

Building Statistical Capacity Across the OIC: the Role of PARIS21

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The PARIS21 Work Programme

Covers 4 broad areas:

- 1. Coordination** among partners at all levels;
- 2. Advocacy** for national statistics;
- 3. National Strategies** for the Development of Statistics;
- Promoting a greater **Use** of Statistics.

1 - Coordination

PARIS21 contributes to strengthen the **coordination of all the actors** working to develop National Statistical Systems.

At the Global level:

- The **Partner Report on the Support to Statistics (PRESS)**
- Meetings of the **Consortium**
- Following up on the **implementation of the Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics**
- Following up on the **Paris Declaration** for as it applies to Statistics.

At the National level :

- Supporting the creation of **coordination groups for statistics** comprising national players and those giving technical and financial support

2 - Advocacy

PARIS21 Continues to **convince** more key players of

- The importance of putting in place **strategic planning tools** for statistics, such as the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)
- Ensuring that **NSDS work is coordinated** and of high quality
- The need to **apply the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action** to the development of statistics

Advocating for change:

- ➔ In the short term, to **change perceptions** about the importance of statistics;
- ➔ In the longer term, to change **behaviour** and ensure that statistics are viewed with the importance they deserve.

PARIS21 has developed a **Country Advocacy Toolkit** that helps the directors of National Statistical Offices – and all statisticians in the NSS – to make a stronger case of the production and use of statistics.

3 -NSDS

- National Strategies for the Development of Statistics offer
 - A way to **bring together different decision makers** to have a coherent conversation about statistical priorities,
 - Focussing on the next **4 or 5 years**,
 - To facilitate the **production of better statistics and better statistical analysis**,
 - To identify – and respond to – the **priorities of national decision makers** (including those from civil society and elsewhere) and international stakeholders.
- Today, 74 of the 79 countries eligible for IDA have adopted an NSDS process, as have 35 of the 39 LMICs.

4. Promoting the Use of Statistics

PARIS21 participates in two international initiatives aimed at making better use of existing data and improving the quality of data in the future

International Household Survey Network

(IHSN, www.ihsn.org)

- Developing tools and guidelines for survey and census management
- Harmonising survey methods and questions
- Maintaining survey and census catalogues so users are aware of data

Accelerated Data Programme

(PSA, www.ihsn.org/adp)

- Helps countries improve their survey programmes
- Provides technical and financial support



The initiatives came out of the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS)

Reinforcing PARIS21's collaboration

With the OIC

PARIS21's Work in the OIC

PARIS 21 (usually) works with **International Development Assistance (IDA)** and **Lower Middle Income Countries (LMIC)** (and with some others such as Suriname and Libya)

Among the 57 OIC countries, 44 are IDA or LMIC. We are working with nearly all of them. Of those LMIC & IDA countries in the OIC:

Currently Implementing a Strategy -- 25

Currently Designing a Strategy or Awaiting Adoption -- 10

Without a Strategy but **Planning** -- 8

Without a Strategy and Not Planning – 1

Bangladesh

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Past and Future PARIS21 Activities with Bangladesh

Past

- Supported the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) in the preparation of an application to the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building to fund the design of an NSDS;
- Accompanied the BBS in discussions with donors to seek funding for the implementation of the NSDS;
- Organised an introductory workshop on data documentation and dissemination using international standards and best practices.

Future

- Provide technical guidance to the NSDS design;
- Help install a web-based National Data Archive (NADA);
- Provide support in data recovery.

Palestine

...working with PARIS21

Running Training in Palestine

- Help install a web-based National Data Archive (NADA);
- Develop a training course with the PCBS on « From outputs to outcomes: measuring what matters to make a difference”, which will bring together a range of users and producers of statistics to discuss:
 - Key challenges for statisticians;
 - Approaches on strengthening the dialogue between users and producers;
 - Communicating Data: turning statistics into knowledge into policy.

Surinam

...working with PARIS21

The NSDS in Surinam

- PARIS21 helped to take forward preparation of the NSDS for the Suriname Statistical System:
 - PARIS21 organized a workshop on the 8 October 2009 in Paramaribo, hosted by the General Bureau of Statistics.
 - The workshop was opened by the Ministry for Planning and Development Cooperation who has responsibility for statistics.
 - It included sessions on developing advocacy strategy for statistics.

PARIS 21 Can Also Help Surinam

- With more support as the NSDS team progresses through the design and implementation processes.
- Produce advocacy material (ex : Why Suriname needs good statistics; a summary of the NSDS when it has been produced; summary flyer Making statistics work for Suriname).
- Facilitate coordination throughout the National Statistical System.

Côte d'Ivoire

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Past and Future PARIS21 Activities with Côte d'Ivoire

Past

- Created a Technical and Financial Partners group for Statistics with the Ministry of Planning and Development and UNFPA as leaders;
- Improved links between the NSO and the PSRP Team;
- Run advocacy meetings for statistics and helped create a booklet that was given to all parliamentarians;
- Worked with the NSO to improve their communication and help set up a new communications unit.

Future

- Advocate to ensure the NSDS is firmly embedded within the PRSP funding roundtable for 2010;
- Advocate to ensure the NSDS process involves users as well as producers of statistics, with reporting mechanisms.

Past and Future PARIS21 Activities with Côte d'Ivoire

Pourquoi la Côte d'Ivoire a besoin de statistiques fiables ?



Djibouti

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Past and Future PARIS21 Activities with Djibouti

Past

- Assisted in the creation of an advocacy booklet for Djibouti's NSDS, which was given to stakeholders and helped ensure the NSDS was adopted;
- Helped achieve buy-in to the NSDS from technical and financial partners during an advocacy mission;
- Began the process of creating a statistical course in the University of Djibouti (with assistance from ENSEA Abidjan);
- Encouraged the NSO to apply to AFRISTAT.

Future

- Continue to assist with the statistical course;
- Help organize a donor roundtable;
- Help seek funding for and implement the NSDS.

Thank you

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