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## I. Overview

Since the last Steering Committee meeting in June 2004, the Secretariat has focused primarily on incorporating revisions to the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) documentation. After discussions with Steering Committee members and other partners reviewing the texts, it was agreed that the documentation would be divided into four separate components:

- NSDS Essentials (formerly known as Key Principles);
- Making the case for an NSDS (advocacy document);
- Guide to designing an NSDS (for managers of statistical systems);
- NSDS Knowledge Base (formerly known as “How to” Notes).

Since June, the Secretariat has also worked on producing various advocacy materials. A consultant has been engaged to write a pamphlet demonstrating how the availability and use of statistics has led to positive development results and how the absence, or lack, of statistics has led to bad policy decisions. The Secretariat has also conducted an interview with the president of Mali, which will be included in PARIS21’s francophone Africa advocacy video.

The *Costing and Funding of NSDSs* task team has fine-tuned its terms of reference, begun producing additions to the “Guide to Designing an NSDS,” and conducted a review of the political and financial obstacles to support for statistical capacity building. The *Training for Official Statisticians* task team held its launching meeting in Paris and will hold a second meeting immediately before the Tenth Session of the Governing Board of SIAP in November 2004.

Also of note is the systematic programme of follow-up to the joint funding proposal for PARIS21 and the World Bank Trust Fund that the Secretariat has conducted. Positive responses have been received from a number of countries, together with messages of support from others, including UN agencies and regional development banks.

## **II. Description of PARIS21 Activities (June 2004–September 2004)**

### ***A – PARIS21 Management***

#### *A–1 PARIS21 Reporting*

In March 2005, PARIS21 will present its annual report to the United Nations Statistical Commission. As the Commission has requested that reports no longer merely provide an update on activities, PARIS21's submission for the 2005 session is somewhat different in content from previous years' reports. The 2005 report—entitled “Statistical Capacity Building: The National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) as a Coherence Framework”—will outline how the NSDS provides a country with a strategy for strengthening statistical capacity across the entire national statistical system.

#### *A–2 Steering Committee*

At the 14 June 2004 meeting, members approved the new Steering Committee terms of reference and governance arrangements and welcomed Mr. Kwaku A. Twum-Baah of Ghana as the developing country co-chair. Since June, the Secretariat is consulting with relevant organisations in the subregions to identify developing country members and alternates.

#### *A–3 Consortium*

After the 14 June 2004 meeting, a subgroup was formed to explore the feasibility of holding a Consortium meeting in November 2004. It was agreed that, due to financial constraints, the Consortium should be postponed and possibly held in 2005.

After the launch of a new online Consortium membership form on the website, more than 600 members have renewed their membership as of early October. It is essential for current members to reregister by using the new online form; in this way members have the possibility to update their contact details directly.

#### *A–4 Human Resources*

A new DFID–seconded staff member is expected to join the Secretariat in January 2005 to oversee Southern and East African regional activities. Another DFID–funded expert will work with both PARIS21 and the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building to provide operational support in helping countries to secure funding and technical assistance for the NSDS process. It has been agreed that the secondment of PARIS21's Senior Policy Advisor from DFID will be extended until the end of January 2005.

#### *A–5 Fund Raising*

A systematic programme of follow-up to the joint funding proposal for PARIS21 and the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building has been implemented following Richard Manning's and François Bourguignon's letter. Immediately after the 14 June 2004 meeting, representatives from the Secretariat and the World Bank Development Data Group met with Germany's and DFID's Steering Committee members and then travelled to Rome, Stockholm, and Oslo to meet with officials from the respective bilateral institutions, who had all taken up the offer of a visit to discuss the proposal. AusAID has welcomed a meeting at the time of the ISI conference in Sydney in April 2005, and the Secretariat will plan to visit New Zealand in conjunction with a meeting of South Pacific Statisticians and Planners in Nouméa in March 2005.

Positive responses have been received from a number of countries, together with messages of support from others, including UN agencies and regional development banks. Some countries have asked for patience whilst due process is followed in their development agency or ministry. A reminder was sent to other countries, and more informal follow-up has been made by phone and e-mail. Our experience has shown that visits are unlikely to be worthwhile unless we have a “champion” to encourage the right people and facilitate meetings. Informal contacts will continue.

Overall the Joint Funding Proposal is about 50 percent funded for 2004–2005. The Secretariat is grateful to those agencies who have agreed to contribute and to those who are still considering.

## ***B – NSDS Methodological Programme***

Since the last Steering Committee meeting, the Secretariat has continued to develop the NSDS documents and has incorporated comments received from various partners. These comments impressed upon the Secretariat particularly the need to separate out advocacy from guidance to managers of the NSDS; to make the documents more user friendly; and to reinforce the text on building upon existing work and initiatives, including PRS monitoring as well as frameworks and instruments such as the General Data Dissemination System, Multi-Annual Integrated Statistical Programme, Data Quality Assessment Framework, and Statistical Capacity Building Indicators.

After discussions with Steering Committee members and other partners, it was therefore agreed that the NSDS documentation would be divided into four separate components:

- NSDS Essentials (formerly known as Key Principles);
- Making the case for an NSDS (advocacy document);
- Guide to designing an NSDS (for managers of statistical systems);
- NSDS Knowledge Base (formerly known as “How to” Notes).

On 12–13 January 2005, the Paris office of UNESCO will host a meeting with representatives from ILO, FAO, WHO, and PARIS21 to discuss the integration of sectoral statistics development into the NSDS guidelines.

Further details on the progress of NSDS documentation development can be found in document# *P21-SC2-04-NSDS*.

## ***C – Regional Programmes***

Helping countries to design and implement NSDSs is at the heart of PARIS21 regional programmes. It is recognised that low-income countries will get priority in PARIS21 support. The PARIS21 Secretariat is in the process of designing programmes with appropriate key partners from each region. By the end of these consultations, draft timetabled and costed programmes will be prepared. They will be then discussed during existing events of the region and forwarded to partners for their support.

### *C-1 Sub-Saharan Africa*

The PARIS21 Secretariat has prepared a proposal to the World Bank’s Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building to finance three back-to-back workshops on NSDS design in Francophone Africa countries. These workshops are scheduled to take place in Bamako in early 2005. PARIS21 will participate in the Afristat’s Comité de Direction meeting, 18–20 October 2004, and in an ACBF/IMF regional workshop on Strengthening National Strategies for Developing Statistics for 15 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa in December 2004, to be held in Entebbe, Uganda. Discussions have been held with Afristat management on integrating strategic statistical planning into Afristat’s programming.

A consultant has been contracted to develop a baseline assessment for Francophone Africa countries and their efforts in developing NSDSs. Another consultant has been contracted to do the same for the southern and eastern Africa region, which will inform the development of PARIS21’s programme in the region—the responsibility of the new DFID secondee starting in January 2005. The PARIS21 Secretariat has been mandated by the Committee on Development Information to facilitate peer reviews to assess the statistical capacities of volunteer countries, including using the SCB Indicators. A workshop is planned in April 2005, back-to-back with a SADC Directors of Statistics meeting in Zambia. The workshop will discuss the results of initial peer reviews and the status of current strategic plans in the regions.

## *C-2 Latin America*

The World Bank's Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building reviewed the "Strategic Plans for Statistical Development of the Andean Community (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela)" proposal and approved it in the amount of USD 400,000. The PARIS21 Secretariat has prepared a Trust Fund proposal for its regional support programme for NSDS design in Central American countries. A third Trust Fund proposal will be drafted by the World Bank's DEC-DG based on the NSDS roadmaps produced by the countries. A light meeting is being organised in Honduras, 28–29 October 2004, with the heads of statistical offices to discuss and agree on the request which will be presented to the TF for approval. A meeting with representatives of IDB, WB, IMF, and UNDP at the managerial level will be organised in Washington, hosted by IDB on the strategy for donor funding of NSDS implementation by Central America countries.

## *C-3 Arab States*

PARIS21 participated in the Sixth Session of the ESCWA Statistics Committee—held 6–8 October 2004 in Beirut, Lebanon—and presented the NSDS methodology and draft PARIS21 regional programme for Arab States.

## *C-4 Asia*

The UNDP's contribution to the PARIS21 regional programme for Asia is being transferred to the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building. The Bank and the PARIS21 Secretariat are working to resolve certain contractual issues, after which time these funds will be transferred to the OECD. The Secretariat will revise the timetable for this three-workshop programme as soon as the funds are received.

## ***D – Advocacy***

A consultant from the London School of Economics has been engaged by DFID (on behalf of PARIS21) to write a pamphlet on statistical advocacy. The document demonstrates how the availability and use of statistics has led to positive development results and how the absence, or lack, of statistics has led to bad policy decisions. The paper's intended audience is senior policymakers in development agencies and developing countries and participants at high-level meetings. A set of leaflets will be produced from this work, targeting specific audiences.

These advocacy materials will be based on examples provided in response to the Secretariat's website announcement and letters to Steering Committee members and UN specialised agencies, as well as through informal contacts, particularly with World Bank and DFID staff. There has been a "fair" response, with examples relating to the national accounts, consumer prices, finance statistics, population censuses, administrative records, and a variety of surveys; as well as qualitative data as a useful complement to quantitative information. This will be organised across four areas: macro-economics, poverty, a social sector (health and/or education), and a productive sector (agriculture). The first draft of the pamphlet will be available early in November and the first leaflets produced before the end of 2004.

In September 2004, representatives from the Secretariat travelled to Bamako to conduct an interview with the president of Mali for PARIS21's francophone Africa advocacy video. It is intended that the finalised video will be available in November 2004.

## ***E – Partnership & Information Exchange***

### *E-1 Website*

The Secretariat has launched a new website with expanded functionality and improved navigation. The address remains at <http://www.paris21.org>. In particular, the Consultants Roster feature has been developed and is now available on the site.

### *E-2 Light Reporting*

The Secretariat is reviewing reports on statistical activities from various institutions and will present to donors a template for light reporting. This proposal will be formally presented at the 2005 FASDev meeting.

More information can be found in the document “Small Steps for Partnerships: A Proposal for Co-operation” (document# *P21-SC2-04-PART*).

## ***F – Task Teams and Studies***

Brief updates for the task teams that have been particularly active since the progress report in May 2004 follow:

### *F-1 Population Censuses*

Mr. François Farah, Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the UNFPA, has agreed to be the convenor of the *Population Censuses* task team. In light of the overall support for population censuses (e.g., Marrakech Action Plan, UNSD, UNPD, ICCC), the task team could concentrate on advocacy for population censuses. A new work programme for the team will soon be proposed by the new convenor.

### *F-2 Improved Statistical Support for Monitoring Development Goals*

The *Improved Statistical Support for Monitoring Development Goals* task team has finalised all reports on its six country case studies and posted them to the PARIS21 website, along with a paper synthesising findings from these studies. Full and summary reports of the team’s international study, as well as a final report of the household survey study, have also been produced and posted.

### *F-3 Costing and Funding of NSDSs*

The Steering Committee asked at its June meeting that the *Costing and Funding of NSDSs* task team clarify its outputs. Revised terms of reference were circulated after the meeting and finalised in August. There will be two main outputs: additions to the “Guide to Designing an NSDS” and a six-part task team report covering the dual aspects of this work. The task team will also review the political and financial obstacles to support for statistical capacity building, in response to a request by SIDA. Only the World Bank and SIDA have accepted the invitation to join the task team, and Eurostat has offered to share material.

So far the Secretariat has reviewed existing material on costs of statistical capacity building needs. It has also completed an analysis of DAC donors’ statistical capacity building projects from OECD-DCD’s Creditor Reporting System, using both the Purpose Code for Statistical Capacity Building and a word search of project and programme. The interesting results of both of these exercises will be set out in a room document.

### *F-4 Training for Official Statisticians*

On 1 July, the *Training for Official Statisticians* task team held its launching meeting in Paris. Participants reviewed the team’s terms of reference, proposed a work programme, and elected UNSIAP as team convenor. The team’s second meeting will be held 24–25 November 2004 immediately before the Tenth Session of the Governing Board of SIAP in Bangkok.

### *F-5 Metagora*

During the reporting period, the Metagora Co-ordination Team organised and serviced two meetings (one of the Metagora Partners Group on 23–25 August 2004 and one of the Task Force on Pilot Surveys on 14–16 July 2004) and co-organised with IRD and DIAL an international workshop in Bamako in June 2004. Contractual relationships with the Partner Implementing Organisations were settled. Metagora local activities are progressing well, and first significant intermediate results are expected by the end of the year. Finally, preliminary activities have been carried out for the preparation of the project’s final products.

An extensive progress report on Metagora activities covering the period from 1 February 2004 to 31 October 2004 is provided as a separate document (see doc# *P21-SC2-04-META*).

## ***G – Reporting***

### *G-1 Worldwide Report*

As the Steering Committee found the proposal for a worldwide report on the use of statistics to be too ambitious, the Secretariat circulated several options for the report which were more synergistic with the other initiatives and other reports that will be produced for the 2005 Millennium Summit. After comments from Steering Committee members, it has been decided that a booklet will be produced for the 2005 Summit, and text on statistical capacity building will be proposed for inclusion in the UN Secretary-General's report for the event, the synthesis report of the Millennium Project and a glossy report on MDG trends.

### III. Financial Tables

From 1 January 2004 to 30 September 2004, the total amount of contributions received added to existing available funds was €1.456 million<sup>1</sup>. The total expenditure during this same period was €992,000 leaving a balance for the last quarter of 2004 of €464,000.

For the last quarter of 2004, PARIS21 will receive the second installment of DFID's contribution, leaving a total of €730,000. Planned expenditure until the end of 2004 amounts to €342,000, leaving a balance of €390,000.

For the remaining months of 2004, PARIS21 expects voluntary contributions from EFTA, Ireland, Japan, and the Netherlands. For 2005, €1.683 million are expected from France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the UK. For 2006, €1.384 million are expected from France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the UK. €4.185 million euros will be available for 2005–2006 activities.

The financial tables 1–5 below are offered for informational purposes only, as an estimation of expenditures rather than as an official budgetary report. The objective of these tables is to provide an overview of PARIS21's estimated financial situation. This is not intended to replace the official financial reporting required of PARIS21's host organisation, the OECD.

A comparison of PARIS21 work programme activities against its resources for 2005–2006 will be distributed separately under document# *P21-SC2-04-BUDG*.

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<sup>1</sup> This amount does not include (a) some direct funding of additional staff (EU, DFID, France, World Bank, etc.); (b) co-financing of regional workshops by institutions who were in charge of the organisation of these events (UNECA, African Development Bank, etc.); and (c) co-financing of specific activities (UNECE, World Bank, etc.).

TABLE 1: PARIS21 income and expenditure: since P21 creation in 1999 up to 31 December 2003

**A - INCOME** <sup>(1)</sup>

Fund	Organisation	Country	Total contributions in Euros
DI9018	Japanese Delegation to the OECD	Japan	38,112.25
DI20107	Department for international Development (D.F.I.D)	United Kingdom	247,241.82
DI20470	Department for international Development (D.F.I.D)	United Kingdom	320,142.94
DI21046	World Bank	World Bank Organisation	334,153.00
DI21054	Directorate for Development Cooperation (D.D.C)	Switzerland	106,714.31
DI21417	Japanese Delegation to the OECD	Japan	30,489.80
DI21486	Department for international Development (D.F.I.D)	United Kingdom	1,189,741.40
DI21531	Ireland Aid - Department of Foreign Affairs	Ireland	112,498.60
DI21564	World Bank	World Bank Organisation	559,910.18
DI22030	Directorate for Development Cooperation (D.D.C)	Switzerland	101,390.00
DI22096	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	Sweden	163,421.00
DI22255	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	France	500,000.00
DI22481	Ministry for Development Co-operation	Netherlands	450,000.00
DI23002	Ireland Aid - Department of Foreign Affairs	Ireland	100,000.00
DI23042	Directorate for Development Cooperation (D.D.C)	Switzerland	102,165.99
DI23158	European Commission	Europe	79,950.00
DI23243	Department for international Development (D.F.I.D)	United Kingdom	94,179.69
DI23709	Department for international Development (D.F.I.D)	United Kingdom	285,563.00
DI23768	Ireland Aid - Department of Foreign Affairs	Ireland	100,000.00
		<b>Total income PARIS21 (from 1999 to 31/12/2003)</b>	<b>4,915,673.98</b>
<b>B - EXPENDITURE</b>			
		<b>Total spent (from 1999 to 31/12/2003)</b>	<b>3,937,959.86</b>
<b>C - BALANCE</b>			
		<b>Balance as of 31/12/2003</b>	<b>977,714.12</b>

Note : (1) This does not include seconded staff costs (DFID United Kingdom - INSEE France - EUROSTAT)

(2) These tables have not yet been cleared by OECD Financial Services

TABLE 2: Income and expenditure since 1 January 2004 up to 30 September 2004			
<b>A - INCOME</b>			
Fund	Organisation	Country	Total contributions in Euros
		Available amount from 2003 (31/12/2003)	977,714.12
DI24090	Directorate for Development Cooperation (D.D.C)	Switzerland	95,602.29
DI24258	Department for International Development D.F.I.D (1st installment)	United Kingdom	382,309.00
		<b>Total available at 30/09/2004</b>	<b>1,455,625.41</b>
<b>B - EXPENDITURE</b> (See Table 4)			
		Total expenditure (spent) 01/01/2004 to 30/09/2004	794,782.05
		Total expenditure (committed) 01/01/2004 to 30/09/2004	197,008.21
		<b>Total expenditure (spent + committed) 30/09/2004</b>	<b>991,790.26</b>
<b>C - BALANCE</b>			
		<b>Available amount as of 30/09/2004</b>	<b>463,835.15</b>

TABLE 3: Planned income and expenditure until the end of 2004			
<b>A - INCOME</b>			
		Available amount as of 30/09/2004	463,835.15
DI24476	Department for International Development D.F.I.D (2nd installment)	United Kingdom	268,544.00
		<b>Total available at 31/12/2004</b>	<b>732,379.15</b>
<b>B - EXPENDITURE</b>			
		Total expenditure staff (planned) 31/12/2004	95,980.00
		Eurostat (Regularization)	58,169.74
		Total other planned expenditure	188,281.50
		<b>Total expenditure (planned) 31/12/2004</b>	<b>342,431.24</b>
<b>C - BALANCE</b>			
		<b>Estimated balance at 31/12/2004</b>	<b>389,947.91</b>

TABLE 4: Expenditure (committed and spent) from 1 January 2004 to 30 September 2004 by activity			
Activity	Committed	Spent	Total Expenditure
<b>Management</b>			-
Steering Committee		43,102.13	43,102.13
Consortium			-
Building donors financial support		15,453.92	15,453.92
Evaluation		(1,147.34)	(1,147.34)
Miscellaneous, Office supplies, Equipment		8,496.01	8,496.01
Other charges (including exchange rate)		23,898.90	23,898.90
<b>Human resources</b>			-
Salaries	180,051.47	463,429.44	643,480.91
Chargeback (office rental, IT maintenance & others)		13,894.28	13,894.28
Other			-
<b>Advocacy</b>			-
Knowledge base			-
Advocacy Video	5,341.39	19,184.12	24,525.51
Material Development	272.11	633.16	905.27
<b>Partnership and Information exchange</b>			-
Newsletter		1,201.58	1,201.58
Website and Membership		41,275.00	41,275.00
Partnership and participation in other institutions meeting	4,660.41	27,807.03	32,467.44
Co-financing of other institution meeting			-
Communications and Publications			-
Promoting partners reporting			-
<b>Task Teams and Studies</b>		(17,929.45)	(17,929.45)
Census		8,412.60	8,412.60
Statistical Capacity Building Indicators			-
Rural Development and Agriculture		2,382.90	2,382.90
Development indicators			-
Costing and Funding			-
Intersect			-
Training			-
Studies			-
<b>National Strategy for the Development of Statistics</b>			-
Guidelines production	1,682.83	27,314.93	28,997.76
Translation			-
NSDS Studies			-
NSDS Consultant training			-
<b>Regional programs</b>			-
General			-
<b>Africa</b>			-
West Africa	5,000.00	26,134.72	31,134.72
Central Africa		5,359.86	5,359.86
Southern Africa		2,504.16	2,504.16
East Africa			-
<b>Arab States</b>		<b>3,980.00</b>	<b>3,980.00</b>
<b>Asia</b>			-
East Asia			-
Central Asia		949.69	949.69
South Asia			-
Pacific			-
CIS and Balkans			-
<b>Latin America</b>		523.00	523.00
Andean Community		4,929.62	4,929.62
Central America		62,991.79	62,991.79
Mercosur			-
Caribbean			-
Other			-
<b>REPORTING</b>			-
PARLISTAT			-
Feasibility study for International report		10,000.00	10,000.00
SCBI			-
<b>TOTAL expenditure</b>	<b>197,008.21</b>	<b>794,782.05</b>	<b>991,790.26</b>

TABLE 5: Expected income

**A - EXPECTED INCOME**

<b>2004 (October to December 2004)</b>		General programme funding	Activity specific funding
	<b>Available amount 31/12/2004</b>	<b>389,947.91</b>	
UNDP through World Bank	Japan		304,281.00
European Free Trade Association E.F.T.A	E.F.T.A		100,000.00
Ministry for Development Co-operation	Netherlands	225,000.00	
Ireland Aid - Department of Foreign Affairs	Ireland	100,000.00	
	S/Total 2004	714,947.91	404,281.00
	Total 2004		1,119,228.91

<b>2005</b>		General programme funding	Activity specific funding
<b>DI24393</b>	<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>		<b>124,000.00</b>
	<b>France</b>		
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	France	600,000.00	
Ministry of Development	Germany	100,000.00	
Ministry for Development Co-operation	Netherlands	225,000.00	
Directorate for Development Cooperation (D.D.C)	Switzerland	96,500.00	
<b>Department for International Development D.F.I.D (3 &amp; 4 installments)</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>537,088.00</b>	
	S/Total 2005	1,558,588.00	124,000.00
	Total 2005		1,682,588.00

<b>2006</b>		General programme funding	Activity specific funding
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	France	600,000.00	
<b>Department for International Development D.F.I.D (5 &amp; 6 installments)</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>537,088.00</b>	
Directorate for Development Cooperation (D.D.C)	Switzerland	96,500.00	
Ministry for Development Co-operation	Netherlands	150,000.00	
	S/Total 2006	1,383,588.00	-
	Total 2006		1,383,588.00

	Total available for 2005-2006 activities		4,185,404.91
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\* in bold: agreement signed

\* in normal: agreement being signed

\* in italic: under discussion