



CONCEPT NOTE FOR A SIDE EVENT AT THE 49th SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Title:

Donor coordination in countries and its impact in development of statistics

Day: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 1:15 - 2:30 pm

Room no.: CR.9

Organizers:

Statistics Sweden, the World Bank (TBC), UNECA, the Directorate of National Statistics of Somalia and the National Institute of Statistics of Cambodia

Purpose:

To highlight the importance of donor coordination in the development and strengthening of national statistical systems both from country and donor perspectives.

Participants:

- Joakim Stymne, Director General; Statistics Sweden
- Stefan Andersson, International Cooperation unit: Statistics Sweden
- Abdirahman Omar, Director General, Directorate of National Statistics; Federal Government of Somalia
- Ms. Hang Lina, Director General; National Institute of Statistics of Cambodia
- Mr. Oliver J.M. Chinganya, Director; African Centre for Statistics, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- TBC; World Bank

Moderator:

Marie Haldorson, Director; Statistics Sweden



Abstract:

Coordination is an important aspect of engagement when there is more than one entity or person involved to ensure the objectives or intended goals are achieved. However, while everyone recognized the benefits for coordination, it has proved to be very difficult to fully implement. This has been the case also in coordinating support to statistical development. It is worth noting that in some countries there are parallel coordination/information groups on statistics initiated to develop the country's national statistical systems although not always working well. Where the coordination functions well, the efforts and initiatives have yielded good results. In many case the uncoordinated donor groups or efforts have been an obstacle in the strengthening of national statistical systems.

The topic has been discussed in different forum with strong recommendations but changes have been minimal to implement and in some cases non-existent.

This situation needs to be addressed if impactful results are to be realized, especially in light of agenda 2063 and in meeting the SDGs. It is therefore important the solutions are found to the following questions.

1. How can we change the situation by improving the coordination of donors?
2. How can we support efforts towards common goals specified by countries themselves?
3. What can be done to encourage donors to combine resources for the development of national statistical systems?
4. Who has to take the initiative for donor coordination efforts?
How can we move forward together?
5. What is the role of the recipient country in the donor coordination mechanism?

The session is intended to highlight challenges and best practices in donor coordination efforts for statistics, as well as provide room for discussions on how to move forward in our efforts to coordinate donor support for the benefit of recipient countries to support their statistical systems and the global statistical system.

Tentative agenda

- 1) Introduction by Joakim Stymne, Director General, Statistics Sweden

- 2) Remarks by Gamal Mohamed Hassan, Minister of Planning, Investment & Economic Development, Federal Government of Somalia
- 3) Short contributions by all participants highlighting challenges and good examples, based on practical experience
- 4) Discussion lead by moderator

For questions regarding the event:

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