

## **High Level Forum on Partnership for Capacity in the context of the Data Revolution**

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1. The Forum discussed the critical need for adequate statistical capacity, both technical and institutional, and the elements of a future global strategic framework for training, knowledge management and sharing, with a view to facilitate the modernization of official statistics.
2. There is a need to formulate a truly coordinated Global Statistical Programme around the overall objective of modernizing statistics and strengthening the global, regional and national statistical systems including technical cooperation assistance and training.
3. Organisational, technical and governance issues due to the data revolution are closely linked to each other: therefore, without appropriate and qualified human capital is very unlikely that NSOs and NSSs will be able to make the necessary transition to the new environment.
5. The international statistical system need to develop a more advanced and more integrated approach to capacity building to improve the quality of human capital in NSOs and NSSs, as well in the international organisations.
6. Countries with least developed statistical systems need a concerted capacity building effort in all fronts (institutional, infrastructural ad human). Capacity building is a long-term effort: it takes time to see results, therefore strong political will is necessary to invest in it.
7. Collaboration/partnership is needed with the private sector and academia to increase the pool of both financial resources and expertise. In order to mobilize resources for capacity building more advocacy and better communication of the value of official statistics are needed. Education of the users (statistical literacy) should be part of that. The “three C-s” (Collaborate, co-ordinate, communicate) are essential.
8. Measuring statistical capacity and monitoring the result of capacity building are essential parts of an effective capacity building programme.
9. The possibility of establishing a global network of training centres for official statisticians based on existing international, regional, sub-regional and national training and education centres should be explored. Such a global network could work in a co-ordinated manner, using standardized curricula for the main target groups, such as: chief statisticians and top managers; middle managers; and statisticians working in NSOs and in international organisations.