

Statistical Capacity Development Outlook

Flagship Report

The *Statistical Capacity Development Outlook*, provides an overview of current trends, challenges and emerging approaches in statistical capacity development.

Statistical Capacity Monitor

Online Platform

The Statistical Capacity Monitor provides an evolving set of indicators in statistical capacity across countries. With more than 140 indicators, the monitor is an accessible portal for public, comparable information on statistical capacity.

The report and monitor are intended to guide future efforts to develop capacity within and across national statistical systems and to support co-ordination efforts among donors.

<https://paris21.org/flagship/2019>

<http://www.statisticalcapacitymonitor.org/>

Findings: Statistical Capacity Development Outlook 2019

Evolving definition of capacity

TECHNICAL
+
SOFT SKILLS

The evolving data landscape is requiring countries to improve data use and soft skills.



Only 50% of national statistical offices in the lower-middle statistical capacity level monitor the use of their data.



Leadership, management and communication skills are increasingly important.

↑ 14%

While national policy documents showed a 14% increase in data use between 2000-2017, more can be done to understand and promote data use in policy decisions.

Mismatch of donor support and country needs



Development partner objectives have produced supply-driven approaches that do not always match the needs of countries.

+60%

Over 60% of African countries report that capacity programmes do not meet their needs.

Co-ordination and planning is key



Financial and technical support need to be sufficient, sustainable and progressive for countries to fully benefit.

\$10/yr



A minimum level of support (USD 10 per capita over 10 years) is needed and should prioritise poor and lower capacity countries.



Planning is improving: In 2018, 129 countries were implementing a comprehensive national statistical plan, up from 102 in 2017.