

# Network Activities: recent and planned

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# Objectives of Network's Workplan for 2023-2024

1. Use an agile approach to shine a light on priority statistical issues by bringing together key players (academia, private sector, NSI, international organizations, etc.).
  - three priorities identified in the Synthesis Report (data integration, regional commission coordination, international standards) need to guide all consultations
  - invite key note speakers at Network events
  - continue the Sprint series on topics of interest
  - canvass formally the Directors of the Statistics Divisions in the Regional Commissions, global and regional Expert Committees and Statistical Groups
2. Achieve visibility of the Network by ensuring that partners in the global statistical system, from practitioners to academics and the private sector, are aware of the Network's existence, objectives and capabilities.
  - Participate, to the extent possible, to general meetings of the UN Committee of Experts on Economic and Trade Statistics, ISWGNA, Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics, as well as the Working Group on Data Stewardship.
  - Contribute to Regional Commissions' formal and informal meetings

# Objectives of Network's Workplan for 2023-2024 (continued)

3. Improve information transfer: share the findings of the Network with stakeholders to enable the global statistical system.

- Organize regular quarterly Network meetings
- Summarize and share in a timely manner the proceedings of each Sprint meeting
- Organize side event of the UNSC

4. Improve the Network's relevance to partners in the Global South.

- This element will be discussed in the following presentation in detail

# Activities since the last quarterly meeting

## Second Beyond GDP Sprint Series

- ✓ Building on the success of the first series, three webinars took place in June
- ✓ First session explored initiatives to measure and monitor inclusive and sustainable wellbeing and quality of life
- ✓ The second webinar provided a picture of key advances made with respect to measuring well-being, and showcased examples of combining existing metrics to track well-being
- ✓ The third session tackled the progress made in the development of the standards to measure Environment, Social and Governance performance

# Activities since the last quarterly meeting (continued)

- ✓ The fourth webinar provided examples of the current state of domestic wellbeing dashboards, their uses and impact on policy making
- ✓ The fifth session covered the synergies among the different distributional frameworks used for measuring economic inequality
- ✓ The second last meeting discusses the relative benefits and trade-offs between dashboards and composite (single measure) indices
- ✓ Sessions were very well attended and generated a lot of interest and discussion

## One more webinar is planned for October

- ✓ It will be a retrospective of the previous six meetings, considering the key issues discussed and how they fit together
- ✓ You should have received the invites, if not please reach out to us

# Upcoming Events (continued)

## International Classifications Sprint

- ✓ Jointly organized with the UN Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications
- ✓ Objectives:
  - ❑ raise awareness of the importance of international classifications with both internal and external users
  - ❑ advance outreach by the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications to engage NSOs
  - ❑ provide an additional forum for discussing and sharing modern ways of updating and implementing classifications and
  - ❑ highlight the importance of investing in classification work as a foundation for data integration
- ✓ Target audience: members of the Network, Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications, Chief statisticians from NSOs, Secretariat of domain specific Expert Groups and Committees, and other relevant stakeholders such as private sector users

# Upcoming Events (continued)

- ✓ Three webinars are planned:
  - ❑ Statistics Classifications: A Foundational Block for Data Integration, October 25<sup>th</sup>
  - ❑ Mechanisms for Rendering the Classification Process More Efficient Through Collaboration and Coordination, November 29<sup>th</sup>
  - ❑ The Role of Technology in Classification Work, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ You should have received the invites, otherwise please reach out to us

## Registration and Information

- ✓ For all events please consult: [UN Network of Economic Statisticians](#)

# Collaboration

## Creation of FOC on Social and Demographic Statistics

- ✓ André and Richard met with FOC to discuss the origins and working methods of the FOC on Economic Stats and the Network
- ✓ Highlighted the Beyond GDP sprints links to the work of the FOC
- ✓ Agreement on making more tangible links between the Network and the FOC Social.



# Input & Participation Are Vital

## Consultations with Regional Commissions representatives

- ✓ Aim to improve the relevance of the Network to the Global South
- ✓ Consultations with representatives were conducted recently and outcomes will be detailed in the next presentation

## We need your feedback and input

- ✓ Relevance – are the topics we have chosen to focus on important and appropriate?
- ✓ Effectiveness – is our communication, event organization, contribution to the statistical community at large making a difference?
- ✓ Coherence – do the interventions and activities of the Network fit well within the statistical community (i.e. with the activities of NSIs, international organizations, etc.)?

# Discussion