

3-years on: What have the SDGs done for National Statistical Systems?

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Monday, 5 March 2018, 13:15-14:30, Conference Room: A

Rationale

Effective planning, follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of an unprecedented amount of data and statistics at local, national, regional and global levels and by multiple stakeholders. National Statistical Offices (NSO) at country level, and more widely National Statistical Systems (NSS) play a pivotal role in these SDG information systems, and their responsibility in the success of the SDGs is enormous.

At the same time, the SDGs provide a great opportunity for NSS to strengthen their capacities and modernize. The Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, launched one year ago, intends to provide a framework for discussion on, and planning and implementation of statistical capacity building necessary to achieve the scope and intent of the 2030 Agenda.

Three years into the SDG process, and following the formal endorsement of the SDG indicator framework, what are some strong examples of how SDGs work for NSS, and how can they be replicated?

Objectives

The objective of this side-event is to reflect on the practices of responding to SDG data demands, and to learn from examples where they have enabled capacity development in NSS. The discussions could also identify ways to accelerate benefits and progress.

Presenters and discussants will attempt to answer the following questions:

- 1. How are the SDGs working to support local policy and the data agenda?
- 2. How are the SDGs contributing to data innovation?
- 3. How are the SDGs bringing more skills and resources to NSS?
- 4. How are the SDGs building a culture of evidence-based policies?
- 5. How can we make the SDGs work better for NSS?
 - o At global and regional level
 - At national and sub-national level

Agenda

Time	Title	Speaker
13:15 – 13:25	Welcome and setting the scene	Mr Johannes Jütting, PARIS21
13:25 - 14:10	Panel Discussion	Moderator: Mrs El Iza Mohamedou, PARIS21 Speakers (tentative): Mr Anil Anora, StatCan, Canada Mrs Ola Awad, PCBS, Palestine Mrs Lisa Bersales, PSA, Philippines Mr Pieter Everaers, EUROSTAT Mr François Fonteneau, PARIS21 Mrs Philomen Harrison, CARICOM Mr Risenga Maluleke, StatsSA, South Africa
14:10 – 14:25	Audience Participation	All
14:25 – 14:30	Closing	Mr Johannes Jütting, PARIS21