

# GIST: Building a community to strengthen statistical training

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## Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)

*Building sustainable statistical capacities through efficient, effective, and  
harmonized delivery of statistical training*

Update on work

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents/BG-3a-GIST-v2-E.pdf>



# Structure

- 25 member organisations
  - Provide training in official statistics across countries
- Three task teams:
  - Online gateway and e-learning community of practice
  - Statistical Literacy in the context of the 2030 Agenda
  - Addressing specific NSO demands
- Stakeholder advisory group: representatives of NSO's
  - Increased from 8 to 12 countries
- Board
  - GIST Chair, task team leaders, UNSD secretariat

# GIST achievements in the last year

- **Higher level of activity, increased exchange and collaboration**
- Further development of UN SDG:learn/statistics
- Review and evaluation tools in development
- Online gateway/inventory to initiatives in statistical literacy oriented to official statistics
- Better understanding around sustainable Statistical training programmes
- E-learning and microlearning courses jointly developed by GIST members



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# Communities of practice – what, why, how

- Depth of knowledge, understanding
  - Courses, needs, gaps, apparent ‘duplication’
- Information from
  - Surveys, interviews
  - **Stakeholder Advisory Group**
  - **Discussion, ideas, materials, expertise, experience of members and representatives**
- Feed into work of members
- Feedback and input from members and SAG
- Intersection of networks
- Communities of discovery, motivation and initiatives
  - e-learning
  - Statistical literacy
  - What is best practice?

# GIST more important than ever

- NSO's
- NSS's
- Government, business, industry
- People
- **Statistics and Data Science**



# Proposed focii for 2021

- Aiming to reach more users and increase awareness of GIST
- Collaboration and consultation
  - Further collaboration among members and SAG
  - Input and consultation – e.g. expert statistical teaching advisory group for assistance as needed
- Continued work of task teams
  - Add more courses and functionalities to UN SDG:learn
  - Inclusion of microlearning and development of videos and other resources
  - Further develop evaluation guidance
  - Develop recommendations on sustainable statistical training programmes
    - Guidance documents.
  - Further develop inventory of statistical literacy initiatives
- Input from AGM of GIST and SAG, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021





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