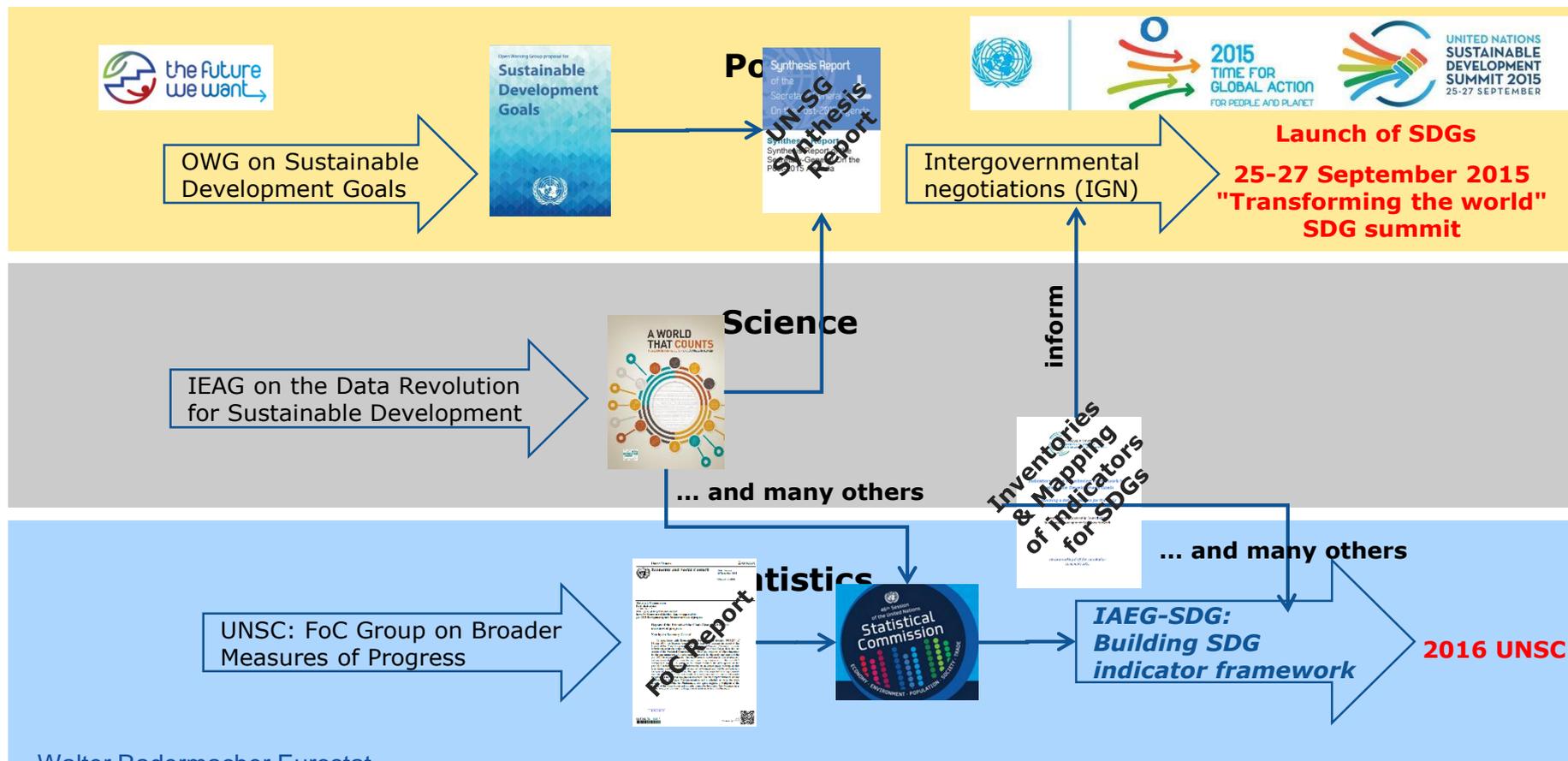
What is happening in the society?



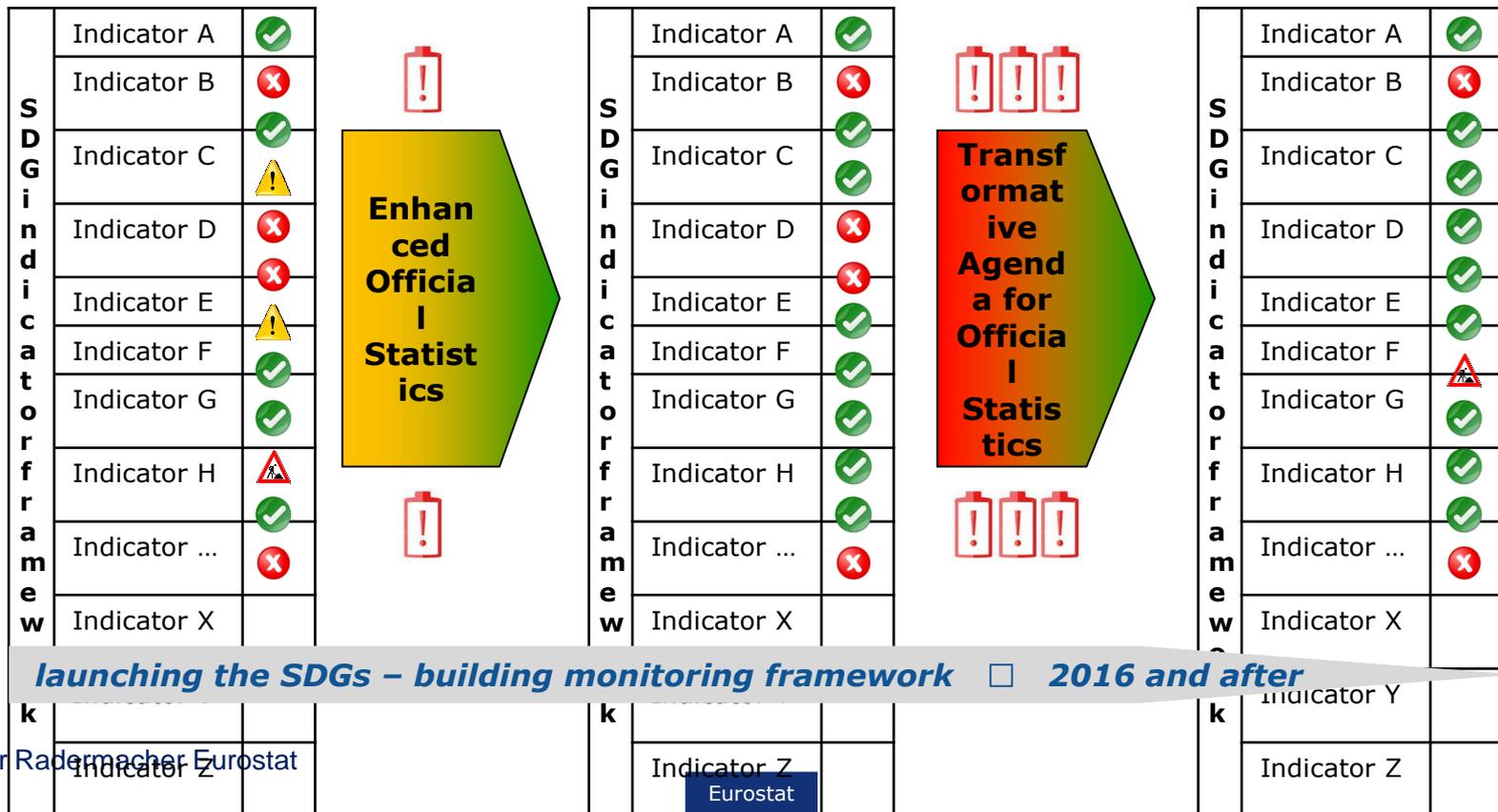
What are we looking for?



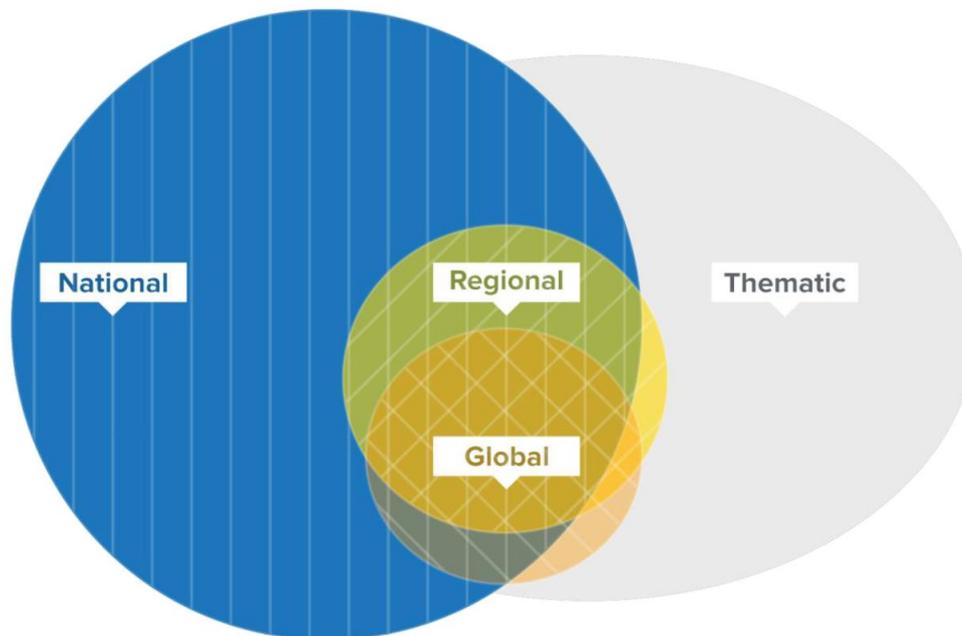
The post-2015 process at a glance



Filling data gaps: A transformative agenda for Official Statistics



Different Levels of SDG Monitoring



Global monitoring:

- based on a core set of global indicators
- harmonised to common global standards
- predominantly taken from official data
- applicable to all countries



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HOW MANY TIMES A DAY ARE YOU HANDING OVER YOUR INFORMATION?

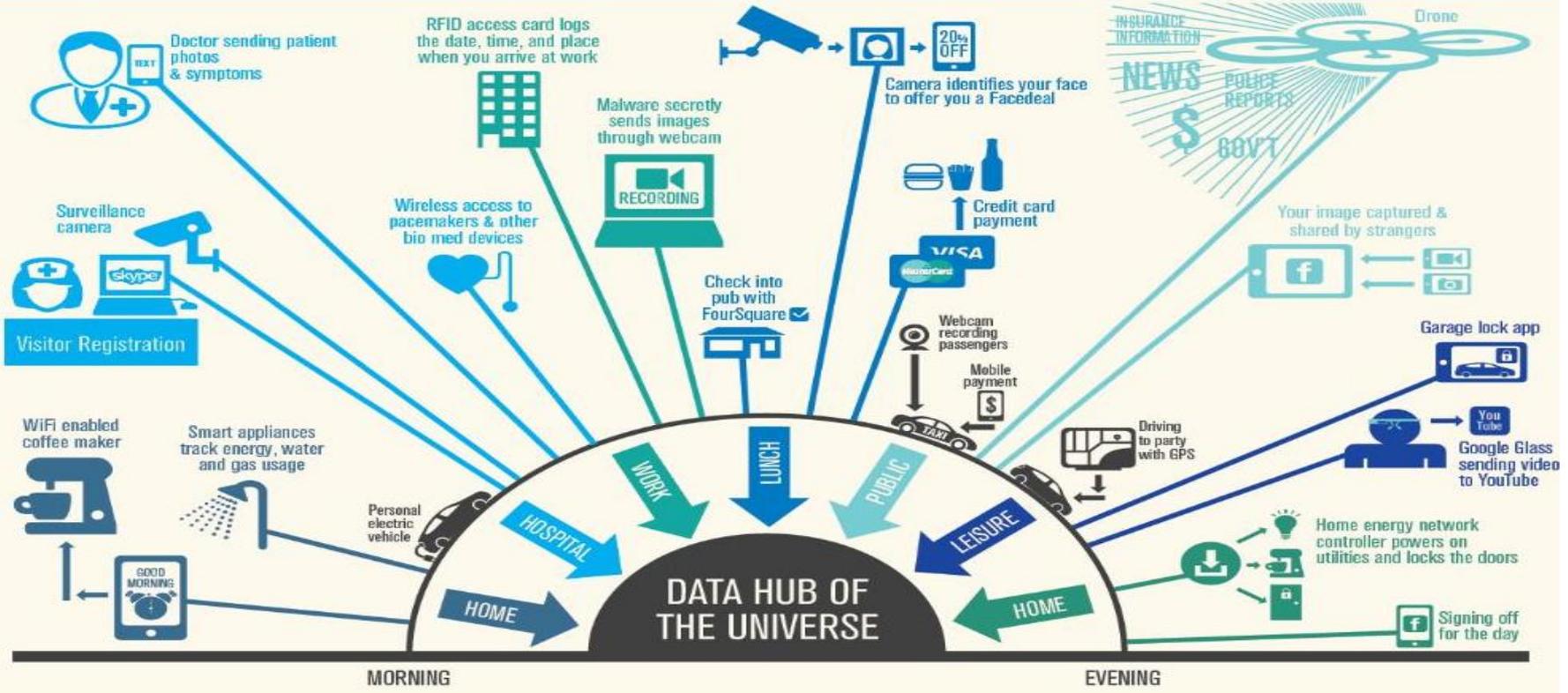


From the moment we wake – and turn on that WiFi-enabled “smart” coffeemaker – to the time we make our final Facebook sign off for a long, restful sleep, we are leaving a digital trail. Most of us have no idea how the data about our daily habits, our purchases – even our routes to work – is being collected or how it’s being shared.

The infographic below outlines just a few of the hundreds of ways we voluntarily open our everyday lives to intelligence-gathering marketers, companies, government agencies, data bureaus and unknown others, simply by using our vast and growing array of technologies.

THE TAKE-AWAY?

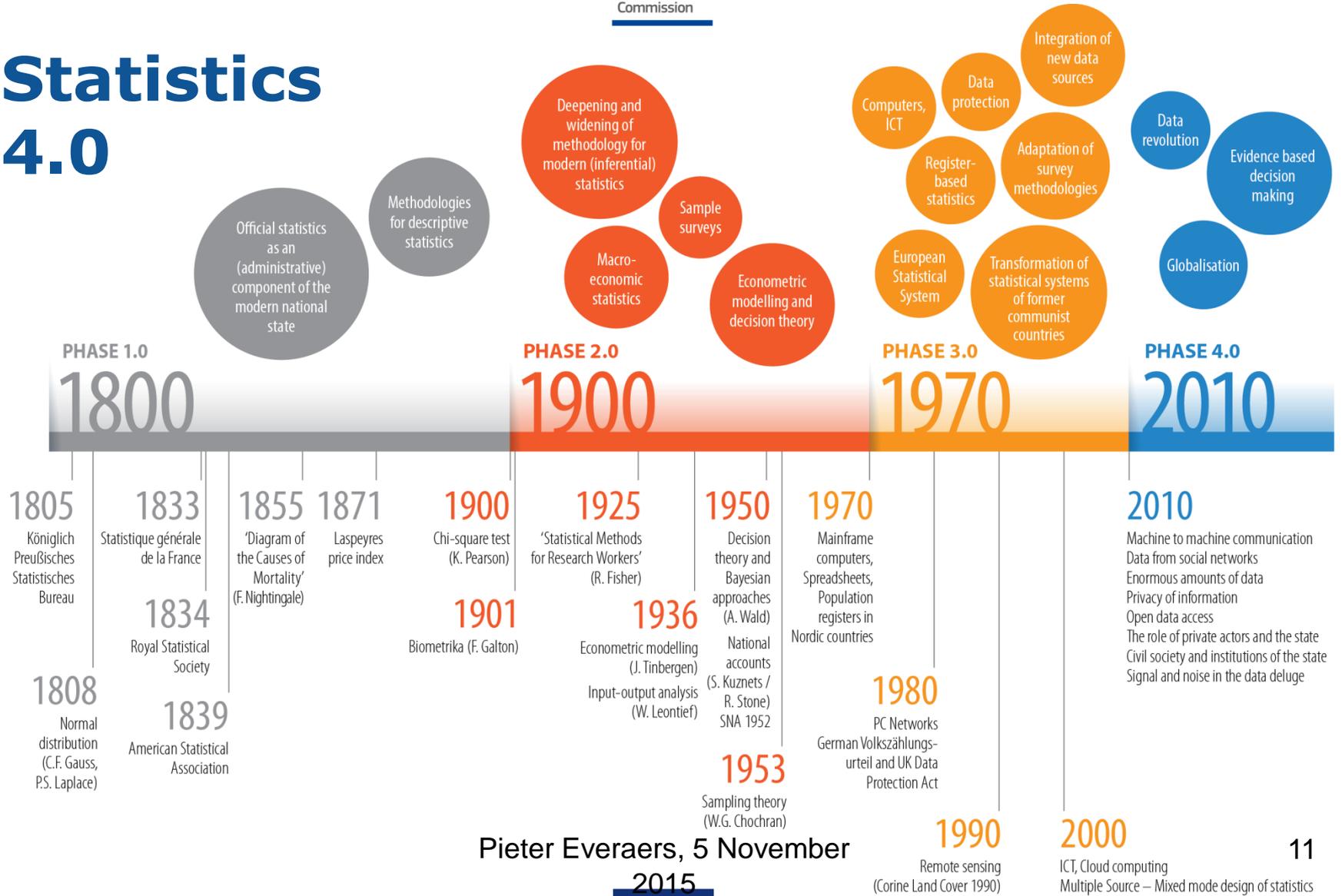
Understand how much data you are sharing simply through every day use of gadgets and apps. Be aware of how that data may be revealing some pretty intimate details about you. If taken out of context, it may result in damaging assumptions. What can you do to lessen the data trail you leave behind every day?





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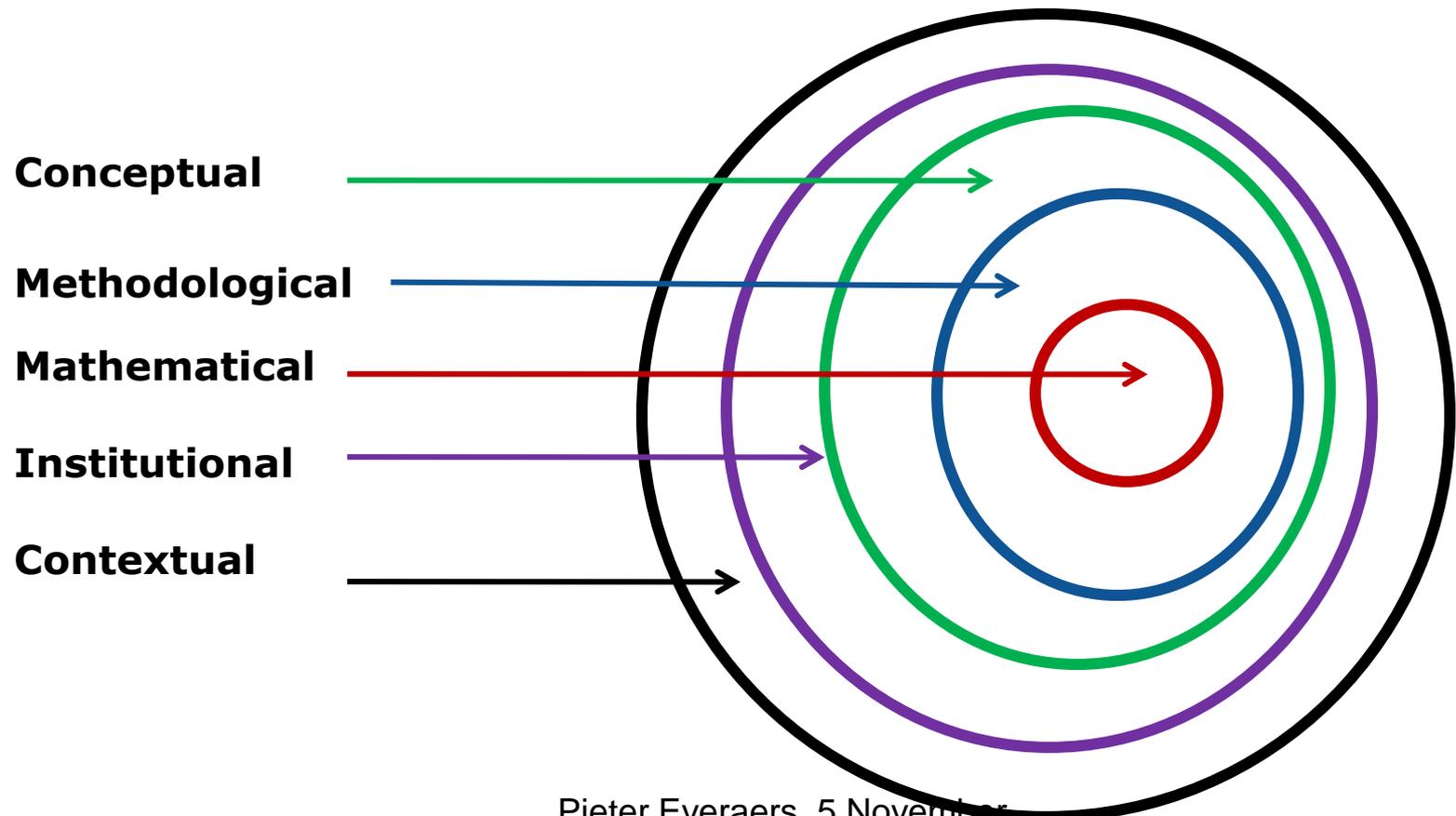
Statistics 4.0



Pieter Everaers, 5 November

2015

Quality levels



Change of the statistician profile: the iStatistician

Competences

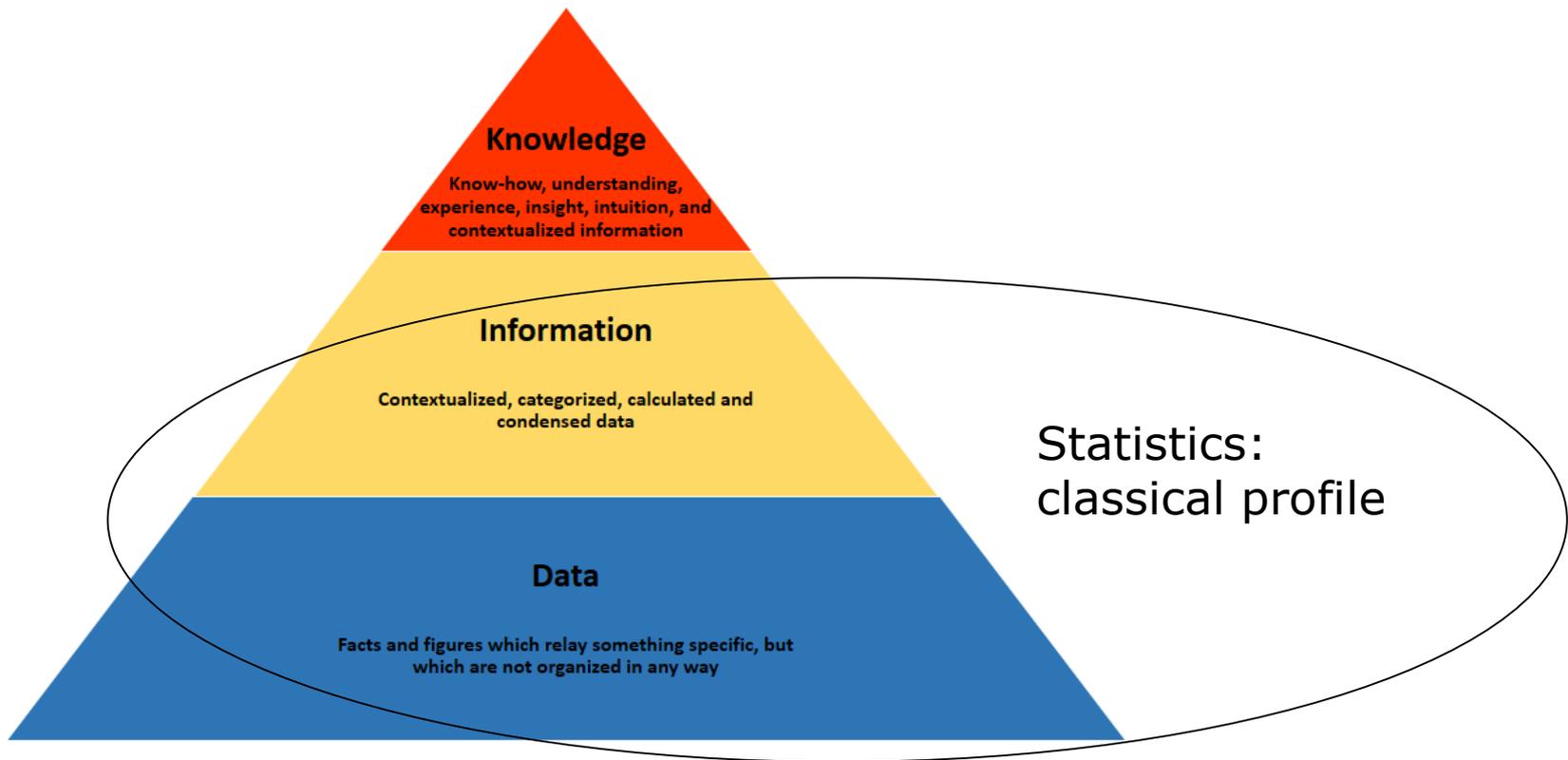
- Analytical and computing skills
- Delivering quality and ethical analyses
- Process management skills
- Communication skills
- Developing analytical expertise



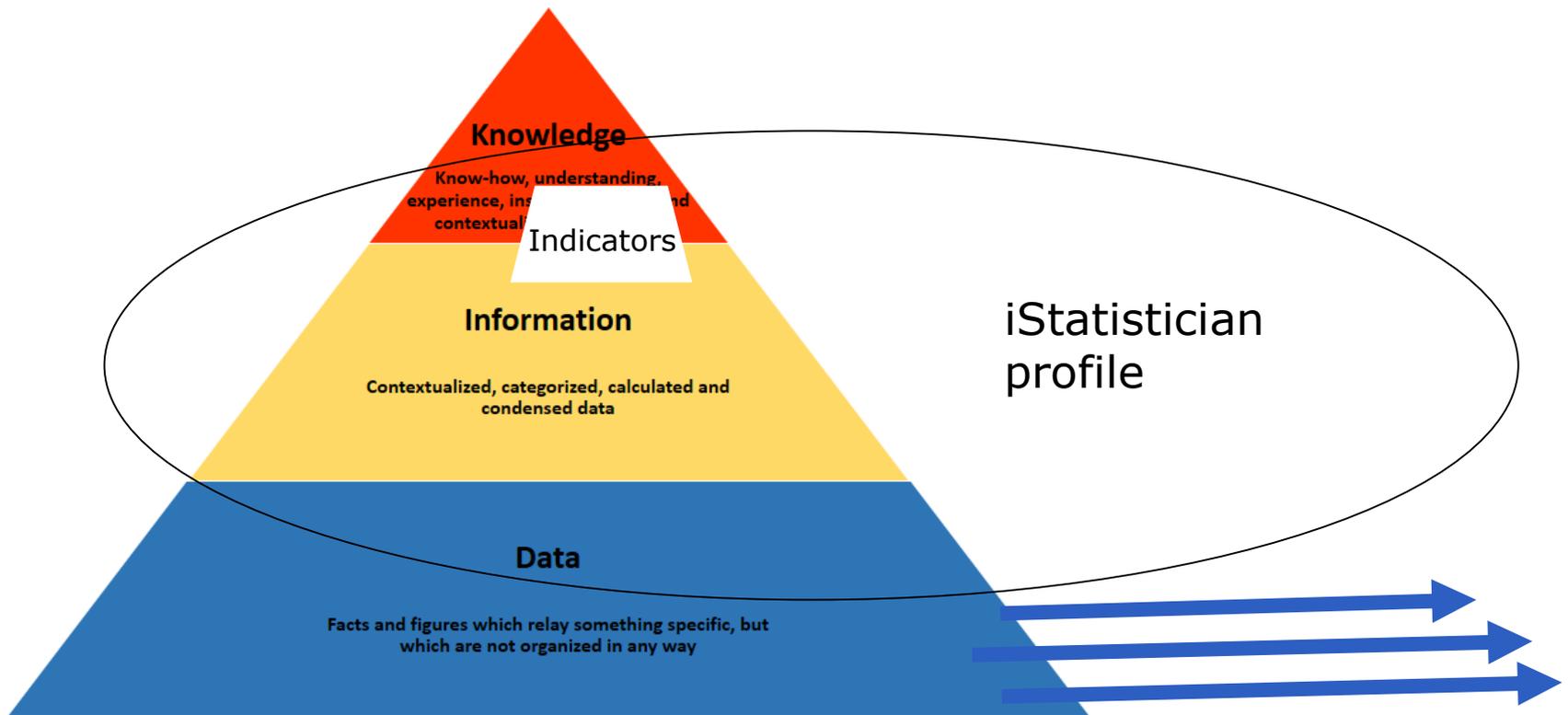
**The iStatistician will be a team
with specialized member skills**

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Global Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics (New York 15-16/01/2015)

- *Strengthen the coordination of work streams between global and regional levels*



- *Modernisation of statistical systems in five thematic areas*

Global Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics

Topics

- Coordination at and between the global and regional statistical system
- Communication and advocacy
- Integrated statistical systems: data collection, processing and dissemination
- Innovation and modernization through standard based business architecture
- Training and Capacity building

Outcomes- development of WPs

- Review of other governance structures of regional and national statistical systems
- Take into account work done by UNECE, OECD, ESS
- Foster/develop common practices
- Take into account initiatives such as HLG, ESS, ESCAP, IMF, AfDB
- Strengthening of mechanisms for the coordination of actions and programmes, the forging of partnerships and the facilitation of funding of the actions and programmes

Regional Conferences - Aims and objectives

- *Regional and sub- regional conferences*
- *When? November 2015 to October 2016*
- *Objective: to build and verify the indications given by the Global conference*
- *The regional conferences aim at taking stock of various international, regional and national initiatives for integrating and modernising statistical systems, and shaping the global initiative for a Transformative Agenda to each regional context*
 - **(a) to raise awareness and share information about transformative initiatives at the national, regional and global level**
 - **(b) Set priorities for the 5 thematic areas and consider new areas**
 - **(c) Reflect on existing and new coordination mechanisms and consider needs for capacity building**

Follow up- Regional conferences

