

Coordinating strategically with key partners – what is new for Official Statistical Agencies?

Task Team – Virtual Roundtable I

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Objective

This session aims to bring together different perspectives on coordination in statistics to forge a common understanding on coordination capacity in the modern data ecosystem. In doing so, the debate will review existing coordination mechanisms in the modern data ecosystem, reflecting on the views of different data actors and geographies.

1. **The importance of coordination in the modern data ecosystem: Define coordination and the capacity to coordinate.** As the COVID-19 pandemic has shown, well-coordinated public data systems are essential in evidence-based policy making. In order to address coordination challenges efficiently, creating a general consensus on the definition of statistical coordination and forging a common understanding on the stakeholders' ability to coordinate is needed.
2. **The status quo of coordination in statistics: Review challenges and common bottlenecks in the country context.** By establishing a dialogue and engaging in a peer-learning on coordination between partners, common bottlenecks and successful country cases in enhancing coordination in the modern data ecosystem can be reviewed. . Tools and mechanisms enabling statistical systems to improve and enhance coordination at different levels across macro-areas are also assessed.

Results

- Engagement in a dialogue and peer-learning on common coordination practices in statistics
- Insights and exchange of good practices from countries on common challenges and bottlenecks when enhancing coordination in the data ecosystem.
- Creation of a joint understanding of coordination in the modern data ecosystem and the capacity to coordinate.

Proposed agenda and format

The event will take place virtually, for a duration of 2 hours.

Time	
25 min	Welcome to the Task Team: introducing TORs, members and functionalities <i>François Fonteneau, Deputy Head, PARIS21</i>
5 min	Interactive Polling
15 min	Setting the scene: the need for coordinated data systems in 2020 <i>Dr. Dennis Mapa, National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority</i>
5 min	Spotlight: Coordination definitions, levels and actors <i>Julia Schmidt, Policy Analyst, PARIS21</i>
30 min	Breakout discussion: What are the most urgent coordination problems? Group work mapping coordination problems to different actors in the data ecosystem
30 min	Plenary discussion & reporting back Identifying clusters of coordination problems and geographical differences <i>[3 groups, each reporting back 5 min, then 15 min plenary discussion]</i>
10 min	Concluding remarks and way forward <i>Dr. Dennis Mapa, National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority</i> <i>François Fonteneau, Deputy Head, PARIS21</i>