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Statement provided by:

UNODC and WB on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

Statement:

This is a joint statement submitted on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities ([CCSA](#)), which consists of 45 international and supranational organizations promoting the inter-agency coordination and cooperation on statistics.

The Committee:

CONGRATULATES the [Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys](#) for accelerating progress towards its key objectives on fostering coordination, methodological development, and advocacy and communication in household surveys;

EXPRESSES its appreciation to the [Inter-Secretariat Working Group for leading the Task Force on COVID-19 and Household Surveys](#) that responds promptly to the needs of countries, by providing technical guidance on data collection during COVID-19, sharing up-to-date information on member-supported COVID-19 surveys, and promoting the exchange of practical country experiences through joint webinars with Regional Commissions;

SUPPORTS the Group's revised Terms of Reference placing greater focus on national priorities, working closely with countries to improve coordination of household survey operations at the national, regional, and global level and

WELCOMES the inclusion of eight national statistical offices in its membership;

APPRECIATES the work of the Inter-Secretariat Group on SDG data disaggregation in providing guidance on sampling vulnerable population groups, small area estimation for SDGs and producing more disaggregated data from existing household surveys;

WELCOMES the Group's efforts towards developing a collective vision on "Positioning Household Surveys for the Next Decade" to guide priorities of national statistical offices as they work towards achieving the SDGs and achieving the full potential of household surveys;

REAFFIRMS that CCSA members remain committed to actively engaging with the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys and offering agency expertise and support for its work on improving coordination of household surveys, developing innovative survey methodologies and communicating the value of household surveys in achieving the SDGs.

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