Statistical Capacity, Subnational and Legal Frameworks

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Outline

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Statistical involvement in Government matters through subnational statistical development & management

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Help build and support data-centric governments both central and local

Areas: legislation; international PPPs; country’s narrative

Local participation; data culture

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Broad-based Participation
Sub-national statistics for decentralization and disaggregation

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AREAS WHICH NSOs SHOULD HELP GOVERNMENT…

1. **Jurisdictional delineation**
   - A subnational statistical system is defined by 3 dimensions (geography, data and institutions) that must be clearly defined and delineated in the NSDS.

2. **Legal recognition**
   - It entails acknowledging existing local area statistical agencies in national legislation as primary compilers and custodians of subnational statistics.

3. **Two-way subsidiarity**
   - Subnational statistical operations may be best conducted by local governments or national departments.
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4. Statistical participation
   Recognizing the roles of various groups of local society in collecting and producing data.

5. Local relevance
   Meeting development objectives that are specific to each local government as well as those that have national implications.
Government involvement in statistical matters through legal reforms

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Matters of national sovereignty and security

- Make data laws and regulations fit for evolving data needs and ever-complexifying data eco-systems
- Help the National Statistical System establish adaptive partnerships on data sharing
- Address the ‘borderlessness’ of national statistical systems
- Master the country’s narrative on economic and social dynamics

Upgrade data development to the highest priority level of country’s development budget
Ownership rights will be enshrined in law in a way that will preserve the principle of statistics remaining regional or national public goods.

A legal framework required to address: scope of rights being licensed; purposes of use; ownership of underlying rights and rights to derived data; warranties of compliance with laws and regulation; data protection; sector specific regulation; audit and investigation; duration, suspension and termination of supply; risk allocation; etc.
Conclusion

It’s all about making statistics the language, the light, and the evidence of the political conversation.

May be time is right to define data economics or statistics economics and highlight government’s potential and actual role, benefits, gains and losses?
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