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I. Introduction

The present document is a PARIS21 activities report to be presented at the Steering Committee meeting of November 2007. It outlines the Partnership's activities and progress over the period of May 2007 to October 2007, including follow-up on decisions made at the last Steering Committee meeting¹.

II. Progress in PARIS21 Activities from May 2007 to October 2007

1.0 NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS (NSDS)

The sections below present progress in the roll-out of NSDS through PARIS21's regional programmes (section 1.1); the underlying NSDS methodology, including task teams (section 1.2); and reporting on NSDS progress (section 1.3).

1.1 Regional Programmes

Africa

- **Continent-wide:** The PARIS21 Secretariat participated in the drafting of the African Statistics Charter, which was reviewed and adopted by African NSO heads at a meeting held from 4 to 6 June 2007 in Rwanda. The Permanent Representatives Committee of the African Union expressed its wish that the charter be presented at the Conference of Finance Ministers (CAMEF III) in October 2007 then the 9th African Union Summit in January 2008.
- **Francophone countries:** PARIS21 has recently supported Francophone African NSDS processes with advocacy and on-demand advice to country NSOs. In particular, PARIS21 has participated in partner events (e.g., the *Afristat Comité de Direction* and the *Conference on Support in Statistics to Francophone African Countries*, held in Bamako, Mali from 29 to 31 October 2007) to advocate for NSDS design, reporting, and support to statistical development in general. To promote information exchange and partner collaboration, PARIS21 has been assisting the NSO of Cameroon to report on the country's statistical development efforts. PARIS21 has produced guidance on reporting and will also assist the country in the development of a page on the NSO website to host this information. The Secretariat also conducted a mission to Gabon to facilitate meetings with national and international stakeholders supporting the country's statistical development and to discuss their NSDS under development.
- **Anglophone countries:** The Secretariat has planned, organised and facilitated two peer reviews in Tanzania (September) and Zambia (October), involving Ghana as a reviewer, which focused on strategic planning and governance of the respective national statistical systems, including using the NSDS Essentials check list. While the reports are confidential, a synthesis will be prepared of the lessons learnt and recommendations. In both reviewed countries, the users and producers felt that peer reviews are a useful process that may help improve statistical systems in the sub-region. PARIS21's regionally based consultant has re-opened discussions with SADC countries on how else PARIS21 can support their advocacy and strategic planning work, as well as following up on a request from Sierra Leone to support their user-producer-donor consultations. He is maintaining contact with sub-regional organisations (such as the SADC Secretariat) and IMF's East-African TAC on the Anglophone GDDS programme. Some of the GDDS countries have indicated that they require assistance on costing plans and integrating them into the budget process such as the MTEF. The next round of peer reviews and country and regional meetings is being planned.
- **Lusophone countries:** At the 56th Session of the International Statistical Institute held in Lisbon in August 2007, PARIS21 met with PALOP countries' heads of statistics to discuss (1) the proposal for a feasibility study on a regional statistical school for the countries and (2) support to NSDS processes. A side meeting with officials from INE Portugal was also organised to discuss Portuguese support to lusophone countries in their statistical capacity building efforts. The Secretariat has agreed to finance PALOP country participants' attendance at African Statistics Day celebrations in Maputo from 20 to

¹ For a breakdown of the follow-up to the decisions taken by the Steering Committee in May 2007, please refer to Annex I.

23 November 2007. A series of events will convene users, producers, decision makers and politicians as special efforts to promote statistical development. The heads of statistics from Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa and Southern African Development Community countries will attend this event.

Latin America

- ***Continent-wide:*** Currently, thanks to the support of PARIS21, all Central American countries and Panama, and all Andean countries have finalised the design of their NSDSs and are starting the implementation process. PARIS21 participated in the *Fourth International Conference of Statistics of the Americas* held in Chile in July 2007, using the opportunity to create synergies among key actors, and is actually working jointly with World Bank, EUROSTAT, IADB and ECLAC to define joint strategies and common priorities in the region. Due to these efforts, a joint programme has been defined to contribute to the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) initiative promoted by ECLAC, and to support the World Bank Tool Kit on statistics for development.
- ***Andean Community:*** PARIS21 co-organised a subregional workshop on NSDS for the Andean region in Ecuador from 30 May to 1 June 2007. Participants discussed each country's progress in carrying forward the NSDS process, outlined a list of requirements and specific needs for each country, and drafted an agenda and action plan to complete the NSDS process. Based on the debate during joint sessions and bilateral conversations with each country, the Andean Community and PARIS21 formulated possible joint activities to further promote the NSDS process in the subregion. In addition, from 25 to 29 June 2007, PARIS21 participated at the *Ninth Meeting of the Consultative Committee of ANDESTAD* at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, and organised another NSDS workshop with the country NSO directors to further promote the design of the NSDS. All countries finalised their NSDS design by October.
- ***Central America:*** In July 2007, PARIS21 organised a meeting in Chile, at the *Fourth International Conference of Statistics of the Americas*, with all Central American NSO Directors, as well as with EUROSTAT, IADB and World Bank, to define next steps in NSDS implementation. In September 2007, PARIS21 co-organised a subregional workshop for Central America and Panama to evaluate progress in implementing NSDSs, and to identify needs and priorities for the period 2008–2009. EUROSTAT, World Bank, IADB, SICA and SIECA participated in the workshop, and an agreement was signed to create the Regional Statistical Commission with SICA. All countries have finalised their NSDS design process and are in the process of implementing their strategies. In addition, PARIS21 is proposing to hold a meeting by the end of 2007 to produce advocacy tools to promote the NSDSs designed and to assist countries in funding their strategies.

Arab States

PARIS21 participated in the *Working Group of ESCWA Statistical Committee* (3 September 2007, Cairo) to promote NSDS and present PARIS21 work in the region. The Secretariat also produced a draft summary table outlining support provided by international statistical programmes to Arab countries.

Asia

PARIS21 and UNESCAP are fine-tuning a programme of work for the Asia region which will build on the momentum gained and lessons learned in the past two years of joint activities. The joint programme of work will include the roll-out of a donor's reporting system in Asia, the promotion of an "Asian Statistics Day," the launching of a training programme for statisticians in communicating with data users, and the production of three to four country case studies on experiences with NSDS. Participants at two recent Secretariat of the Pacific Community meetings requested that PARIS21/UNESCAP engage in activities with Pacific islands and territories, in particular in organising an NSDS workshop for the region. Work with the Pacific — to be co-ordinated with other partners in the region such as Australia and New Zealand — has been integrated into the proposed programme of work with UNESCAP. In addition, PARIS21 participated in a May 2007 Asian Development Bank (ADB) *Inception Workshop on Statistical Capacity Building in the Asia and Pacific Region*. The purpose of this workshop was to launch a long-term, ADB-driven, statistical capacity building technical assistance programme for Afghanistan, Mongolia, Nepal, and Timor-Leste. The Secretariat presented a paper on "Advocacy for statistical capacity building and evidence-based policy-making".

1.2 NSDS Methodology

1.2.1 NSDS Methodology Papers

Since the last Steering Committee meeting, the Secretariat has finalised — in collaboration with the World Bank — the “Note on Applying a System-wide Approach to Implementing National Strategies for the Development of Statistics” and translated it into Arabic, French, Portuguese and Spanish. The Secretariat has also produced a draft of “A Guide to Using a System-wide Approach to Implement National Strategies for the Development of Statistics”. This has been compiled mainly from existing source materials on programme-based approaches, including sector-wide approaches; but benefited from important contributions by the World Bank, EUROSTAT and DFID. Work has also been completed on an inventory of institutions working on data analysis as well as a typology of the various models and experiences of technical assistance for statistics, which will be published and comments invited through PARIS21’s website. The intention is to explore the challenges faced by development partners in scaling up technical assistance and to provide guidance on how this can best be managed. A new study has recently been launched to explore the relationship between statistics and monitoring and evaluation (M&E). Namely, the intention is to identify the linkages and synergies between the two disciplines and within this to characterise the statistical requirements of the range of M&E activities which governments should be able to undertake, and to use this analysis to identify gaps and opportunities in the outputs and organisational capacity of national statistical offices and to identify strategies that statistical offices can use to increase their capacity to respond to the appropriate demands of M&E work.

1.2.2 Task Teams

Training for Official Statisticians

The African subgroup of the task team, established in March 2007 at a meeting held in Kampala, Uganda, held its first official meeting in September 2007 in Cameroon. Participants addressed task team governance, the implementation of the Kampala meeting recommendations, and next steps. Future activities will include a survey of African statistical training centres, an analysis of the training components within existing NSDSs or NSDSs under development, and the production of an opportunity study on the creation of a trust fund for statistical training. Further details can be found in the meeting report at <http://www.paris21.org/documents/2716.pdf>.

PARIS21 – Intersect task team on integrating sectoral statistics into NSDSs

The task team, working with the African Development Bank, has overseen completion of the guide on “Mainstreaming sectoral statistics: a manual for planning an integrated national statistical system” in both English and French, based on African experiences and on four sectors: agriculture, education, health, and labour. Printed versions will be distributed at the November 2007 Steering Committee meeting. The Secretariat has proposed a meeting of key donor and beneficiary partners and UN specialised agencies, to present the guide and open the possibility of including other sectors and experiences in future versions. The head of the new Africa Centre for Statistics has suggested that this should be part of one of the meetings on African statistics due to be held early in 2008.

Partner Reporting System on Statistical Development (PRESS)

Since the last Steering Committee meeting, the task team responsible for designing a reporting system on partner support to statistical development met on 18 May and 25 June in Paris. Over the last six months, the team has produced a feasibility study on the use of the OECD’s Creditor Reporting System for the reporting system as well as a questionnaire and a draft proposal for the reporting system. At the request of AFRISTAT, the PARIS21 Secretariat assisted its staff in developing a training program for its member states on the reporting system. To launch this initiative, a pilot exercise was carried out in Mali, using a questionnaire based on the one mentioned above but adapted to country needs. A manual to accompany the questionnaire and a guide on managing the reporting mechanism for staff responsible at the country level were drafted. AFRISTAT has completed training on the reporting system in each member state and presented preliminary results of country information at its Comité de Direction meeting at end-October 2007. The lessons drawn

from this pilot initiative will define future steps in promoting a partner reporting system at the beneficiary country level. Further information on the team's outputs, including details on the proposed reporting system, are available in a separate document (*P21-SC2-07-PRESS*) which will be discussed at the November Steering Committee meeting.

Virtual Statistical System (VSS)

The task team of the Virtual Statistical System is outlining its progress in a separate document to be presented at the 13 November 2007 Steering Committee meeting. It is referenced under document# *P21-SC2-07-VSS*.

1.2.3 Knowledge Base

The NSDS knowledge base continues to be updated and maintained on the PARIS21 website². It is disseminated at PARIS21 events in the form of a CD-ROM.

1.3 NSDS Reporting

The Secretariat has gathered country information related to the NSDS process as part of its regular activities, using various sources of information from country and international institutions' websites, reports, web searches, and direct contacts. The NSDS country sheets — so far, 50 or so sheets have been produced — include:

- Information related to strategic planning of statistical development which includes existing strategy, NSDS design process, road map, support from donors, NSDS document, etc.
- Information related to NSDS implementation including current statistical programme, participation in international programmes, donor support, international and regional institutions' support, key outputs, etc.
- Information on how statistical data are used in country development policy-making such as PRSP or sector strategies as well as in development aid policies, and on how development policies are supporting statistical development.
- Information on the National Statistical System including line ministries.

2.0 ADVOCACY

PARIS21 participated actively in the Second OECD World Forum on “Statistics, Knowledge and Policy,” held in June 2007, in Istanbul, Turkey, which was targeted as a key event to advocate for increased support to statistical development. PARIS21 organised a session on “Building Statistical Capacity to Monitor the Progress of Societies.” Discussion from the audience emphasised strengthening the links between statisticians and policymakers, addressing donor fatigue, cultivating champions of statistical development in countries, and the autonomous status of national statistical offices. The Secretariat also participated in the 56th session of the International Statistical Institute in August 2007 in Lisbon to serve as discussant in the session “Improving Capacity of Statistical Systems to Measure Development Results”.

The Secretariat has assisted several developing countries in the development of advocacy booklets based on the template “Why *Country X* Needs Good Statistics”. Based on the Malawi booklet, which was used by the NSO in Malawi (1,000 copies), and as a first initiative to be linked with the Country Tool Kit, booklets have been produced with Gabon, Mali, Mauritania, and Zanzibar. Collaboration is underway with the NSO of each of these countries to finalise the booklets. The booklets form part of the country advocacy toolkit being developed to help countries to make good use of existing advocacy materials and to develop materials tailored to their own situations. The Secretariat visited DFID statisticians on 4 October to discuss this work and to explore ways in which the Secretariat and DFID can work together on it. In addition, the Secretariat has produced an advocacy bookmark, an Internet business card, posters, and best-practice sheets on specific NSDS-related themes (e.g., user-producer dialogue).

² <http://www.paris21.org/knowledgebase/>

3.0 IMPROVING DONOR COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

3.1 Light Reporting Exercise

As proposed by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) and agreed at the November 2006 Steering Committee meeting, the work of the light reporting exercise has been delegated to an interagency task team, convened by PARIS21. Progress in this work is therefore reported under the task team heading above (see section 1.2.2). It should be noted that the task team submitted a progress report to the CCSA at its September 2007 meeting in Madrid.

3.2 Partnership Initiatives

Following the 14 April 2007 special meeting on “Scaling Up Efforts to Improve Statistical Capacity” held in the margins of the IMF / World Bank Spring Meetings, PARIS21 and the World Bank developed a concept note on scaling up support. This note, after comments from the Steering Committee were incorporated, was forwarded to heads of donor agencies, along with an accompanying letter co-signed by the DAC Chairman and a World Bank Vice President. The Secretariat has also produced draft guidance to using a system-wide approach to implementing NSDSs. The initiative will be discussed in greater depth at the 15 November afternoon meeting in Paris.

The Secretariat has continued to work with the Health Metrics Network (HMN), supporting the DAC Chair’s participation and chairmanship of the HMN Board and preparing a paper on how PARIS21 and the Health Metrics Network can work together. Close contact has been maintained with DFID on proposals for an evaluation of international support for statistical capacity building as one of the thematic evaluations of the Paris Declaration which will be presented in Accra in September 2008. The Secretariat has followed up requests for collaborative work from the new Africa Centre for Statistics and Africa Union.

3.3 Partnership Tools

The Secretariat maintains several tools to manage relations with the overall partnership. These include a a partnership directory, a partnership document, and the PARIS21 website.

Partnership Directory

The electronic directory of partners (more than 1,000 contacts) is now structured according to the different categories of partners. This allows automatic and rapid dissemination of information via e-mail to a wider statistical community and well-targeted audience (examples: dissemination of the calendar of events, of the Accelerated Data Programme newsletter, of alerts on PARIS21 job vacancies, of invitations to meetings, of events to both anglophone and francophone statistical community). New categories considered relevant (such as NSDS co-ordinators, research centres, ministers of Finance, sector statisticians, training centres) have been added to the more “traditional” categories (directors of National Statistical Offices, multilaterals, bilaterals, statisticians, etc.) which are constantly updated. Saved queries of contacts, customised according to specific workshops or task teams, are also created to facilitate event organisation.

Partnership document

A document focused on bilateral development agencies and aimed at improving bilateral/partners relationship is underway. The role of development agencies and contacts are covered extensively. Eventually, this is to become an information repository shared through a collaborative tool, such as Sharepoint.

PARIS21 Website

Statistical news are updated on a weekly basis. PARIS21 responds regularly to partner demands for posting news items (news on NSDS, TFSCB applications, tenders, etc.). Partners are also informed through the web when the PARIS21 monthly information letter is published.

4.0 SATELLITE PROGRAMMES

The satellite programmes and Metagora will be discussed in greater detail at the 14 November 2007 seminar in the margins of the Steering Committee meeting.

4.1 International Household Survey Network (IHSN)

The main activities implemented or initiated during the period June 2007 to November 2007 include:

- The following guidelines have been completed during the reporting period or are in the process of being finalised:
 - “Quick Reference Guide for Archivists”: completed.
 - “DDI Checklist”: completed.
 - “Data Dissemination Policy Guidelines”: final draft stage.
 - “Quality in Surveys: Reference Guide for Survey Managers and Quality Assessment Framework”: final draft stage.
 - Methodology for extracting a census micro sample of data for public distribution: final draft stage.
 - NADA (National data Archive) User’s Guide: final draft stage.
- The NADA web-based survey cataloging system has been released and tested in Uganda.
 - Berkley search engine being integrated and being tested for release in December.
- The IHSN Microdata Management Toolkit has been further developed. It is currently being translated into Portuguese.
- The data anonymisation tools are under development.
- The IHSN Question Bank is the next product in the suite of Tools to be developed.
 - FAO, WHO, ILO will provide question modules and become the primary reference points for developing the reference questions to be included in the question bank. Projects have been initiated and work is in progress.
 - Web-based application is currently being developed.
- The IHSN status has been drafted (still to be adopted by the Management Group).
- Regular maintenance of the Information System on Planned Surveys and Censuses.
- Regular maintenance of the IHSN Survey Catalogue.
- Further development and maintenance of the website.
- Regular administrative tasks for the management of the funds, including reporting on the active grants and preparing the grant FY2008.

4.2 Accelerated Data Programme (ADP) in Pilot Countries

Deliverables of the ADP are country-based and are normally broken into three tasks:

- Task 1 – Inventory, documentation and dissemination of existing survey data
- Task 2 – Analysis of existing survey data and assessment of the past survey programme
- Task 3 – Development of an improved survey programme and data collection

The ADP implementation is gaining momentum. Partnerships with the World Bank, UNESCAP and the IADB have effectively extended the reach of implementation of the ADP, especially in Asia and the Pacific and in Latin America. Comprehensive ADP work programs have been developed for: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Indonesia, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Uganda. Work programmes will be developed with other interested participating countries.

The main Task 1 activities implemented include:

- National Data Inventories have been (or are being conducted) in Bangladesh, Cameroon, DR Congo, Indonesia, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal.
- IHSN Toolkit workshops have been conducted in: Bangladesh, Cameroon, DR Congo, Gambia, Honduras, Indonesia, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Sri Lanka, and Yemen.
- Data Dissemination Policy Drafts and recommendations have been provided to Kenya and Uganda.

- Work is progressing towards the establishment of National Data Archives: trained countries are using the Toolkit to document their household surveys, IT infrastructure is progressing and dissemination strategies are under development.
- UNICEF continues to use the Toolkit to document the MICS 3.
- Trainings of trainers have been conducted.

The main Task 2 activities implemented include:

- Analysis of the phase 2 of the 1-2-3 survey has been undertaken with the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Support to the analysis of the Niger household budget survey ENBC has been initiated.
- The development of the IHSN Question Bank will facilitate the implementation of Task 2 activities.

The main Task 3 activities implemented include:

- Support to the Niger household budget survey ENBC has continued.

Other

- Support of the “African Association for Statistical Data Archives” initiative.
- Regular maintenance of the Light Information System for the ADP (LISA).
- Regular maintenance and upgrade of the ADP web site (www.surveynetwork.org/adp).
- Dissemination of the first ADP Newsletter in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.
- Regular administrative tasks for the management of the funds, including reporting on the active grants and preparing the grant FY2008.

4.3 Measuring Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (Metagora)

Much progress has been made by Metagora in documenting measurement methods in the fields of human rights and democratic governance – enabling others to reap the benefits of what has been learnt from the surveys, processes and outcomes of the project. This progress was discussed at the 8th meeting of the *Metagora Steering Committee*, held in Paris on 8 October 2007. Extensive details on Metagora activities for the period covering May 2007 to October 2007 are available in document *P21-SC2-07-META* and in Annex II.

5.0 MANAGEMENT

5.1 Institutional Situation

After discussions with the OECD’s Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD), which hosts PARIS21, and the OECD Legal Directorate, it was agreed that an explanatory note to the OECD Council (rather than a Memorandum of Understanding) would be drawn up to define more explicitly PARIS21’s legal status within the OECD and to request the authorisation to recruit nationals from non-OECD member states for the Secretariat. This document was produced with the input from several OECD directorates and was endorsed by the OECD Executive Committee on 25 May. The document then received approval by the OECD Council on 13 June. The final, approved document clarifies the PARIS21 Secretariat’s legal status within the OECD (a division within the DCD, with its activities fully inscribed in the OECD’s Programme of Work and Budget after approval by the Steering Committee) and authorises the Secretariat to appoint nationals of OECD member countries (www.oecd.org/membercountries) and nationals of countries eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA), as set out by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC List of ODA recipients - www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist).

5.2 Steering Committee Bureau

The Steering Committee Bureau has met twice since the last Steering Committee meeting. In the margins of the Istanbul World Forum on “Statistics, Knowledge and Policy” in June 2007, the Bureau discussed the

concept note on the scaling-up initiative (see section 3.2 above), progress in the PRESS task team (see section 1.2.2 above), and recruitment for the Secretariat's Deputy Manager and Regional Co-ordinator positions. In September 2007, a videoconference meeting of the Bureau was held to discuss preparations for the November 2007 PARIS21 meetings, further progress in the scaling-up initiative, the PRESS task team, a proposal for a 2008 Consortium meeting, assisting countries to report on and monitor statistical development efforts, an evaluation of PARIS21, and several PARIS21 management issues.

III. PARIS21 Financial Situation

The financial tables below are offered for information purposes only and should not be considered an official budgetary report validated by the OECD's financial services. 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.

It should be further noted that the financial information below excludes (1) the two consultants shared by the World Bank and PARIS21 and financed by DFID; (2) the income (304,281 Euros) from Japan/UNDP, transferred directly from UNDP to ESCAP to finance the four regional forums in Asia in 2005 and 2006; (3) OECD contributions; and (4) figures for the two satellite programmes or Metagora.

Table 1: Income and Expenditure (in Euros) from 2004 to 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007				2008
				Q1-Q3	October	November & December	TOTAL	
Remaining funds from the previous period	913,990	711,896	2,655,427				3,130,086	3,765,273
Income	970,455	3,938,363	2,405,137	2,419,302		1,603,917	4,023,219	192,869
Expenditure	1,172,549	1,994,832	1,930,478	1,867,176	955,457	565,400	3,388,033	4,399,851
Balance	711,896	2,655,427	3,130,086				3,765,273	(441,709)

NB: This table includes a summary of expenditure (spent) from 2004 until the end of October 2007. **The figure for expenditures in October 2007 includes Secretariat salary commitments for 2008. Likewise, the expenditures quoted for 2008 include planned expenditures for 2008 plus salary commitments for 2009.**

**Table 2: Voluntary Contributions and Grants (from 1999 to 2008) & Planned Funding Offers
(in Euros) by Country and Institution**

Country/Institution	1999 - 2003	2004 - 2006	2007 as of 30 Sept ²	2007 Expected ³	2007 - 2008 Total	Grand Total from 2004 to 2008 in %
Austria		200,000			0	2%
Belgium		800,000		200,000	200,000	9%
Canada		0	966,370		966,370	8%
EFTA		80,000			0	1%
European Commission	16,226	0			0	0%
Finland		200,000			0	2%
France	500,000	924,000		<i>400,000</i>	<i>400,000</i>	11%
Germany		300,000			0	3%
Ireland	312,499	330,000			0	3%
Japan	68,602	0			0	0%
Netherlands	450,000	600,000			0	5%
Norway		385,589	<i>192,869</i>		<i>385,738</i> ⁴	7%
Sweden	163,421	497,098			0	4%
Switzerland	310,270	287,425		<i>94,408</i>	<i>94,408</i>	3%
United Kingdom	2,136,869	1,486,003	281,724		281,724	15%
World Bank	894,063	1,223,840	953,289	<i>909,509</i>	<i>1,862,798</i>	27%
Other income ¹			25,050		25,050	0%
Total	4,851,950	7,313,955	2,419,302	<i>1,603,917</i>	<i>4,216,088</i>	100%

(1) Other income: UNESCAP reimbursement for Asia programme travel.

(2) Amounts in italics indicate that they are not yet final: they could change due to currency exchange rates or are currently under discussion. Contributions are placed in this column if date of formal OECD acceptance of voluntary contributions precedes 1 October 2007. This does not necessarily mean the funds are useable before this date.

(3) Amounts in italics indicate that they are not yet final: they could change due to currency exchange rates or are currently under discussion.

(4) This amount includes funds for 2007 (€192,869) plus an allocation for 2008 (€192,869).

**Table 3: Expenditure from 1 January 2006 to the end of September 2007 by activity
(in Euros)**

ACTIVITY	2006 TOTAL paid	2007		2007 TOTAL Q1-Q3
		2007 (Committed) Q1-Q3	2007 (Paid) Q1-Q3	
Management	285,282.97	4,091.98	229,976.83	234,068.81
Human Resources	888,140.83	194,254.26	678,565.30	872,819.56
Advocacy	16,708.75	0.00	87,313.86	87,313.86
Partnership and Information Exchange	205,691.16	8,761.50	111,665.83	120,427.33
Task Teams and Studies	44,207.38	20,511.39	90,349.92	110,861.31
National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	177,983.66	0.00	520.81	520.81
Regional Programmes	31,402.35	4,527.86	8,695.14	13,223.00
Africa	132,462.14	70,565.18	113,864.77	184,429.95
Arab States	55,603.89	10,024.11	114,430.06	124,454.17
Asia	20,000.94	0.00	9,205.55	9,205.55
Latin America	72,994.06	27,936.69	71,914.67	99,851.36
Reporting	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL Expenditure (2006 and Q1-Q3 of 2007)	1,930,478.13	340,672.97	1,526,502.74	1,867,175.71

Annex I: Follow-up to Steering Committee Decisions of May 2007

#	May 2007 Steering Committee Decision	Follow-up Actions
1	<p>Does the Committee agree with the proposed Partnership activities outlined in the document <i>P21-SCI-07-PART</i>? In particular, to whom should the draft letter in Annex A be addressed? What constitutes an endorsement of PARIS21 principles? The worldwide letter is premature until the concept note on scaling up support to statistical development is finalised and agreed. A decision on what constitutes an endorsement will be shelved for now.</p>	<p>At the request of the Bureau, the Secretariat sent the finalised scaling-up note to all heads of donor agencies, along with an invitation to attend the 15 November meeting. After the discussions at that meeting, the note and further information will be sent to the heads of all national statistical offices around the world.</p>
2	<p>Does the Committee agree with the proposed activities in the PARIS21 work programme for 2007–2008, as outlined in <i>P21-SCI-07-WKPG</i>? The Committee agreed with the proposed activities, subject to any modifications proposed in the “scaling up” concept note.</p>	<p>The work programme for 2007–2008 has been updated in document <i>P21-SC2-07-WP</i>, in light of developments since the last Steering Committee meeting and the details of the scaling-up proposal.</p>
3	<p>Does the Committee agree to hold the next Steering Committee on 12–13 November 2007 in Paris, back-to-back with the Inter-Agency and Expert Group meeting? Does the Committee agree to the proposed format of (1) a full-day meeting on PARIS21, (2) a half-day seminar on the satellite programmes and Metagora? Does the Bureau agree to hold its next meeting in the margins of the CCSA meeting in Madrid, 10–11 September 2007? The Committee is content with the proposed dates of the Steering Committee and the proposed format. The MAPS Advisory Board will attempt to organise a meeting at the same time. The Bureau will meet at the latest in Madrid but may also meet earlier depending on concept paper preparation.</p>	<p>After further consultations with the Bureau, it was finally decided to hold the following meetings: 13 November (Steering Committee), 14 November (seminar on the satellite programmes and Metagora), 15 November (MAPS Advisory Board and Scaling-Up initiative). Although logistical considerations hindered the organisation of a Bureau meeting in Madrid, meetings were held in Istanbul in June and via videoconference in September.</p>
4	<p>In light of the OECD Executive Committee’s decision to postpone review of PARIS21’s request to recruit nationals from non-OECD economies (see document <i>P21-SCI-07-PROG</i>, section 5.1, page 8), does the Steering Committee authorise the Secretariat to launch immediately the recruitment of a Deputy Manager within the current OECD regulations (i.e., only OECD nationals)? The Secretariat was asked to inform the Bureau immediately after the 25 May 2007 OECD Executive Committee meeting of their decision regarding the recruitment of non-OECD nationals. If the Executive Committee refuses, the Bureau was mandated by the Steering Committee take a decision on how to proceed.</p>	<p>The OECD Executive Committee and Council approved the note clarifying the Secretariat’s status and authorising the recruitment of nationals of countries eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (see section 5.1 above). The recruitment of the Deputy Manager was therefore launched immediately thereafter.</p>

Annex II: Metagora Progress from May 2007 to October 2007

Much progress has been made by Metagora in documenting measurement methods in the fields of human rights and democratic governance – enabling others to reap the benefits of what has been learnt from the surveys, processes and outcomes of the project. Following the conclusions of the Methodological Workshop that ended the pilot phase of the project, the draft *Metagora Training Materials* were revisited by their authors, subject to a vast peer review process, then finalised. The group of experts involved in the review was large and varied, including not only members of the Metagora community, but also external statisticians, social and political scientists and human rights practitioners.

The *Training Materials* are a key product of Metagora. Their aim is to inform stakeholders – policy and decision makers, Civil Society Organisations, Human Rights Institutions and professionals working with data – on the issues, approaches, conditions and methods for measuring human rights and democratic governance. The first substantive set of these materials is now available online at www.metagora.org.

Metagora has continued its efforts to put human rights and democratic governance at the core of the *OECD Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies*. Special sessions on “measuring human rights and democratic governance” were organised in the regional Conference for the Arab region on “*Statistics, Knowledge and Policy*” (Sana’a, Yemen, 19 April 2007) and in the OECD World Forum (Istanbul, 27-30 June 2007). On these occasions, heads and experts of Partner Organizations presented the processes, outcomes and lessons of the Metagora pilot experiences.

Metagora also co-produced an advocacy film on “*Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies*” that presents the Istanbul World Forum and includes interviews of several key actors, including selected Metagora partners who specifically comment on the human rights, democracy and governance dimensions of measuring progress of societies. This 12-minute film will be followed by a second one, focusing more specifically on why and how to measure human rights and democratic governance. This will further use the many interviews filmed in Istanbul and will also include sequences to be filmed in two or three countries where Metagora is active.

Metagora took important steps aimed at *mainstreaming measurement of human rights and democratic governance within the international statistical system*, as a follow-up to the Metagora informal working dinner of selected National Chief Statisticians held in New York in February 2007:

- Outcomes and lessons from the project were presented at the meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics held in Geneva on 13-14 June 2007;
- Metagora co-organised a *Latin-American Workshop on Measuring Human Rights*, together with the Research and Training Centre of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) and the Sao Paulo Municipal Human Rights Commission. This workshop was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 19-21 June 2007. It was attended by heads and experts of several Latin American NSOs, as well as by representatives of several research centres and Civil Society Organisations. Metagora partners from Ecuador (NSO), Mexico (Fundar), Peru (NSO), the Philippines (CHR), and South Africa (HSRC) made substantive contributions.
- The Metagora experience was highlighted in three topical meetings of the 56th Session of the *International Statistical Institute (ISI)* held in Lisbon on 22 -29 August 2007. In particular Mr. Romulo Virola (NSCB, the Philippines) made a presentation of the work carried out by his institution in measuring governance at the national and local levels.
- Metagora is co-organising – together with the PCBS-Palestine and the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics – a Seminar on Democratic Governance Statistics for Directors-general of NSOs from the Arab States. This seminar will be held in Amman, Jordan, on 22-23 October 2007.

In the course of recent months, Metagora also contributed to several key international events and reinforced its collaboration and synergies with other networks and projects. This was the case in the UNDP-OGC meetings held in Oslo and Bergen on *Governance Assessments* (on 27-29 August and 23-25 September 2007), in the OECD Development Centre meeting on *Gender Indicators* (Paris, 24 May 2007), and in the

OECD-GovNet Steering Group meetings on governance assessments (held in the Hague and Bergen on 9 May and 26 September 2007).

On 28 August 2007 the Independent Panel of Experts (IPE) – which since 2005 has been reviewing the implementation and outcomes of Metagora – adopted an *Assessment Report covering the period from February 2004 to July 2007*. This report, which is largely based on in-depth reviews of the survey-based Metagora pilots, presents the main findings of the IPE (strengths, weaknesses and technical shortcomings of the project) and formulates a number of important recommendations aimed at enhancing the scientific, technical and professional basis of the project. The IPE stresses, *inter alia*, that “*Metagora has made a major contribution in showing, through its various pilot experiences, that measuring human rights, democracy and governance is technically feasible and policy-oriented. (...) The IPE appreciated the remarkable progress accomplished by Metagora in a very short time, including the rich body of important and useful substantive results produced by several of the national pilot projects (...) The Training Materials and the Inventory of Initiatives attest to the impressive capacity gained by the project to generate tools that are informative, rigorous, innovative and useful.*” The IPE notes that:

- “*Any future plans for Metagora must take into account both the achievements and the identified weaknesses of the pilot phase. The technical shortcomings identified by the independent review have to be duly addressed when planning, budgeting, designing and implementing activities.*”
- “*The surveys implemented during the pilot phase are still too few for developing and duly documenting robust tools. (...) These can be further developed and validated only by means of replication and extension.*”
- “*The IPE strongly recommends to the community of donors to support the continuation and enhancement of the Metagora project in its second phase so that it can complete its work.*”

The 8th meeting of the Metagora Steering Committee (MSC) was held in Paris on 8 October 2007. This was the first meeting of the MSC with its new partnership-based constituency, including not only donor institutions, but also representatives of the Partner Organizations. The MSC took satisfactory notice of the IPE’s Assessment Report. Donors made positive comments on the activities and outcomes of Metagora. For instance, CIDA-Canada announced that the Training Materials were reviewed in-depth and incorporated into their own institutional training instruments to promote proper evidence-based assessment of human rights and democratic governance. Current and potential donors were also impressed by the impact of the project in the field, powerfully presented by Mr. Romulo Virola, about the rights of indigenous populations in the Philippines, and Emilio Alvarez Icaza Longoria, Ombudsman of Mexico City, on abuses and ill-treatment by public authorities in Mexico City (Federal District). Current donors confirmed their respective financial commitments. However, it was clear for the MSC that:

- the delay between commitment and disbursement (funds committed for 2007 will only be effectively available in the last quarter of the year) is jeopardising the continuity of activities; and
- there is still a gap between the current funding and the funds needed to implement Metagora II’s programme of work (for an annual average amount of EUR 2.8 million, totalling a forecast four-year period cost of EUR 11 million).