Invitation to seminar in the margins of the 48th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Institutional cooperation for capacity development

The Nordic model - A broad approach
Organized by Statistics Norway, Statistics Sweden, and Statistic Denmark

Tuesday 7 March, 8:15 - 9:30 am
Venue: Conf. Room A

The Nordic countries have a long tradition engaging in statistical capacity development. The main approach is to provide assistance through long term and broad based institutional cooperation. Experiences made over the years has showed that cooperation with the National Statistical Office (NSO) in improving the production of specific statistics is not sufficient to build sustainable National Statistical Systems and capacity for statistics. We need a broader focus.

In the later years the Nordic countries have engaged more in institutional cooperation not only with our sister organization in the partner country, but also formally including key data owners and key policy makers on the user side. Another element related to a broader approach in institutional cooperation is the importance we see in supporting not only specific statistical areas, but including support for more general institutional capacity development. Elements such as capacity in leadership and management and IT-infrastructure normally need to be a part of a comprehensive institutional development cooperation.

In this seminar we will present the overall Nordic model for institutional development cooperation, and go more into detail on what we mean when we talk about a broad based approach to capacity development.

Agenda

08.15  Welcome

08.20  The Nordic Approach to Capacity Development
Ms. Christine Meyer, Director General, Statistics Norway

08.35  Broader Approach: Institutional capacity development
Ms. Pernilla Trågårdh, Director International Development Cooperation, Statistics Sweden

08.50  Broader Approach: Cooperation with data owners
Ms. Silja Emmel, Head of Section International Consulting, Statistics Denmark

09.05  Broader Approach: User orientation in Capacity Development
Ms. Irene Tuveng, Head of Division International Development Cooperation, Statistics Norway

09.20  Discussion