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High-level plenary –
Thematic Area 4:
Effective partnerships for
better data and a more
equitable data ecosystem

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09:00 - 10:15AM

CONCEPT NOTE

Supporting global, regional, national and sub-national data ecosystems in the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan including sustainable finance for data and statistics programmes at all levels of organization

Moderator: Mr. Camilo Perez, Director of Global Management, Universidad EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia

Scene setting: Mr. Johannes Jütting, Executive Head of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)

Speakers

- **Mr. Samuel Annim**, Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service
- **Ms. Eleonora Betancur González**, Director General, Presidential Agency for International Cooperation (APC), Government of Colombia
- **Ms. Claire Melamed**, Chief Executive Officer, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)
- **Ms. Adrienne Pizatella**, Public Health Team, Bloomberg Philanthropies
- **Ms. Haishan Fu**, Chief Statistician and Director of the Development Data Group, World Bank
- **Mr. Tim Hemmings**, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy Colombia

In today's interconnected world, data have emerged as a cornerstone of modern society, driving progress, innovation and informed decision-making across all sectors. From shaping public policies to fueling scientific research and innovation, the availability and utilization of high-quality data have become indispensable assets in addressing complex societal challenges and driving sustainable development.

In the pursuit of sustainable development, data partnerships play a critical role in addressing multifaceted challenges and advancing collective goals. Sustainable development encompasses a wide array of interconnected issues, including poverty alleviation, healthcare access, environmental conservation, gender equality, and economic growth. No single entity possesses the comprehensive data necessary to tackle these complex issues alone, which makes data partnerships particularly relevant in our current context.

Thematic Area 4 covers efforts to harness the data revolution and contribute to the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data to create more resilient national data ecosystems that can weather crises during conflicts and emergencies. This plenary session aims to focus on the key role partnerships play in a more equitable data ecosystem. Key topics covered in the interventions will highlight the benefits of national statistical office leadership toward improved coordination and cooperation mechanisms at all levels. Through sustainable investments capacity and capability improvements can be leveraged and integrate statistical capacity development into planning, strategic investment in statistical and data systems.

There are 19 parallel sessions under Thematic Area 4, addressing the various aspects of *Effective partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem*.

The session will highlight how the updated Global Action Plan and the Commit to Data campaign build up on effective national, regional and global partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem. These commitments are centered on fostering smart collaboration and partnerships, integrating them not as one-off practices but as continuous and strategic components at every stage of data value chain modernization—whether at the local, national, or global level. It's particularly encouraging to see a strong emphasis on smart financing and investment in statistics, which is crucial for sustained progress. Additionally, the high volume of commitments that prioritize bringing partnerships together such as those on gender environment nexus and disability and inclusive reflects the growing recognition of the value of collective action in achieving lasting impact.

Key objectives of the plenary session:

- **Coordination:** improve coordination and cooperation mechanisms within the data ecosystem to assure optimal conditions for data development.
- **Sustainable investment:** to support data and statistical capacities, leveraging public-private partnerships.
- **Resilience:** to maintain critical data and statistical services through disruptions and future disasters.

This plenary session will include a panel discussion on some key initiatives being undertaken to build partnerships to strengthen national statistical offices and enhance their capacity to deliver on data and statistics for sustainable development. Initiatives, like the Power of Data, the upcoming Finance for Development Forum (FfD4), and other opportune moments, will be showcased to explore the different components needed to leverage data for economic and social impact.

Annex: Parallel session under Thematic Area 4

ID	Title	Primary organizer
TA4.2	UNWDF 2024: Catalyzing Commitments for Sustainable Development Data	ODW
TA4.3	Data Guilds, Data Tribes: Fostering Change and Innovation through Organic Community-driven Approaches	UNICEF
TA4.4	Towards enhanced pandemic and epidemic intelligence: The value of collaboration between National Statistical Offices and National Public Health Agencies	WHO
TA4.5	Learning Across Borders: How countries share knowledge to harness administrative data for official statistics	UNSD-DESA
TA4.6	Unlocking Development Through Data: Strategic Pathways in Africa	UNICEF
TA4.7	Unlocking Impact: Data, Analytics and AI for Better Crisis Action	EOSG
TA4.8	Leveraging Multistakeholder Data-Driven Efforts for Ending Hunger: The Food System Countdown Initiative	FAO
TA4.9	Caribbean Data Solutions Hub	NoBrainerData
TA4.10	Harnessing Data Exchange Platforms to accelerate SDGs & high-value data access	SOS Children's Villages
TA4.11	The importance of demand-side data on digital access and use for evidence-based policy-making in Africa	KNBS
TA4.12	Advancing human rights through provision of address and ending homelessness: Geo-located statistics improvement and inclusive homelessness enumeration	INE-Uruguay
TA4.13	Mixed Movement Monitoring in the Americas – A joint UN regional monitoring system lead by UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP	UNWFP
TA4.14	Fostering inclusive statistics on migration, displacement, and statelessness: drawing lessons from national and regional experiences	INE-Honduras
TA4.15	Maximizing the value of data: public-private partnerships in local contexts	DANE-Colombia
TA4.16	Data on LGBTIQ+ persons: a human rights and multi-stakeholder approach for the production of official statistics	UN Women
TA4.17	Citizen science: Opportunities and Challenges for Enhanced Local to Global SDG Monitoring and Action	HOTOSM
TA4.18	Identifying and Building Synergies in the Migration Data Ecosystem	Aapti Institute; Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH
TA4.19	Measure for Measure: Leveraging gender data capacity measures in practice	UN Women