

**Proposed Terms of Reference for a Task Team on Costs and Funding of National Strategies for the Development of Statistics: the donor interface**

The Steering Committee is invited to agree with the TORS and suggest membership of the Task Team.

Background

The October 2003 Steering Committee agreed that the Secretariat would draft proposed TORs for a new Task Team on costing statistics. This arose out of questions asked by potential donors about how much it will cost to design and implement National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDSs). First estimates by the World Bank were presented at the Second Roundtable on Managing for Development Results in Marrakech in February 2004. These will be the starting point. But costs need to be considered alongside funding, both national and international. An important part of the PARIS21 donor strategy (see document# *P21-SC1-04-DONOR*) is to develop and disseminate greater knowledge of the possibilities for donor funding of NSDSs, including information on new funding instruments (e.g., Millennium Challenge Account, global funds, and the World Bank's STATCAP and Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB)).

Terms of reference are therefore presented for a Task Team on "Costs and Funding of NSDSs: the donor interface."

Objectives

The specific objectives of the Task Team are to:

- **Take stock** of existing and ongoing information and analyses
- Estimate the **incremental cost of statistical capacity building activities** in countries: costs of NSDSs plus their implementation (which will be incorporated into the NSDS guidelines); including comparative costs of different means of collating information (e.g., surveys and administrative sources)
- Understanding better and developing guidance for NSDS teams on the potential **sources of funding for the NSDS process** in countries
- Recommend a **dissemination** programme for information on costs and funding of NSDSs
- Recommend **future work** to update and extend the analysis
- Serve as a **reference group** generally for the work to strengthen donor support for NSDSs

Membership

The Task Team should comprise volunteers from and/or nominees of the Steering Committee, with a balance between:

- Multilateral and bilateral institutions supporting statistical activities in developing countries
- Developing country statisticians and financial managers

Work programme, processes, and outputs

PARIS21's Senior Adviser will convene the Task Team, which will under-pin his work on developing a donor strategy. Its work will be conducted mainly through desk studies and e-mail exchanges. The Task Team will start by collating and building on ongoing work. A research assistant and/or consultants will assist the Task Team. The Task Team will report to the PARIS21 Steering Committee through the PARIS21 Secretariat manager. A proposed timetable of activities and outputs is:



May, June	Preliminary work to take stock of existing and ongoing analyses through desk study and e-mail exchange.
June	Proposal put to PARIS21 Steering Committee and amended accordingly. Identify members and agree on tasks in margins of SC meeting.
June – October	Contacts with selection of countries and multilateral and bilateral agencies; analysis. 1 or 2 Task Team meetings plus e-mail exchanges.
November	Report to Steering Committee on costs and funding of NSDSs, and recommending a dissemination programme and future work to update and extend the information collected.

Budget

A maximum cost of Euro 35,000 is envisaged covering 1 or 2 Task Team meetings and the cost of consultants/research assistant.