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Improving Social and Demographic Statistics-

updates on the work of the
Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics

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Beyond GDP Sprint - Session 7

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Outline

Recalling first sprint

Taking stock of evolution of social and demographic statistics at the United Nations Statistical Commission

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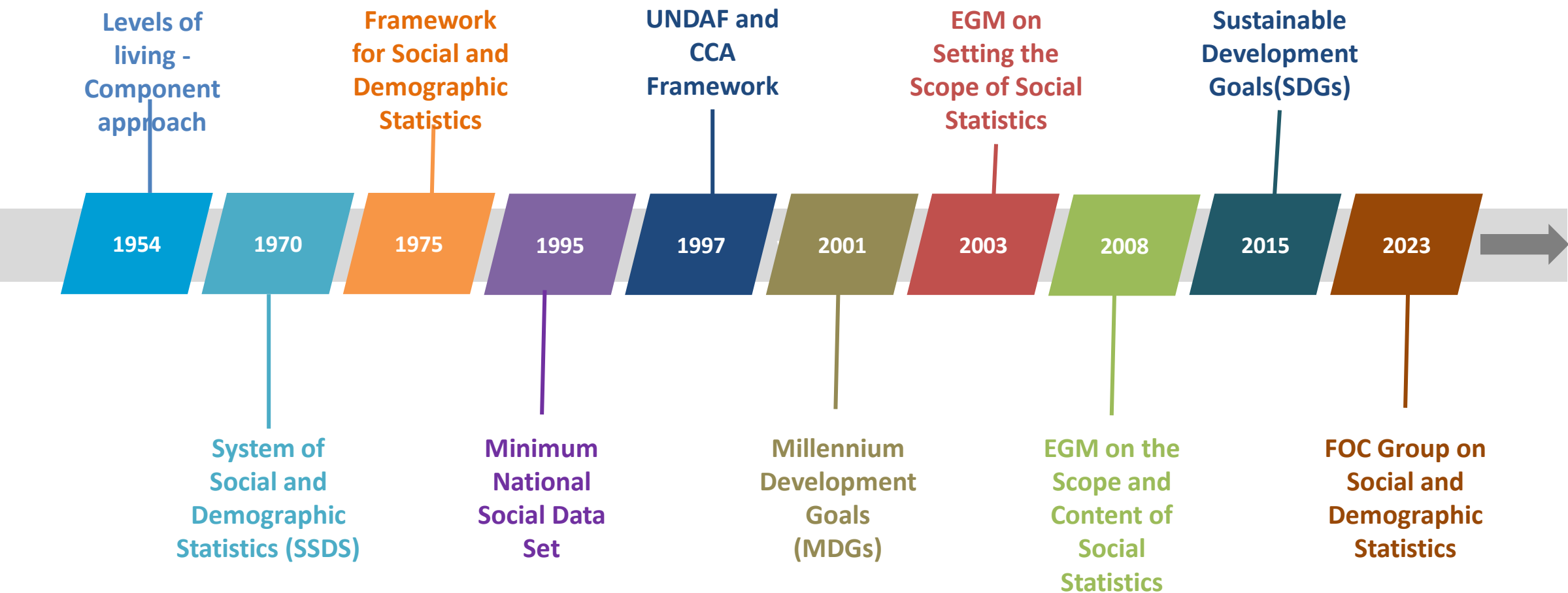
Purpose and objectives, current workstreams, timeframe and way forward



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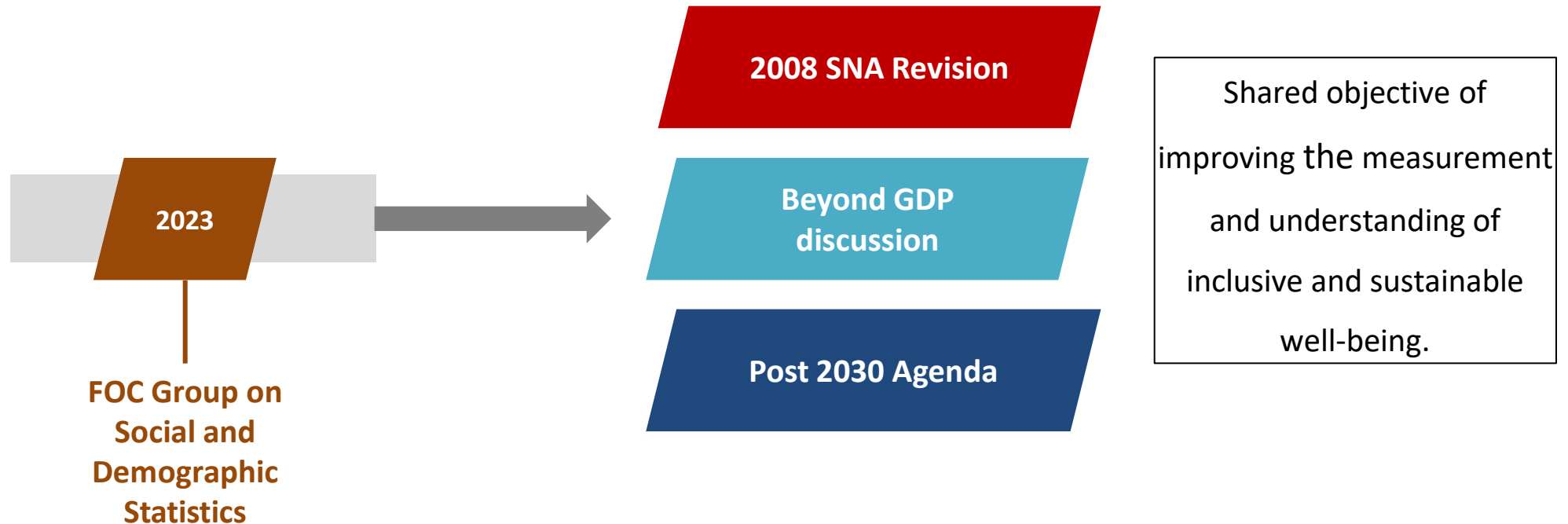
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Milestones in the evolution of Social and Demographic Statistics





Social and Demographic Statistics in the future





FoC Social and Demographic Statistics: Purpose and Objectives

2022
53rd UN Statistical
Commission

2026
57th UN Statistical
Commission

- Created by the 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and tasked to:
 - Review social and demographic statistics**, as outlined in Decision 53/105 on Working methods of the Statistical Commission.
 - Provide recommendations for strengthened social and demographic statistics** that better reflect society and its connections with the environment and the economy, in line with the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to Leave No One Behind.
- Expected to **report back on deliverables at the 57th session** of the Statistical Commission in 2026.



FoC Social and Demographic Statistics: Members and Observers

FoC member countries
Canada
Colombia
Denmark
Hungary (<i>co-chair</i>)
Indonesia
Lithuania
Mexico (<i>co-chair</i>)
Poland
South Africa
United Kingdom

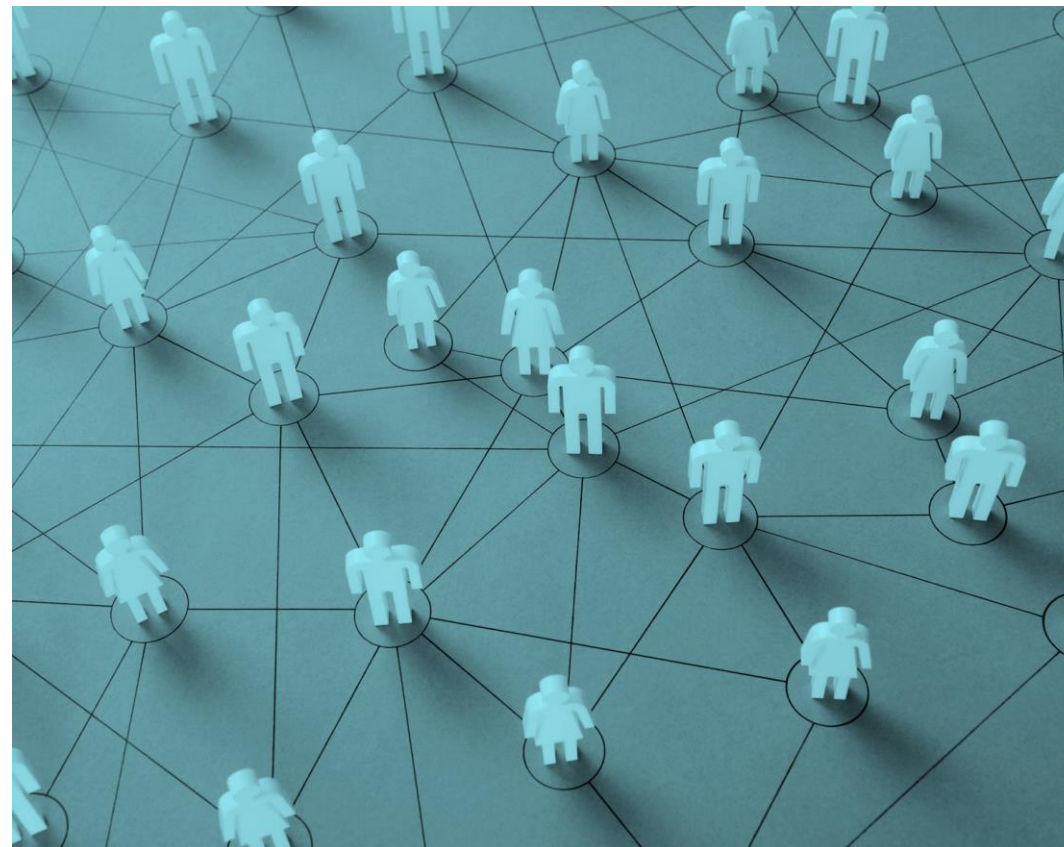
FoC observers
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WHO
DESA POP
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OECD
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Current challenges

Lack of an overarching conceptual framework

Difficult modeling of social phenomena

Increasing demands for data disaggregation and timeliness

Declining response rates in household surveys and rising survey costs

Tight fiscal environments

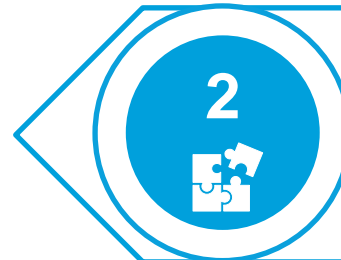
Decentralized statistical responsibilities

Low public acceptability for admin data linkages

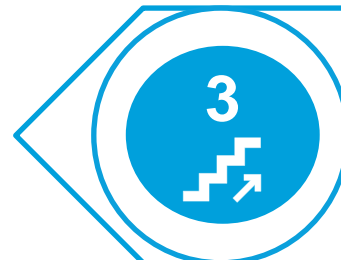
FOC workstreams



We map our collective work at the **international level**, identifying what is available as well as existing gaps (in data, tools, methods)



We showcase **national practices** for timely and granular data that have the potential to be scaled up at global level

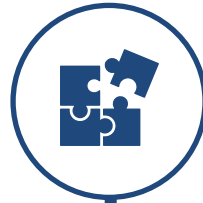


We elevate the **role of social and demographic statistics** in the eyes of users and producers



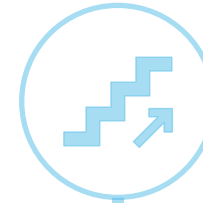
Workstream 1

Mapping and reviewing the collective global and regional work in the area of social and demographic statistics



Workstream 2

Reviewing **national practices** for timely and granular data that have the potential to be scaled up at global level



Workstream 3

Elevating the role of social and demographic statistics in the eyes of data users and producers

A

Identifying building blocks

B

Conceptual framework

C

Integration including across statistical pillars

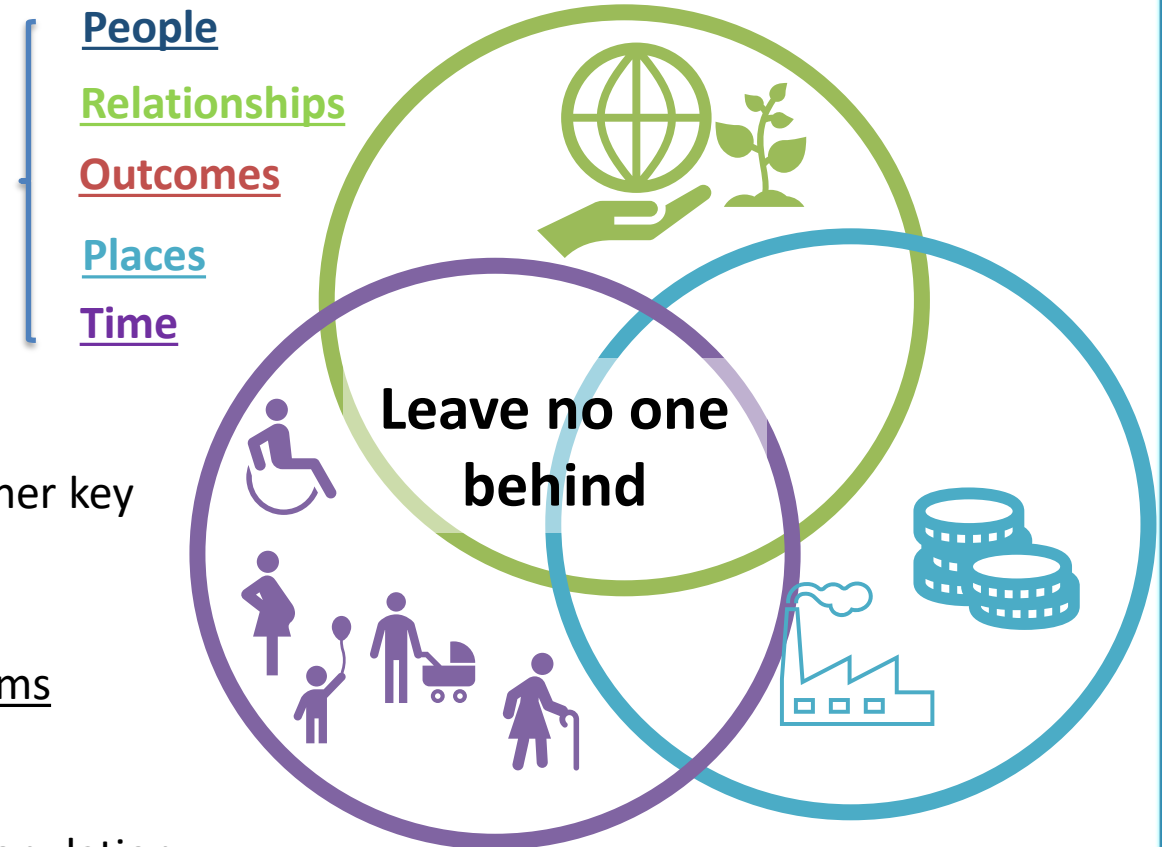
C. Integration including across statistical pillars

How do we better reflect society and its connections with the environment and the economy, in line with the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to Leave No One Behind?

=> Reviewing QL of life indicators frameworks-
-as an umbrella for conceptual integration, to bring together key economic, environmental and social datasets

=> ...related initiatives to build Integrated Social Data Ecosystems

=> ... and experiences in building and maintaining statistical population registers in different national contexts



A case in point:

Care and time-use data offer a way to connect domains and a way forward to more inclusive measures of progress



Care as an overarching policy concern

Gender
Labour market
Human rights
Education
Health
Migration
Environment
Disasters
Economics

Statistical framework for care

Statistical standards and definitions
Understand building blocks
Multidisciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration

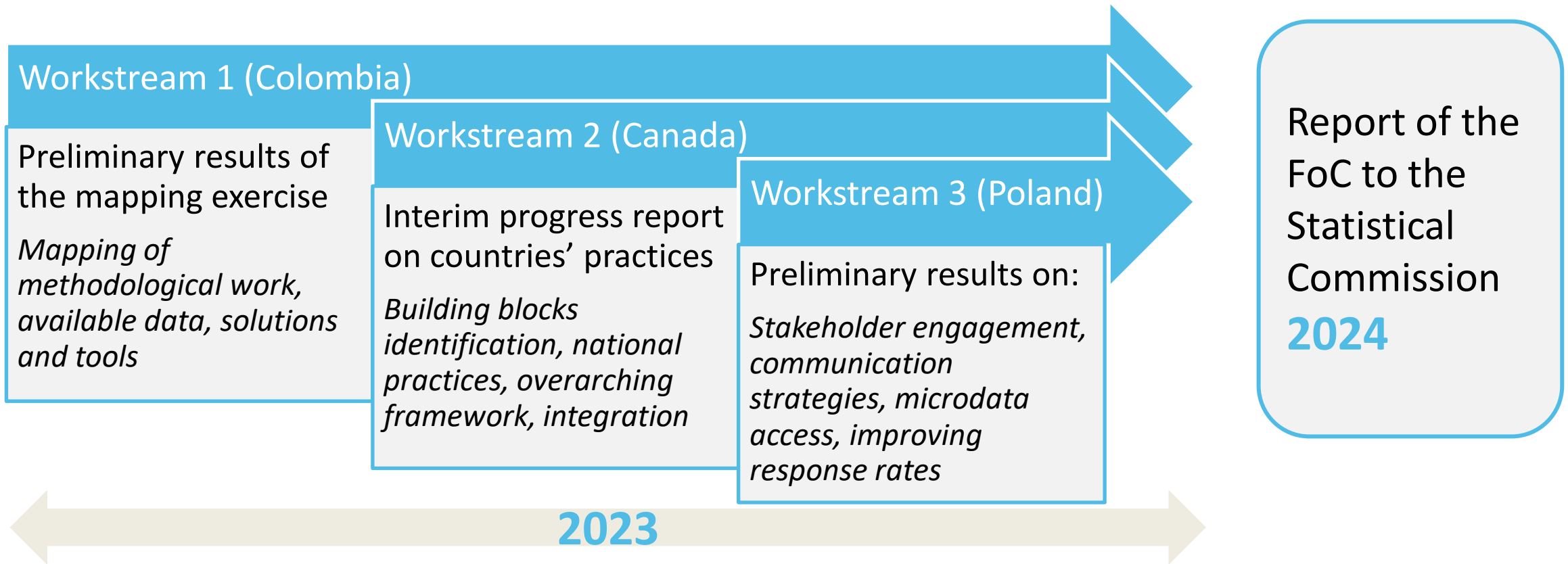
Strong data infrastructure and governance

Complementary data sources
Improve and modernize time-use and other data sources
Interoperability of data

Care and time-use measurements to complement GDP

Time-use indicators
National Time Transfer Accounts
Satellite/extended accounts
Projections and simulations
...

FoC Social and Demographic Statistics: Timeframe and way forward



2026 Final report of the FoC to be submitted to the 57th session of the Statistical Commission.

 Endorsement of the recommendations and follow up actions of Commission decisions.



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Thank you!



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