

Measuring hospital safety to save lives – critical role of the NSOs

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1:15 pm – 2:30 pm, UN Headquarters New York

Co-conveners

African Union Commission (AUC) and African Committee for Directors General of NSOs (CoDGs)
Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, other countries TBD
World Health Organization

Event note

National Statistics Offices (NSOs) are the key institutions at national level responsible for reporting on regional and global initiatives including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To do so they coordinate and supervise data collection throughout the entire National Statistical System, both by directly collecting primary data through censuses and surveys, and by working with a wide range of agencies to ensure the integrity and reliability of sector statistics.

SDG3, “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”, calls for improving reproductive, maternal and child health; ending communicable diseases; reducing non-communicable diseases and other health hazards; and ensuring universal access to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines as well as health coverage. In order to achieve the Goal 3 Targets, the health care facilities that make up the national health system must have access to **basic services** such as clean energy, safe and sufficient water, adequate sanitation, health care waste management, and effective systems for infection prevention and control.

This session will highlight the role of NSOs in ensuring that high quality and reliable data on such environmental health services in health care facilities are available to national planners. Representatives from NSOs and Ministries of Health will share examples of how NSOs and health sector partners have coordinated to strengthen data collection systems around service availability in health care facilities. This is literally a case where better data can save lives, but identifying centres of excellence and highlighting areas where the health sector can target improvements to ensure delivery of safe health services.

Programme

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| 1:15 – 1:30 | Opening remarks by Committee of DGs of National Statistics Offices of the African Union countries (CoDGs): Dr Karam Allah Ali Abdelrahman, Chief Statistician Sudan

Welcome remarks from Executive office of the Secretary-General: Taona Kuo, EOSG |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | Global initiative, National actions: a partnership between NSOs and the Health Sector around monitoring basic services in health care facilities: Mr Rifat Hossain, WHO |
| 1:45 – 2:15 | Country experiences |
| 1:45 – 1:55 | Keynote from Honourable State Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh: Dr Murad Hassan |
| 1:55 – 2:05 | Dr Rose Bautista, Deputy National Statistician, Philippines Statistics Authority |
| 2:05 – 2:15 | Dr Suhariyanto, Chief Statistician, Badan Pusat Statistik (Statistics Indonesia) |
| 2:15 – 2:25 | Plenary discussion towards a way forward (facilitated by Chair of CoDGs) |
| 2:25 – 2:30 | Concluding remarks: Dr Karam Allah Ali Abdelrahman, Chief Statistician Sudan |