Agenda of the Consortium Meeting
16-18 November 2009

OBJECTIVES
PARIS21 is organising a Consortium Meeting jointly with the Government of Senegal. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Méridien Président in Dakar from 16-18 November 2009. The event will bring together some 400 high-level participants - representing policy makers, statisticians, and civil society in developing and developed countries, and multilateral organisations - to discuss statistical capacity building in developing countries.

The Consortium Meeting aims to provide a forum for representatives of all stakeholders in the production and use of statistics for development to:

- Consider the status of statistics in developing countries and what has been achieved over the past ten years, since the creation of PARIS21 in November 1999.
- Determine what still remains to be done; and agree on next steps and the responsibilities, roles and constraints of the various partners over the next decade.
- Review the achievements of the PARIS21 Partnership and its Secretariat and agree on their future roles.

WHAT COULD WE EXPECT FROM THE MEETING?
A key output of the Consortium Meeting will be the Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics (DDDS). On 18 November the opportunity will be taken to celebrate African Statistics Day and to mark PARIS21’s 10th anniversary. The Consortium Meeting will be immediately followed by the 5th African Symposium on Statistical Development (19-21 November 2009).

The DDDS is a forward-looking statement on statistical development and the use of statistics in development. It provides the basis for achieving the vision of the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS) and builds on the resolutions of other processes, especially the Managing for Development Results agenda, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action, the review of Millennium Declaration, and the Istanbul Declaration on Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies. It is anticipated that the DDDS will provide a renewed and adjusted mandate; PARIS21 derives its legitimacy from the first Consortium meetings held in 1999 and in 2002, which now needs to be reaffirmed.

THEMES AND STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING
Discussions will focus on three main themes:

- Theme 1: Demand for better statistics and use of data;
- Theme 2: Strategy for statistical development;
- Theme 3: Partnership for the development of statistics.

Each theme will be the subject of an introductory plenary followed by three parallel sessions that will discuss in detail sub-topics related to the theme in question. An overarching paper for each theme will be presented in the plenary, followed by brief discussion from the floor and a teaser from the parallel session chairs to entice participants to participate in their session.
The parallel sessions will result in recommendations. Country cases will be the centre of the presentations. It is proposed to give the entire responsibility of the organisation of each parallel session (in the form of a panel discussion or otherwise) to one or two partner institutions (bilateral, multilateral, Government, civil society, private sector, etc.). After the parallel sessions, a short plenary will be held to report back on results from the parallel discussions.

**Monday November 16, 2009**

08.00 – 10.00  
*Registration / welcome coffee-tea*

10.00 – 13.00  
**OPENING SESSION (Amphitheatre)**

**Chair:** His Excellency Maître Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal

**Opening Addresses:**  
Mr. Eckhard Deutscher, Chair of the OECD/DAC, Co-Chair of PARIS21  
Ms. Shaida Badiee, Director, Development Data Group, World Bank

**Opening speech:**  
His Excellency Maître Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal

*Ceremony of gift offering to the President of the Republic of Senegal by Mrs. Shaida Badiee, World Bank*

13.00 – 14.30  
*Lunch break*

14.30 – 18.15  
**THEME 1: DEMAND FOR BETTER STATISTICS AND USE OF DATA**

**Chair:** His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Diop, Minister of State, Minister of Economy and Finance, Senegal

**Output:** Commitment to use statistics in policy making and to strengthen training; recommendation to continue to broaden the PARIS21 partnership within the user community.

14.30 – 15.30  
**Introductory plenary (Amphitheatre)**

**Presenter:** Dr. Suresh D. Tendulkar, former Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and former Chairman of the National Statistical Commission, India

**Discussant:** Prof. Enrico Giovannini, President ISTAT, Italy

This theme could include aspects of the use of statistics, such as:

- The different uses of statistics ("Measuring Up to the Measurement Problem" paper)
- Reaching out to analysts, researchers, private sector, media
- Reaching the right users: the world forum approach
- What kind of data for what kind of users? Need for prioritization.
- Statistics and M&E: friends or foes?
- Taking into account new/urgent needs: food security, climate change, financial crisis, etc.
• Access to data: is it still a constraint?
• Statistics as an element of good governance
• Statistics and development policies: national (PRSP and sector strategies), sectoral (SWAPs), donors (overall statement, Country Paper Strategies, etc.)
• Using statistics in the development environment: Managing for Development Results, Accra Agenda for Action, etc.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea break

16.00 – 17.30 Parallel sessions

1.1. Understanding the need for data (Room B12/C12)

This sub-theme will explore the needs for and use of data. This will include the needs of the primary users from the perspective of an international development agency and within government, civil society and private sector, as well as less-traditional needs from the perspective of data analysts/researchers.

Chair/convener: Ms. Diana Alarcón, Senior Adviser and Cluster Leader, Poverty Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

Panelists:
(i) Mr. Abdelilah Zerrou, Chief of Censuses Division, Statistical Directorate, Morocco;
(ii) Ms. Nimia Beatriz Torres de Torres, Director – Economic Statistics General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses of Paraguay; and
(iii) Ms. Natalia Cárdenas Samofalova; Director - Planning, National Institute of Statistics and Censuses, Ecuador.

1.2. Statistics as a public good (Amphitheatre)

The general public is entitled to easy access to statistics, free from political influence, to hold governments to account. This sub-theme will consider access and use of statistics by society for monitoring the performance of government policy and implementation. It will also consider how messages flow through to all levels of society and how partnerships can be established to ensure clear communication and dissemination of data.

Chairs/conveners: Dr. Paul Cheung, Director, UN Statistics Division; and Mr. Pieter Everaers, Director, External Cooperation, Communication and Key Indicators, EUROSTAT.

Panelists:
(i) Prof. Denise Lievesley, Head of Social Science and Public Policy, King’s College London
(ii) Mr. Oladejo O. Ajayi, consultant, Nigeria.

1.3 New and urgent emerging needs: food security, climate change, financial crisis, etc. (Room C05/C06)

In an increasingly globalised world, new needs for data rapidly emerge. This sub-theme will explore the data needs of the latest hot topics but also will attempt to
anticipate how to respond to future “crisis” or “unexpected” needs, both national and international.

Chair/convener: Prof. Patrick Watson, Director, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies, University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago.

Panelists:
(i) Dr. Charles Enoch, Deputy Director, Statistics Department, IMF;
(ii) Mr. Jean Philippe Thomas, “Energy, Environment, Development”, Program Coordinator, ENDA-Tiers-Monde; and
(iii) Ms. Alexandra Treziak-Duval, Head of the Policy Coordination Division, Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD), OECD.

17.30 – 17.45 Short break to allow participants to go back to plenary meeting room

17.45 – 18.15 Plenary stock-taking: reporting back from parallel sessions (Amphitheatre)

18.30 – 20.00 Welcome cocktail (Hotel Méridien Président)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2009

09.00 – 12.45 THEME 2: STRATEGY FOR STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Mr. Anthony Smith, Director Europe and Donor Relations, UK Department for International Development (DFID)

Output: Commitment for continued support to the NSDS approach integrating specific issues, and developing updated methodologies and for reporting on progress in statistical development according to agreed formats.

09.00 – 10.00 Introductory plenary (Amphitheatre)

Presenter: Dr. Jean Le Nay, Former UN Advisor on development planning

Discussant: Dr. Eduardo Pereira Nunes, President of Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE), Brazil

The following issues related to statistical development could be discussed in the plenary session:

- NSDS: where do we stand, what could we expect? Approach revisited?
- NSDS and the UN Fundamental Principles and African Charter on Statistics
- Governance and legal issues
- What are the outputs of an NSDS?
- Statistical development as a development issue: Statistical development strategy and national development strategy
- Capacity building, training: the role of statisticians in development
- Coordination of the National Statistical System: issues, experiences, best practices
- Fragile states and small countries: how to develop statistics in such situations?
- Statistical development strategy at regional level
• Survey program as the core element of the strategy
• Action plan adapted to available financing: who is setting the priorities?
• Donors strategy for statistical development and the role of international programs

The issues related to reporting, monitoring and evaluation of statistical development could be discussed in plenary as well. Even if some progress has taken place, countries don’t report systematically on the progress made in their statistical system. Some indicators have been presented and monitored, but there is no universal agreement on these, and the international or regional institutions are computing some indicators for the countries. Finally, evaluation frameworks need to be designed and agreed upon to allow countries to undertake periodic self evaluations.

• Reporting, monitoring, evaluating: elements of NSDS
• Quality of NSDS
• Role of NSO websites and IT tools
• Guidelines to report at country level
• What indicators to monitor statistical development? examples, and best practices
• International monitoring: the World Bank Bulletin Board
• Peer reviews: key results
• Should donors report on their support to statistics development? The PRESS report
• Toward an agreed evaluation framework
• The world wide report on statistical development

10.00 – 10.30  Coffee/tea break

10.30 – 12.00  Parallel sessions

2.1.  Joining-up the National Statistical System: across sectors and levels of government (Amphitheatre)

This session will consider how national statistical strategies can be widened in their scope to include the development and use of statistics in sectoral/line ministries; as well as statistical production and use at the sub-national level. It will also reflect on the governance of the statistical system and draw on relevant experience.

Chair/convener: Mr. Martin Balepa, Director General, AFRISTAT; and Dimitri Sanga, Senior Statistician, Acting Director, African Center for Statistics (ACS/UNECA)

Panelists:
(i) Dr. Sally Stansfield, Executive Secretary, Health Metrics Network (HMN);
(ii) Prof. Sarah Macfarlane, University of California, San Francisco, United States;
(iii) Ms. Norah Madaya, coordinator of the NSDS, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS); and
(iv) Mr. Pietro Gennari, Director of the Statistics Division, FAO.

2.2.  Building sustainable capacity (Room C05/C06)

This session will study how to build statistical capacity in a sustainable way, without neglecting pressing current needs for data. It will consider implementation challenges and successes of NSDSs; providing data now while building capacity to produce and use better statistics in the future; and archiving micro-data.
**Chair/convener:** Ms. Janine Perfit, Senior Specialist, Institutional Capacity of the State Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

**Panelists:**
(i) Mr. Jose Antonio Mejia, Vice-President, Junta de Gobierno, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI), Mexico;
(ii) Ms. Sofiat Tadjiddine Alfeine, General Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Budget, Comoros;
(iii) Dr. Abdullateef Bello, Director, Data Resources and Statistics Department (DRSD), Islamic Development Bank.

### 2.3 Statistical needs in countries emerging from conflict *(Room B12/C12)*

*Most post-conflict countries face significant capacity constraints, including for statistical capacity. At the same time, statistical needs are particularly dire as these countries work to assemble a baseline for measuring progress in recovery and reconstruction efforts and MDG achievements. This session will consider the particular statistical challenges and needs faced by post-conflict countries and discuss options for how to address them.*

**Chair/convener:** Ms. Alexandra Trezciak-Duval, Head of the Policy Coordination Division, Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD), OECD.

**Panelists:**
(i) Mr. Pali Lehohla, Statistician General, Statistics South Africa;
(ii) Prof. Ismail Bakheit Fadl El Seed, Sudan;
(iii) Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Palestine; and
(iv) Mr. Asbjorn Wee, Administrator, International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF), DCD/OECD.

**12.00 – 12.15**  
*Short break to allow participants to go back to plenary meeting room*

**12.15 – 12.45**  
**Plenary stock-taking:** reporting back from parallel sessions *(Amphitheatre)*

**12.45 – 14.00**  
*Lunch break*

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**14.00 – 17.45**  
**THEME 3: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS**

**Chair:**  
Dr. Paul Cheung, Director, UN Statistics Division

**Output:**  
Commitment from countries and development partners to discuss statistical issues in their dialogue; commitment from partners to continue to support statistical development (do we need quantitative targets?) according to the most efficient ways; commitment from countries to increase their support to statistical development (do we need quantitative targets?).

**14.00 – 15.00**  
**Introductory plenary *(Amphitheatre)***

**Presenter:**  
Dr. Zeine Ould Zeidane, former Prime Minister of Mauritania

**Discussant:**  
Mr. Antoine Simonpietri, Senior statistician, World Bank, Africa Region
The support to statistical development: policy advice, funding, technical assistance
Participants should address the different aspects of providing support to developing countries in statistical development, highlighting the constraints and successes based on country cases.

- Paris declaration applied to support to statistics
- Policy advice: statistical development in the policy dialogue between donors and countries

Financing
- Financing statistical development: report from the PRESS
- Review of existing types of financing: grant vs. loan; budget support vs. projects and programs; international initiatives (SRF); regional and sub regional financing, etc.
- Types of financing: what works better?
- National financing: key issues, target?
- Reporting on financial support: from donors’ headquarters to beneficiaries countries

Technical assistance
- Technical assistance: Evaluation of past experiences and best practices (e.g., bilateral: twinning; regional: AFRISTAT)
- Estimation of TA needs based on NSDS
- Delivering technical assistance. Role of private sector in providing TA. Role of OECD countries statistical offices? South-South cooperation
- Reporting on support
- The role of international programs

Coordination
- Coordination of support to statistics within overall coordination
- Coordination at country level: examples of Mali, Honduras, Tanzania, Zambia, etc
- Coordination at international and regional level: CCSA, PARIS21, AFSC

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee/tea break

15.30 – 17.00 Parallel sessions

3.1. Filling the financing gap: the role of domestic resources and of aid
(Amphitheatre)

Statistical strategies are only useful if they are implemented, and they cannot be implemented if they are not funded. Both national governments and donors must fill the gaps in financing statistical development.

Chair/convener: Mr. Misha V. Belkindas, Manager, Development Data Group, World Bank

Panelists:
(i) Ms. Albina Chuwa, Director General, National Bureau of Statistics, Tanzania;
(ii) Dr. Pronab Sen, Chief Statistician, National Statistical Commission, India;
(iii) Mr. Joseph Tedou, Director General, National Statistical Institute of Cameroon;
(iv) Ms. Alexandra Trezciak-Duval, Head of the Policy Coordination Division, Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD), OECD; and
3.2. What works in financial and technical assistance: regional approaches, twinning, south-south *(Room B12/C12)*

Many models for providing technical and financial assistance exist. This session will consider which methods work most effectively according to the situation.

**Chair/convener:** Dr. Maral Tutelian Guidanian Director General of the Central Administration for Statistics - Presidency of Council of Ministers - Lebanon

**Panelists:**
(i) Ms. Berit Olsson, Director, Statistics, Sweden;  
(ii) Mr. Martin Balepa, Director General, AFRISTAT; and  
(iii) Dr. Savas Alpay, Director General of Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).

3.3 Coordination of support for statistics: converting international consensus into partnerships in countries *(Room C05/C06)*

All development, including statistical development, relies crucially on partnerships of recipients and donors working together. This session will investigate how to translate international agreements in statistical development into action on the ground.

**Chair/convener:** Ms. Malin Synneborn Lundberg, First Secretary, Program manager- SIDA, Cooperation and Development Unit, Bamako / Mali

**Panelists:**
(i) Dr. Haidar Fraihat, Director General, Department of Statistics, Jordan;  
(ii) Mr. Seydou Moussa Traoré, Director General, INSTAT, Mali; and  
(iii) Mr. Jean François Divay, Chargé de mission, General Directorate of globalization, development and partnerships, Ministry of Foreign and European affairs, France.

17.00 – 17.15  *Short break to allow participants to go back to plenary meeting room*

17.15 – 17.45  **Plenary stock-taking:** reporting back from parallel sessions *(Amphitheatre)*

19.30 – 22.00  **Gala dinner** *(Hotel des Almadies)*
Mr. Anthony Smith, Chair of plenary session theme 2
- Ms. Shaida Badiee, Chair of plenary session theme 3

This session will provide a wrap-up covering all three themes.

10.00 – 12.00 CLOSING PLENARY (Amphitheatre)

Chair : Ms. Awa N’DIAYE, Minister of State, Senegal

Presidium: Ms. Awa N’DIAYE, Minister of State, Senegal
Mr. Pali Lehohla, co-Chair of the PARIS21
Mr. Eckhard Deutscher, co-Chair of the PARIS21
Ms. Rokhaya Sene, Director General of Planning, Senegal
Mr. Mohamed-El-Heyba Lemrabott Berrou, Manager of PARIS21

- Her Excellency Ms. Awa N’DIAYE, Minister of State will open the session and will chair the discussion

- Reading of the Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics (DDDS) by Ms. Rokhaya Sene, Director General of Planning, Senegal

- Adoption by acclamation

- Support statements from the different communities present in Dakar

- Closing speech by Her Excellency Ms. Awa N’DIAYE, Minister of State, Senegal

The Dakar Declaration will be read and agreed by acclamation during this closing plenary, followed by statements from the different communities present in Dakar on how they intend to implement the DDDS.

12.15 – 18.00 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Lunch, visit of the Gorée Island and celebration of the African Statistical Day.
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