

## Reinforcing Statistical Co-operation at the Regional Level to Support Sustainable Development PARIS21 Regional Forum

5-6 October 2015, Room CC13  
OECD Conference Center, Paris, France

### Agenda

#### Day 1 – Monday 5 October 2015

Time	Duration	Title	Presenter
		<b>Welcome and Opening Session</b>	<b>Chair: Johannes Jütting, PARIS21 Secretariat</b>
9:00	15	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	Johannes Jütting, PARIS21 Secretariat
9:15	20	<b>Keynote Address</b>	Kako Nubukpo, Oxford University and Former Minister of Planning and Public Policy Evaluation, Togo
9:35	20	<b>Regional statistical co-operation: An Overview</b>	El Iza Mohamedou, PARIS21 Secretariat
9:55	30	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
10:25	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>		
		<b>Session 1: Rationale for statistical co-operation</b>	<b>Chair: Len Cook, PARIS21 Consultant</b>
10:40	20	<b>Regional statistics co-operation: Assessment framework and preliminary findings from studies</b>	Len Cook, PARIS21 Consultant
11:00	45	<b>Round table discussion: Why regions develop regional statistical systems and what compels them to cooperate on statistics?</b>	<p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sean Curtis Mathurin, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States</li> <li>• Elmer Schialer, Comunidad Andina</li> <li>• Leon Konande Mudubu, Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa</li> <li>• Lakshmanan Savithri, South Asia Association for Regional Co-operation on Statistics</li> </ul>
11:45	30	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
12:15	15	<b>Summary</b>	Joseph Ilboudo, UN Economic Commission for Africa

<b>12:30</b>		<i>Lunch break (and administrative matters)</i>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>Session 2: South-south learning on regional statistical co-operation</b>		<b>Chair: Paul Schreyer, Statistics Directorate, OECD</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	<i>45</i>	<b>Presentation on best practices in regional statistical co-operation</b>	
		1. Key areas of leadership	Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, Afristat
		2. Capacity building on official statistics: a regional approach	Margarita Guerrero, UN Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific (via Webex)
		3. Statistical indicator system to assess integration process	Bakary Sacko, West Africa Economic Monetary Union
<b>14:45</b>	<i>15</i>	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
<b>15:00</b>		<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>	
<b>15:15</b>	<i>45</i>	<b>Presentation on best practices in regional statistical co-operation (Cont'd)</b>	
		4. Statistical co-operation in SIDS: how distinctive regional characteristics shape the regional statistical system	Gerald Haberkorn, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
		5. Harmonization of statistics and shaping wider international agenda	Nazaria Baharudin, Malaysia/Association for South East Asian Nation
		6. RSDS and NSDS: Complementary and mutually reinforcing processes	Fernando Ramirez, Costa Rica/CENTROESTAD-SICA
<b>16:00</b>	<i>25</i>	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
<b>16:25</b>	<i>15</i>	<b>Summary</b>	Chair
<b>16:40-17:00</b>		<i>Group photo</i>	
<b>17:00 - 19:00</b>		<i>Cocktail Reception (Marshall Room)</i>	

## Day 2 – Tuesday 6 October 2015

Time	Duration	Title	Presenter
<b>Session 3: Statistical Co-operation in Thematic Areas</b>			<b>Chair: Gerald Haberkorn, Secretariat of the Pacific Community</b>
9:00	10	<b>Introduction</b>	Chair
9:10	45	<b>Roundtable discussion: Development Partners' perspectives on regional statistical co-operation and RSDS</b>	<u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leslie O'Donoghue, Australia Delegation to OECD</li> <li>• Edward Smithson, UK Department for International Development</li> <li>• Yevgeniya Savchenko, World Bank</li> <li>• Ceri Thompson, EUROSTAT</li> <li>• Fessou Lawson, African Development Bank</li> </ul>
9:55	20	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
10:15	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>		
10:30	20	<b>Regional collaboration and the development of statistical processes and frameworks (what, why, how)</b>	Taeke Gjaltema, UN Economic Commission for Europe
10:50	60	<b>Breakout sessions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1 (Room CC13) Role of regional bodies in SDG monitoring</li> <li>• Group 2 (Room MB S034) Innovative approaches to regional statistical challenges</li> <li>• Group 3 (Room MB S036) Effective governance structures, monitoring, and regional statistical plans</li> <li>• Group 4 (MB S022) Evolving relationships between countries and development partners</li> </ul>	
11:50	30	<b>Reporting back from groups</b>	Group Rapporteurs
12:20	10	<b>Summary</b>	Lakshmanan Savithri, South Asia Association for Regional Co-operation on Statistics
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
<b>Special Lunch Session (Room Roger Ockrent) (optional participation, lunch boxes will be served)</b>			<b>Chair: Geoffrey Greenwell, PARIS21 Secretariat</b>
12:30	45	<b>SDMX data management tool</b>	David Barraclough, Statistics Directorate, OECD

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<b>Session 4: Forum Recommendations</b>			<b>Chair: Len Cook, PARIS21 Consultant</b>
14:00	20	<b>Sustainable development agenda and the role of regional co-operation in statistics</b>	Stefan Schweinfest, Director United Nations Statistics Division (via Webex)
14:20	10	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
14:30	60	<b>Roundtable: Elements of an Effective RSDS</b>	<u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Akim Jere, South African Development Co-operation</li> <li>• Fernando Ramirez, Costa Rica/CENTROESTAD-SICA</li> <li>• Rikke Munk Hansen, UNESCAP (via Webex)</li> <li>• Nazaria Baharudin, Malaysia/ASEAN</li> <li>• Ceri Thompson, EUROSTAT</li> <li>• Joseph Ilboudo, UNECA</li> </ul>
15:30	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>		
15:45	30	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
16:15	15	<b>Summary of agreements</b>	Chair
<b>Closing Session</b>			<b>Chair: Johannes Jütting, PARIS21 Secretariat</b>
16:30	15	<b>Forum Summary and Next Steps</b>	Millicent Gay Tejada, PARIS21 Secretariat
16:45	10	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Johannes Jütting, PARIS21 Secretariat