

## **The role for the UN Network of Economic Statisticians**

The United Nations (UN) Network of Economic Statisticians seeks input from the Global South in setting priorities for assisting countries with the modernization of national statistical systems. Here's how the UN Network could assist in this endeavor:

### **Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration:**

- Facilitating regional and international conferences, forums, and meetings where countries can share experiences, challenges, and best practices.
- Encouraging collaboration between countries for mutual learning and development.

### **Promotion of Data Use and Accessibility:**

- Advocating for the establishment of open data platforms where data is accessible to all.
- Promoting data literacy and emphasizing the importance of data in policy-making.

### **Research and Development:**

- Sharing research on new statistical methods, tools, and techniques on policy priorities.
- Collaborating with academic and research institutions to stay abreast of innovations in the statistical domain.

### **Advocacy and Policy Dialogue:**

- Sharing experience in engaging with national governments to emphasize the importance of reliable and timely statistics and data access and exchange with government departments and privately held data.
- Assisting in the formulation of policies and strategies for the development and modernization of the statistical sector.

### **Strengthening Institutional Frameworks:**

- Providing guidance on the strengthening of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and related bodies in the national statistical system.
- Assisting in the development of legal frameworks that underpin the operations of statistical systems, ensuring their professional independence, the use of scientific principles, and statistical integrity.

### **Partnership and Coordination:**

- Promoting the collaboration with regional and international organizations, donor agencies, and the private sector to align support and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Facilitating platforms for multi-stakeholder partnerships to promote statistical development.

In essence, the UN Network can play a multifaceted role in the modernization of national statistical systems. Its global reach, expertise, and neutral position allows it to assist countries aiming to strengthen and modernize their statistical capacities.