Seminar: Special Consultative Session on the Busan Action Plan for Statistics

Implementing the Busan Action Plan for Statistics in an Evolving Environment

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Recalling

Busan Action Plan three Principal Objectives:

Integrated Statistics in Decision Making

Promoting Open Access to Statistics

Increasing Resources for Statistical System

Identifying

Common Challenges

Relevancy

Globalization

Competencies

Attractiveness

Accessibility

Funding

Capacity Building

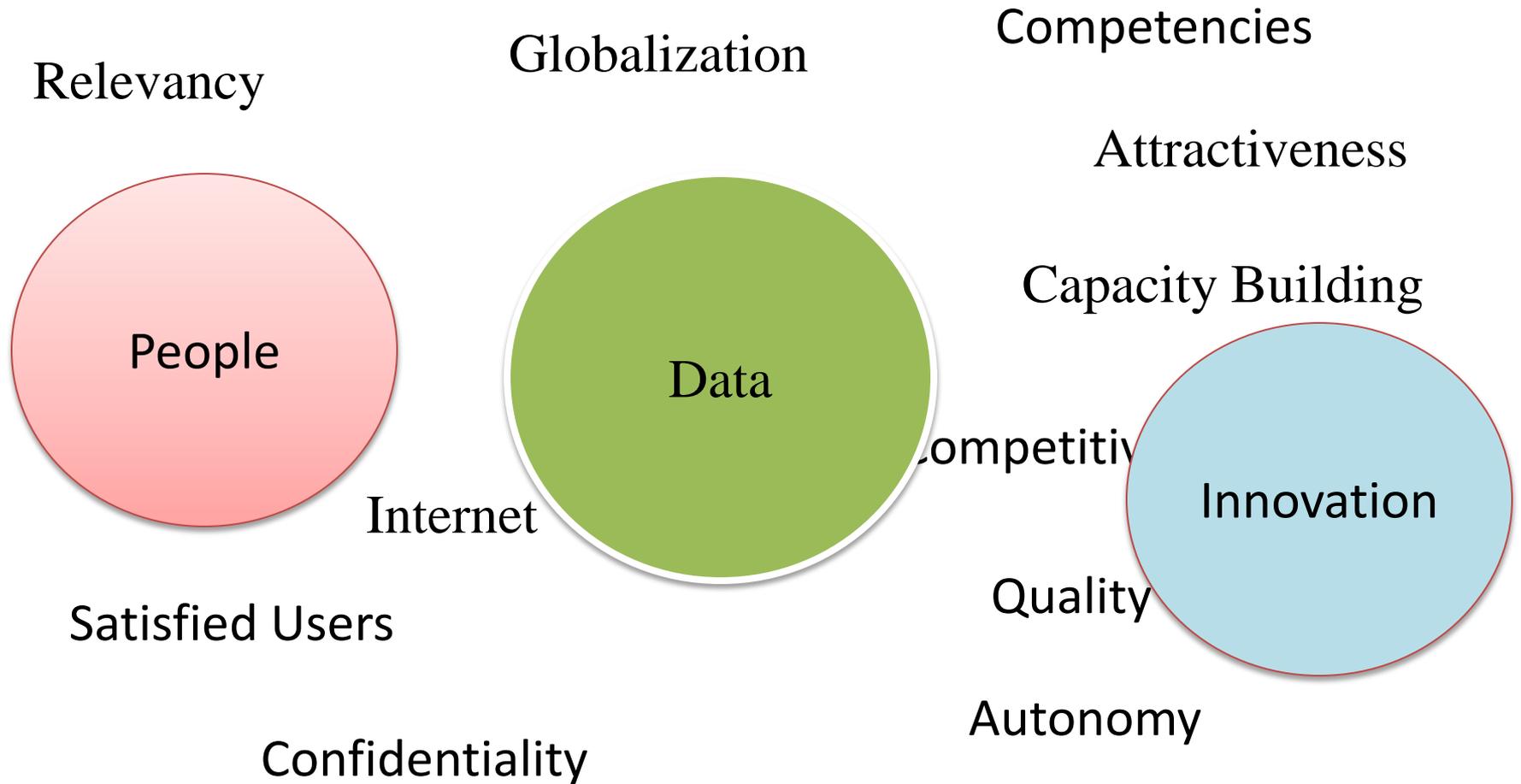Technology

Internet

Competitiveness

Satisfied Users

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Accountability
1. Administrative accountability (reduction of cost, norms of a public institution)
2. Professional accountability (quality, independence, equal access, response burden, international standards)

Measures: Release calendar, statistics advisory council (priorities), code of practice (procedures – How NSI do things?), audit reports, Peer Reviews

The Challenge: Do we have public trust in official statistics? Can we measure it?

Conflicting facts:
OECD (Measuring trust in official statistics-2011): No formal international recommendation on measuring trust in official statistics but rather model questionnaires

Responding

Users Conscious

1. Focus on empowerment by providing access to data that has been considered as "confidential".
2. Re-balance accessibility and confidentiality.
3. Focus on "new generation of users" with statistical literacy programs that meet their preferences which are keen to computer, internet and smart mobile
4. Focus on statistics that "talk" with greater focus on data visualization

Responding

Data Conscious

1. Focus on metadata – so the data is COMPLETE
2. Focus on data more than the tools - Let users choose the tools that fit their preferences
3. Greater emphasis on research and development (R & D) that target quality and production cost
4. Invest in technology to rationalize cost (utilize technology to improve statistical project cycle)
5. Integration of administrative records into the statistical production
6. Capacity building still sit on traditional approaches ignoring recent trends related to the concepts of e-learning (This relates to cost as well)

Responding

Data Conscious

Accessibility
1. Access means: Find, Use, Understand
2. Much focus and attention is given to locating (finding) statistics
3. Less focus on the use and understand
4. Increasing efforts on metadata
5. Increasing efforts on data visualization and statistics story telling
6. Impact of technological tools: More of transactional relationship with users rather than mutual beneficial relationship

The Challenge:
1. Need to build core competencies in DV, statistics story telling
2. Accessibility to "old" data and how to make it relevant!

Responding

Data Conscious

Relevant statistics
1. Language wise: Fit or connected with the matter in hand
2. Statistics wise (INSEE): Proximity between the concept we want to observe and the result that is obtained
3. Informally: Talk the talk

The Challenge: No objective measurement of the relevance of a given statistic

Relating to challenges

The Way Forward

1. Invest in users: Re-examine concept of accessibility: Find, Understand, Use
2. Invest in people: Re-examine current approaches of Capacity building – Focus on e-learning
3. Invest in technology: Consider Internet and Technology as sources for competitive advantage
4. Model to measure attractiveness of official statistics as alternative to "relevancy"

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