

**PARIS21 Steering Committee Meeting  
14 June 2004**

*Salons de la Maison des Arts et Métiers  
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**PARIS21 Events in November 2004:  
Seminars, Consortium meeting, Donors' meeting and Steering Committee meeting**

**The Steering Committee is invited to decide on whether a Consortium meeting should take place in November 2004 and, if so, what the main theme should be, what side events should be planned and how many funded participants should be invited. Proposals are presented below and the SC is invited to suggest keynote speakers for each session.**

***Background***

1. The PARIS21 Consortium meeting in November 2003 was cancelled because of financial constraints. The next Consortium meeting is scheduled for November 2004. So far, voluntary contributions to PARIS21 for 2004–2006 are below expectations, and the Steering Committee needs to decide whether a Consortium meeting is a priority for PARIS21 Secretariat funds. The Secretariat was criticised for cancelling the 2003 event by some developing countries because **this is the only global forum for statisticians and development policy makers from OECD and developing countries.**
2. The Consortium meeting plus side events would cost Euro 140,000 – 235,000 depending on the level of ambition (determined mainly by the number of funded participants).
3. If the Consortium meeting goes ahead, it is proposed to start with a series of seminars based around PARIS21 Task Teams (P21TT) activities and Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS) components, before the main Consortium meeting. As usual, a Steering Committee meeting would follow the Consortium meeting and SC members might also meet the evening before the seminars to be fully briefed on, and fine-tune, the events. A donors' meeting would also be scheduled. The events would take place from 2-4 November 2004, in Paris. OECD (La Muette) rooms are already booked for these days.

***Proposed theme and format***

4. The overall theme proposed is *'the state of world statistics: what are we doing about it'* with a focus on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) aligned with Poverty Reduction Strategies and the MDGs; including the importance of statistics in governance as a means of facilitating poverty reduction and development generally. There should be sufficient substance in this to appeal to the four constituencies noted above.

***Day 1 - Seminars (Tuesday, November 2)***

5. The seminars would be organised around the main crosscutting topics developed by PARIS21 or related to MAPS. They would last either half a day or an entire day, depending on the subject. It is proposed that some or all of the following are chosen:

Room 1:	Seminar 1:	full day, on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics: guidelines for and implementation of NSDSs, with a focus on critical parts and success criteria of the strategic planning process (PARIS21 TT and MAPS)
Room 2:	Seminar 2:	full day, on METAGORA (PARIS21 TT)



Room 3:	Seminar 3:	half a day, on Improving Statistical Support for Monitoring Development Goals (PARIS21 TT)
	Seminar 4:	half a day, on Undertaking Urgent Improvements needed for MDG monitoring (MAPS)
Room 4:	Seminar 5:	half a day, on Population Census (PARIS21 TT and MAPS)
	Seminar 6:	half a day, on Costing and Funding of NSDSs (new PARIS21 TT and MAPS)
Room 5:	Seminar 7:	half a day, on Training for Official Statisticians (new PARIS21 TT)
	Seminar 8:	half a day on developing a global report on the status of world statistics

Depending on the agreement of partners, two other seminars could be convened:

Room 6:	Seminar 9:	half a day, on Household Survey Network (MAPS)
	Seminar 10:	half a day, on Intersect (PARIS21 TT).

#### *Day 2 – Consortium meeting (Wednesday, November 3)*

6. It is proposed that the consortium meeting should include two parts:
- the first one would address the **policy** aspects of NSDSs, their alignment with PRSs and role in achieving the MDGs; and the role of statistics generally in governance - within the context of *‘the state of world statistics: what are we doing about it.’*
  - the second would include reports from the seminars of the first day, and discussion of new elements of the work programme for 2005 and 2006

#### *Day 3 – Steering Committee and donors’ meeting (Thursday November 4: half day each)*

7. It is proposed that SC members might meet the evening before the seminars to be fully briefed on, and to fine-tune, the events. Also a short meeting would be scheduled on the last day with a focus on advocacy, after a donors’ meeting. The donors’ meeting would seek to drum up support for the PARIS21/World Bank Joint Funding Proposal and for statistical capacity building generally in support of the design and implementation of NSDSs.

### ***Participation***

8. As usual, attendance would be open to all Consortium members but numbers will depend critically on how many participants from developing countries can be funded to attend by PARIS21. On average, each funded participant would cost around Euro 4,000; so 30 participants would cost Euro 120,000; 50 would cost Euro 200,000. Translation, interpretation, catering and other costs would be around Euro 20,000 – 35,000 for these numbers, assuming an equal number of self-financed participants, giving a total of Euro 140,000 – 235,000 depending on the number of participants. In 2002, 32 funded participants were invited. 22 attended and the total cost was Euro 122,000.

9. We should ensure that all participants contribute to the events and the **SC’s advice is sought on who might be keynote speakers on the proposed topics.**