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Reflections from the 2021 UN World Data Forum: the evolving data
ecosystem and the role of National Statistical Offices
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# New National statistical priorities resulting from the impact of COVID 19

- The major priorities and lessons from COVID 19 are :
  - Increase the use of modern technology for data collection and dissemination. This includes CAPI, Telephone interview, disseminate data in soft copy, provide virtual trainings
  - Improve electronic data transfer by improving the network connection facilities
  - Use alternative data sources like administrative data, geospatial data
  - The need to produce more disaggregated and timely data
  - The need to improve statistical coordination
  - The need to seriously work on capacity building
  - The need to review the statistics act for better and effective coordination and to consider the new era

# Reflections on discussions held during the third world data forum

- During the third world data forum , different sessions which reflects the new need in relation to COVID 19 were organized and valuable discussions were held and useful recommendations come out. Some of them are :
  - sessions organized on the mechanisms to produce more disaggregated data by different characteristics
  - Discussions on innovative methods to produce timely and quality data held
  - Practical example on use of geospatial data, administrative data and citizen generated data was presented
  - Engaging users to improve coordination was discussed
  - Increasing sustainable financing was boldly discussed
- The forum helped to share experience and improve partnership in statistics
- All these discussions created awareness and useful recommendations come out on the Bern Data Compact for the Decade of Action on the Sustainable Development Goals

# Statistical capacity needs and challenges to achieve the scope and intent of the 2030 agenda

- The following are major capacity needs and challenges
  - Statistical coordination in the National Statistical System
  - Capacity building to maintain data quality
  - Capacity building on mechanisms for effective data sharing
  - Methodologies to use and integrate different data sources
  - Financial and technical Capacity to use new technologies
  - Sustainable financing

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# Thank you