

Committed to
STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT



The Partnership in Statistics
for Development in the 21st Century



WHO ARE WE ?

PARIS21 stands for **Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century**. It is an international partnership of policymakers, analysts and statisticians established in November 1999 by the the **United Nations**, the **European Commission**, the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**, the **International Monetary Fund**, and the **World Bank**, in response to the UN Economic and Social Council resolution on the goals of the UN Conference on Development.

PARIS21 is served by a Secretariat hosted as a division of the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) in Paris, France.

The work of the Secretariat is guided by a **Board**, an international group of stakeholders with representatives of developing countries from each region of the world, bilateral donors, multilateral institutions, and other key partners.



WE AIM TO

Develop capacity within National Statistical Systems in developing countries in order to :

- improve governance and policy decisions;
- reduce poverty and contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



NSDS

PARIS21 assists low-income and lower middle income countries in the design, implementation, monitoring, and resource mobilisation for **National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)**.

An NSDS is a dynamic process providing a strategy for developing statistical capacity across the entire National Statistical System (NSS). The NSDS provides a vision for where the NSS should be in five to ten years and sets milestones for getting there. It presents a comprehensive framework for continual assessment of evolving user needs and priorities for statistics and for developing the capacity needed to meet these needs in a more co-ordinated and efficient manner.

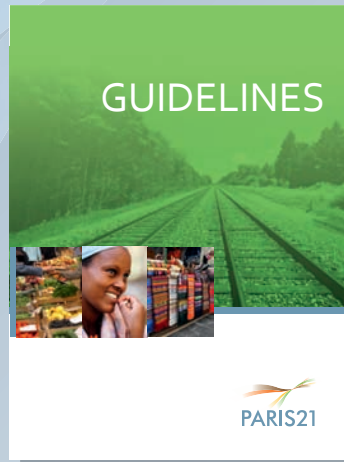
WE FACILITATE

- The **mobilisation and leveraging of resources** (both national and international) for the implementation of NSDSs.
- The establishment of **national partnerships in statistics** (country-donor co-ordination mechanisms).
- **Partnership** initiatives (ex: Partner Report on Support to Statistics - PRESS) to co-ordinate donor support to statistics.
- The **co-ordination of all actors** within the National Statistical System (sector line ministry statistical units, central bank, central statistical office, etc.).
- The production of **statistical advocacy materials** promoting the increased use of statistics in decision-making and the need for a well financed NSDS integrated into wider development policy frameworks.
- **Peer reviews** focused on strategic planning and National Statistical System governance.
- Production of **guidance and documentation** on strategic statistical planning.
- Provision of **advisory services** to address issues such as statistical legislation, national statistics councils, training, human resources, etc.
- Archiving, documentation, harmonisation, and dissemination of survey micro data (see ADP and IHSN text box on the right)
- Support for the special situations in **fragile/crisis states** and **small island developing states**.



ADP and IHSN

In collaboration with the World Bank and many other international partners, PARIS21 implements the Accelerated Data Program (ADP) and International Household Survey Network (IHSN), established as recommendations of the Marrackech Action Plan for Statistics in 2004. These two programmes seek to improve the availability, quality, and use of survey data in developing countries.



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