Global Assessment and NSDS:
The way forward for effective cooperation in statistical capacity building

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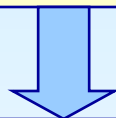Mustafa Dinc
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Statistical Capacity Building Process

Awareness Raising and Advocacy

Dialogue and information exchange,
regional workshops towards
country-led action

GA and NSDS

To prepare a specific statistical capacity
building project for national or donor funding

Sustainable Statistical Capacity

Investments by governments, bilateral and
multilateral donors including the WB

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Statistical Capacity Building Approach

- Coordinate support for statistics through a "system wide approach"
- Increase funding for statistics
- Coordinate technical assistance to countries
- Build on existing mechanisms and programs, with improved monitoring and feedback
- Focus on implementation of country-owned strategies
- Pool donor funding to support country-led programs
- Target countries with weak statistical systems and with a commitment to change

The first step is to design an NSDS that could provide a country with a vision of the development of statistics and a detailed, costed action plan over a period of 5 to 10 years that covers the production of all official statistics.

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Global Assessment

- is an important tool for building a sustainable statistical system and provides a clear picture of the state of development of official statistics in the country;

- focuses not only on statistical products and services but also on the means to achieve them (resource allocation and management);

- evaluates to what extent processes ensure that products and services are fit for their purpose (effectiveness);

- assesses the coordination of the national statistical system and the organization of the production process from data collection to dissemination (efficiency).

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Global Assessment Covers

- Legal and institutional aspects of the NSOS

    Fundamental principles of Official Statistics, Statistical Law, Coordination of the National System of Official Statistics

- Technical and organizational capacity to produce and disseminate official statistics

    Structure and functioning of the NSO and other producers of official statistics, data collection – statistical registers –data processing - dissemination

- Compliance of statistical output with international standards, norms and recommendations

National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)

- is a nationally-owned and led, holistic strategic development plan for statistics;

- provides a vision and strategy for the development of statistics with a detailed and budgeted action plan over a period of 5 to 10 years that covers the entire national statistical system;

- is designed through a participatory process led by national authorities, in close collaboration with all key actors in the system.

Key Characteristics of NSDS

- Integrated into national development policies;
- Covers production, dissemination, analysis, and use of data and addresses the related issues;
- Includes all statistical production units, and serves as a framework for development of statistics for various sectors;
- Serves as framework for international and bilateral assistance;
- Integrates existing activities and draws on the past experiences;
- Conforms to international standards.

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Components of a Typical NSDS

- Background and process,
- Current status of national statistical system,
- Assessment of strengths and weaknesses of current system,
- Outline of strategic development plan,
- Time-bound implementation program,
- Investment and financing plan,
- Implementation plan.

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Successful examples of cooperation

- Kazakhstan
  - GA and NSDS were prepared in parallel
  - NSDS is being implemented
- Kyrgyzstan
  - GA and NSDS were prepared in parallel
  - NSDS will be implemented
- Tajikistan
  - NSDS was prepared and implemented and
  - A new NSDS was prepared
  - GA assessment helped updating the NSDS for implementation
- Mongolia
  - NSDS was prepared and under implementation
  - GA will be prepared soon

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