Second Meeting of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics

Agenda Item 7c

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Pathfinder governance projects which would demonstrate different governance mechanisms as options

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Agenda

1. Guiding Principles
2. Governance Arrangements: Senior Management Level
3. Governance Arrangements: Domain-specific Expert Group Level
4. Membership, Terms of Reference and Reporting Relationships
5. Next Steps

The intent is not to be prescriptive but rather stimulate the discussion during the meeting.
Guiding Principles

ACCOUNTABILITY
- Commitment on outputs
- Timetable for deliverables
- Specific decision-making authority after consultation

COORDINATION
- To improve responsiveness of service delivery and establish greater coherence between deliverables.
- Consultation on priorities

TRANSPARENCY
- Consultation with stakeholders
- Transparency for users
Governance – Senior Management Level

**Option 1**

Status quo

Bureau of the Statistical Commission supported by the Secretariat to produce the global work program working closely with the existing statistical groups.

**Option 2**

Facilitation or coordination group

Restricted mandate would limit the new group to facilitating the coordination and communication between the statistical groups and consulting on their global priorities.

**Option 3**

Option 2 with added responsibilities

Coordination group from option 2 with broader mandate for providing a strategic vision, provide advice to the Statistical Commission and existing reporting lines would be respected.

**Option 4**

Option 3 with modified reporting relations

Existing statistical groups would report to the new coordination/facilitation group.
Governance – Domain-specific Expert Group Level

- **OPTION 1**: Introducing cross cutting themes
- **OPTION 2**: Seeking strategic alliances
- **OPTION 3**: Broadening of mandate of existing statistical groups
- **OPTION 4**: Establishing new committees of experts to fill strategic gaps
### Membership, Terms of Reference and Reporting Relationships

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Next Step

Discussion at the 2\textsuperscript{nd} FOC meeting

Arrive to a consensus on a proposal for governance

Establish clear path for FOC’s 2\textsuperscript{nd} year work plan