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1. The ISI congratulates the UNSD on the extensive and impactful work they have done in SCB.
2. The ISI has similar interests in SCB and would welcome the opportunity to partner with the UNSD on more activities. For example,
   a. ISI sponsors the World Statistics Congress (WSC) biannually and Regional Statistics Conferences (RSCs) annually where the UNSD might be interested in having greater involvement. Issues related to awareness-raising with regard to SDG (See B.29 in the UNSC SCB report on p. 10/17) could be featured at a WSC and/or a RSC.
   b. Associations of ISI sponsor meetings that have direct connection to UNSC interests (e.g. IAOS – official statistics, TIES – environmental statistics, IASE – statistical literacy).
   c. ISI with World Bank Funding has provided high level workshops for NSO staff at a variety of locations around the world. (See A.11 in the UNSD SCB report on p. 5/17).
3. ISI could be a natural partner in the network of training statisticians (See B.31 in the UNSD SCB report on p. 11/17).
4. ISI is actively involved in training the next generation of statisticians as well as promoting statistical literacy. This work is very complementary to the Recommendation 1 of the UNSD SCB report (p. 15/17) that “production, dissemination and use of official statistics” is a focus.
5. ISI would welcome the role as a partner in the efforts to have an integrated support for national SC development at the global, regional and country levels (See Recommendation 4, in UNSD SCB report, p. 16/17).