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I. Introduction

The present document is a PARIS21 activities report to be presented at the Steering Committee meeting of May 2007. It outlines the Partnership's activities and progress over the period of November 2006 to April 2007, including follow-up on decisions made at the last Steering Committee meeting¹.

II. Progress in PARIS21 Activities from November 2006 to April 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 Secretariat participated in the *2007 Africa Symposium on Statistical Development* and, in its margins, the *Building Capacity to Measure and Foster the Progress of Societies: OECD pre-conference for Africa*, from 14 to 19 January 2007, in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Francophone countries:** PARIS21 has supported Francophone African NSDS processes with advocacy, resource mobilisation, and on-demand advice to country NSOs. In particular, PARIS21 has participated in partner events (e.g., *15th session of Afristat's Comité Directeur* and the *16th session of its Council of Ministers*, held from 2 to 4 April 2007, in Lomé, Togo) to advocate for NSDS design and support to statistical development in general. In collaboration with the Comoros Commissariat Général au Plan, PARIS21 co-organised a videoconference on 22 March 2007 to present the country's NSDS to partners and solicit their support. In the margins of the Lomé meetings, the Secretariat also organised a meeting on statistical financing mechanisms.
- **Anglophone countries:** To replace the DFID-seconded staff member in charge of PARIS21's regional programme for Anglophone African countries, the Secretariat has contracted the services of a regionally based consultant to lead this work. Meanwhile, a work programme has been prepared, the programme of peer reviews revived, and consultants engaged to facilitate the process.
- **Lusophone countries:** The PARIS21 Secretariat participated in the *Post-AFCAS Workshop on Agricultural Statistics for Lusophone Countries* and an *International Conference of NSO Directors from Lusophone Countries*, held back-to-back from 11 to 12 December 2006, in Praia, Cape Verde. In the margins of this meeting, PARIS21 interviewed Cape Verde President Mr. Pedro Pires on the importance of statistics. He explained why statistics are crucial to understand current situations and to implement and monitor development policy in the context of his country, and he outlined how statistics play an important role in regional integration and trade negotiations with partners. Video clips from this interview are available for viewing here: <http://www.paris21.org/pages/advocacy/videos/video-clips/>.

Latin America

- **Central America:** From 22 to 23 March 2007, in Panama City, PARIS21 organised a *Regional Meeting on the Progress of NSDS Implementation in Central America*. Participants reviewed the status of NSDS implementation, related problems, and solutions; discussed the establishment of the Central American Statistical Committee; and outlined a programme of activities.
- **Andean Community:** The Secretariat has agreed with the Andean Community to organise an NSDS workshop for the region, which will be held in Ecuador from 31 May to 1 June 2007.

¹ For a breakdown of the follow-up to the decisions taken by the Steering Committee in November 2006, please refer to Annex I.

Arab States

PARIS21 participated at the *Seventh Session of ESCWA Statistical Committee* (7–9 November 2006, Beirut) and the *31st Meeting of the League of Arab States' Permanent Technical Statistics Commission* (14–16 November 2006, Cairo) to promote NSDS in the region. In addition, the Secretariat has produced translations into Arabic of the following key PARIS21 documents:

- the “Counting Down Poverty” advocacy booklet;
- the “NSDS Design and Implementation Issues” paper;
- the “Developing a Policy-Based NSDS” paper;
- a “Typology of Partner Financial and Non-Financial Support” paper produced within the framework of the Reporting System on Partner Support to Statistical Development task team; and
- the executive summary and questionnaire from the “Review of Support to Statistical Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa: From Reporting to Collaboration” report.

From 17–19 April 2007, PARIS21 co-organised the *Third Regional Forum on Statistical Capacity Building for the Arab Region* in Sana'a, Yemen. The last day of the Forum was devoted to an OECD regional conference leading up to the *Second OECD World Forum on "Statistics, Knowledge and Policy"*. Among the conclusions that emerged from the discussions was the commitment of Arab countries to continue their efforts to design and implement their NSDS.

Asia

With the series of four subregional forums in Asia recently completed, PARIS21 and UNESCAP have developed a programme of work in the region which will build on the momentum gained and lessons learned in the past year of joint activities. The joint programme of work will include the roll-out of the light reporting exercise 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. At the request of participants at the March 2007 Secretariat of the Pacific Community meeting, PARIS21/UNESCAP will explore the possibility of engaging in activities with Pacific islands and territories, in particular in organising an NSDS workshop for the region. PARIS21 also participated in the *OECD Regional Conference for Asia: "Statistics, Knowledge and Policy"* held in Seoul, Korea, from 5 to 8 February 2007.

1.2 NSDS Methodology

1.2.1 NSDS Methodology Papers

Since the last Steering Committee meeting, PARIS21 has finalised the “NSDS: Some Issues in Design and Implementation Planning” paper and translated it into Arabic, French, and Spanish. The Secretariat also translated the guide to “Developing a Policy-based NSDS” into Arabic, French, and Portuguese. These two papers are the first two in the newly launched PARIS21 Document Series. Work has also been undertaken on an inventory of institutions working on data analysis as well as a typology of technical assistance to statistics, with the intention to explore the challenges faced by development partners in scaling up technical assistance and to provide guidance on how this can best be managed.

1.2.2 Task Teams

Training for Official Statisticians

From 12 to 13 March 2007, in Kampala, Uganda, PARIS21 co-organised a meeting on *Developing Statistics with Appropriate and Well-funded Training*, within the framework of the training task team. Participants discussed the appropriateness of training relative to the needs of national statistical systems and sustainable financing for training institutes and for grants. The recommendations issued included: the creation of an African subgroup to the task team, the establishment of an African Forum on Statistical Training, the analysis of training components within existing NSDSs or NSDSs under development, and the production of an feasibility study on the creation of a fund for statistical training.

PARIS21 – Intersect task team on integrating sectoral statistics into NSDSs

Back-to-back with the training task team meeting held in Kampala, the PARIS21–Intersect task team organised a meeting from 14 to 15 March to present the draft guide on mainstreaming sectoral statistics: “A manual for planning an integrated national statistical system.” Meeting participants reviewed the guide, providing comments and suggestions for additional materials. The document, currently available in English and French, will be finalised by June 2007 then translated into other languages. The draft manual is so far based on African experiences and on four sectors: agriculture, education, health, and labour. This will be a “living” document with opportunities to update and add materials from other regions and on other sectors.

Rural and Agricultural Statistics

In collaboration with the FAO, PARIS21 has finalised the advocacy video “Food and Agriculture Statistics in Support of Development” in English and French, and inputs on integrating agricultural statistics development into NSDS have been incorporated into the Intersect guide (see above). In addition, a survey questionnaire was produced to assess the state of food and agricultural statistical systems in Africa. Based on that questionnaire, country profiles were then developed in the form of a web-based application database. The database will be posted live later in the year.

Reporting System on Partner Support to Statistical Development

At the first meeting of the team, there was general agreement on the need for a reporting system on statistical development, whose main purposes would be to contribute to improved partner coordination and serve as an advocacy tool to mobilise resources for statistical activities. The team — composed of representatives from the UK, France, the OECD, the EC, World Bank, IMF, FAO, and the UNECE — agreed on a template of key characteristics for the review of existing partner reporting systems, which would be completed by team members for their respective institution. The meeting also agreed that a classification of statistical areas and a typology of financing mechanisms would be useful tools for an eventual reporting system. A second meeting was held on 16 February 2007 in which participants (i) discussed the review of existing reporting systems, namely the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) of the OECD, the World Bank’s Country Statistical Information Database, the IMF’s Technical Assistance Management Information System, the FAO’s Field Programme Management Information System, and the UNECE/Eurostat reporting exercises for the Central Asian and Balkan countries; (ii) reviewed the draft classification of statistical areas and the typology of financial and non-financial support; and (iii) discussed a proposed phased strategy to move forward on a partner reporting system. The Secretariat has contracted a consultant to undertake a study of the statistical capacity building (SCB) projects within the OECD’s CRS. The primary objectives of this study will be to draft methodology to help identify SCB activities via the CRS in the future and to present the findings of this analysis and propose recommendations to the task team. The team’s next meeting is scheduled for 18 May 2007 in the PARIS21 Secretariat’s offices, which will discuss a draft proposal for the design and development of the reporting system.

1.2.3 Knowledge Base

The NSDS knowledge base continues to be updated and maintained on the PARIS21 website². It is disseminated at every PARIS21 event in the form of a CD-ROM. Discussions with the World Bank and Development Gateway have continued to refine the proposed work programme of the task team on collating statistical knowledge available on the web, which is intended to complement the NSDS knowledge base.

1.3 NSDS Reporting

The Secretariat has begun gathering country information related to the NSDS process and organising it in a website, whose primary objectives are to disseminate the methodological and advocacy documentation on NSDS and to report on country progress in designing and implementing their strategies. The country profiles will be validated by NSO representatives before posting to the site. A beta version of the site with draft country profiles has been produced.

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

2.0 ADVOCACY

PARIS21 participated actively in the Third International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 5 to 8 February 2007, which was targeted as a key advocacy event involving senior policy-makers. PARIS21 co-organised three sessions on statistics at the Roundtable:

- “Statistics – Data for Results: Policy Needs”
- “Statistics – Building a Better Statistical System”
- “Statistics – Accelerating Progress”

In these sessions, participants reaffirmed the spirit of the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics and encouraged a scaling-up of support to statistical development. In plenary, the Roundtable issued a final press statement in which participants “agreed that both developing countries and donors needed to invest more in systems and capacity for managing for results in developing countries, including in such areas as national statistical systems, and sector-wide monitoring and evaluation.” During the closing session, very strong support was articulated for statistical development in general and PARIS21 in particular. The World Bank vice president called for a donors meeting on statistical capacity building to be held in the margins of the Spring 2007 IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings (see section 3.2 below).

Since the last Steering Committee meeting, the development of a country-level advocacy kit has been undertaken, based on experiences assisting the Malawi NSO and the production of an advocacy brochure for them. A new booklet entitled “Counting Down Poverty: the Role of Statistics in World Development” was produced for the Hanoi Roundtable and translated into Arabic, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. The booklet has been disseminated to NSOs all over the world. In addition, the PARIS21 Secretariat worked with the Health Metrics Network Secretariat to produce a joint advocacy brochure entitled “HMN & PARIS21 Working Together.”

As the 2006 Africa Statistics Day celebrations focused on NSDS, the PARIS21 Secretariat and UNECA supported country communication and advocacy activities targeting mass media, politicians, and technical and financial partners. The Secretariat produced a video entitled “Statistical Planning for a Dynamic Development,” including most notably interviews of officials from African regional institutions. The video was distributed to all African NSOs, multilateral and bilateral donors, and journalists throughout the world.

3.0 IMPROVING DONOR COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

3.1 Light Reporting Exercise

As proposed by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities 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 as of January 2007 to the CCSA at its February 2007 meeting in New York.

3.2 Partnership Initiatives

At the suggestion of a World Bank vice-president at the Hanoi Roundtable, a special meeting on “Scaling Up Efforts to Improve Statistical Capacity” was held in the margins of the IMF / World Bank Spring Meetings on 14 April 2007. The World Bank, working together with the PARIS21 Secretariat and other development partners, presented a proposal for increasing financing and improving co-ordination, consistent with the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics and the discussions at the Hanoi Roundtable. Participants expressed strong support, noting that NSDSs need to be integrated into PRSPs and that a “sector-wide” approach to statistical capacity building is needed. Follow-up to the Washington Meeting and the Hanoi Roundtable will be discussed by the PARIS21 Steering Committee and other invitees at its meeting on 11 May

4.0 SATELLITE PROGRAMMES

The satellite programmes and Metagora will be discussed in greater detail at the Fall Steering Committee meeting.

4.1 International Household Survey Network (IHSN)

The main activities implemented or initiated during the period November 2006 to April 2007 include:

- The “Microdata Management Toolkit” package has been further developed and translated into French, Spanish, and Russian. It is now being translated into Arabic. The Toolkit is used by an increasing number of countries and agencies, including UNICEF who started using the Toolkit to document surveys conducted under the 2005 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey round. Guidelines on microdata documentation and dissemination have been produced to complement the Toolkit. Additional tools and guidelines for microdata anonymisation are being developed.
- A new IHSN website has been produced and launched. The website has been translated into French (currently being reviewed; to be launched soon).
- A group of experts has been established to develop a “survey quality assessment framework”, inspired by Eurostat’s DESAP (a self-assessment framework for survey managers).
- A DFID statistician has joined the IHSN Secretariat for two years to lead the implementation of the work program on harmonisation of international survey recommendations.
- Arab countries have formally requested ESCWA to participate actively in the IHSN activities.
- The Grant Agreement between the World Bank and OECD for the financing of 2007 activities was concluded in April 2007 (US\$750,000).

4.2 Accelerated Data Programme (ADP) in Pilot Countries

In early 2007, the PARIS21 Secretariat recruited two new staff members to co-ordinate the satellite programmes’ activities. An international panel consisting of representatives from France, the OECD, the United Kingdom, and the World Bank interviewed the candidates and proposed their choices. The two new members assumed their functions in mid-April.

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 focus during the period has been on Task 1, which has started in Cameroon, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Honduras, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, and Uganda. Agreements are being finalised with Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mongolia, Senegal, and Vietnam. For implementing Task 1 of ADP, partnerships have been established with ESCAP and with the Inter-American Development Bank. An agreement with ESCWA is also being established at the request of Arab countries, for implementation of ADP in two pilot Arab countries (to be determined). AFRISTAT also contributed by providing a regional training workshop. In addition to the above mentioned countries, requests for ADP support (Task 1) have been received from Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia and Somaliland.
- Task 2 has not yet started but has been requested by Ethiopia and Uganda.
- Task 3 is being implemented in Niger (support to a Household Budget Survey) and DR Congo (support to the editing, tabulation and analysis of 1-2-3 Survey).
- A web-based Light Information System on ADP (LISA) has been developed and will be launched at the end of April 2007, as a tool to inform authorised parties on ADP activities.
- The Grant Agreement between the World Bank and OECD for the financing of 2007 activities was concluded in April 2007 (US\$ 2 million).

4.3 Measuring Human Rights, Democracy and Governance (Metagora)

In the course of a videoconference held on 14 November 2006, the Metagora Steering Committee of Donors gave its green light for a second phase of Metagora to start in February 2007. This decision was based on a reviewed project outline for Metagora II presented by the Coordination Team.

This project outline for the second phase of Metagora envisages greater involvement of national Human Rights Institutions (HRIs). The high-level meeting organised in Paris on 25–26 January 2007 therefore aimed at providing guidance on concrete plans for action with HRIs. It gathered a small group of Chairpersons of national HRIs (Kenya, Korea, Malawi, Mexico, the Philippines and Sri Lanka), the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing, as well as selected international experts. The discussions, based on a Reference Note drafted by the coordination team, mainly focused on: (i) experiences, expectations and plans of HRIs and UN Special Rapporteurs in measuring human rights; (ii) possibilities for supporting capacity building of HRIs in the field of evidence-based assessment and monitoring; and (iii) the development of a Metagora Strategic Network of national HRIs.

As an immediate follow-up to this meeting, the Chairpersons of the HRIs of Korea and the Philippines, together with the coordination team, presented substantial contributions during the special session on “measuring human rights and democratic governance” within the OECD Regional Conference for Asia on Indicators of Progress of Societies, held in Seoul on 8–9 February 2007.

The Metagora pilot phase (February 2004 – February 2007) concluded, as planned, with a Methodological Workshop gathering experts and Partner Implementing Organizations in charge of the design and technical conduct of the experiences carried out within the framework of the project in various regions of the world. The workshop was held in Paris on 29–31 January 2007 and started with the presentation of preliminary findings of an on-going assessment of Metagora pilot activities by an Independent Panel of Experts. Subsequent discussions focused mainly on: (i) data protection issues and professional integrity of Metagora activities; (ii) involvement of official statistical offices in measuring democratic governance and/or human rights issues; (iii) pilot surveys’ gaps, non-response issues and robustness/reliability of the information provided during the pilot phase; (iv) linking quantitative and qualitative analysis, as well as objective and subjective data for building nationally based indicators; and (v) the structure and content of the Metagora training materials.

On 27–28 March 2007, the coordination team actively participated in the national conference on “Statistics and Development” organised in Ramallah by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) in cooperation with ESCWA. From 17–19 April 2007, the coordination team participated in the Third Regional Forum on Statistical Capacity Building for the Arab Region and the OECD regional conference leading up to the Second OECD World Forum on “Statistics, Knowledge and Policy” in Sana’a, Yemen

During the reporting period, work on the Metagora Training Materials, conducted by two consultants in collaboration with PIOs, has been intensified. The materials are in the process of being submitted for peer-review to a selected number of senior experts and will be published on-line in June 2007.

5.0 MANAGEMENT

5.1 Institutional Situation

After discussions with the OECD’s Development Co-operation Directorate, 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 presented, on 25 April, before the OECD Executive Committee, who decided to defer its decision on the document to the next Executive Committee meeting on 25 May. If the Executive Committee approves the document, it will go before the Council on 13 June. If approved, the Secretariat will immediately launch the recruitment of a Deputy Secretariat Manager.

5.2 Steering Committee Bureau

At the request of the Steering Committee and in consultation with the co-chairs, the Secretariat helped launch the creation of the Bureau, by identifying members and drafting revised terms of reference, which were agreed by written procedure. The Secretariat organised an informal Bureau meeting in the margins of the Hanoi Roundtable in February 2007 then the first official Bureau meeting in the margins of the UN Statistical Commission in March 2007 in New York. The Secretariat revised the “Renewed Mandate” and “Strengthened Partnership” papers from the November 2006 Steering Committee meeting as well as the PARIS21 governance arrangements and terms of reference for the Deputy Manager position, all of which were shared with the Bureau for approval. The “Renewed Mandate” paper was approved, while the “Strengthened Partnership” one will be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting of May 2007.

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) seconded staff (DFID), nor 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; (3) OECD contributions; and (4) details on the two new satellite programmes or Metagora. It includes a summary of expenditure (committed and spent) for the 2006 and the first quarter of 2007.

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

	2004	2005	2006	1st Quarter 2007	Rest of 2007-08 (<i>expected</i>)	2007-2008
Remaining funds from the previous period	913,990	711,896	2,655,427	3,133,591		3,133,591
Income	970,455	3,938,363	2,405,137	2,225,354	679,671	2,905,025
Expenditure	1,172,549	1,994,832	1,926,974	1,500,030	5,132,470	6,632,500
Balance	711,896	2,655,427	3,133,591		4,354,421	-593,884

Funding gap = 593,884 Euros

**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 31st March 2007	Expected 2007	Total 2007	2008
Austria		200,000				
Belgium		800,000				
Canada			966,370		966,370	
EFTA		80,000				
European Commission	16,226					
Finland		200,000				
France	500,000	924,000		<i>400,000</i>	400,000	
Germany		300,000				
Ireland	312,499	330,000				
Japan	68,602					
Netherlands	450,000	600,000				
Norway		385,589		<i>185,263</i>	185,263	
Sweden	163,421	497,098				
Switzerland	310,270	287,425		<i>94,408</i>	94,408	
United Kingdom	2,136,869	1,486,003	281,724		281,724	
World Bank	894,063	1,223,840	977,260		977,260	
Total	4,851,950	7,313,955	2,225,354	<i>679,671</i>	2,905,025	

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

Activity	TOTAL paid 2006	Committed Q1 2007	Paid Q1 2007	TOTAL Q1 2007
Management	281,778	29,456	118,385	147,841
Human resources	888,141	530,264	356,471	886,735
Advocacy	16,709	21,301	50,573	71,874
Partnership and Information exchange	205,691	35,790	65,370	101,160
Task Teams and Studies	44,207	16,259	32,948	49,207
National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	177,984	31,056	-1,167	29,890
Regional programs	31,402	6,996	0	6,996
Africa	132,462	100,559	40,206	140,766
Arab States	55,604	38,184	0	38,184
Asia	20,001	11,143	0	11,143
Latin America	72,994	5,378	10,856	16,234
Reporting	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Expenditure (2006 and 1st quarter of 2007)	1,926,974	826,387	673,643	1,500,030

Annex I: Follow-up to Steering Committee Decisions of November 2006

#	November 2006 Steering Committee Decision	Follow-up Actions
1	<p>Does the Committee agree to the renewed mandate proposed in document# P21-SC2-06-RNW? The renewed mandate proposed in the document is generally agreed. The partnership goal and Secretariat activities were agreed. The Secretariat is asked to redraft the text to reflect the comments from the Steering Committee's discussion, notably the need to emphasise that the focus is on country priorities and to refine the partnership purpose, outcomes and outputs in the logical framework. This revised version will be reviewed by the Steering Committee Bureau then approved by the Steering Committee.</p>	<p>The Secretariat revised the renewed mandate along the lines proposed by the Steering Committee then shared it with the Bureau. The Bureau approved the new version, asking the Secretariat to include a paragraph on the role of the Steering Committee and its Bureau and (in the annex) a reference to promoting the mainstreaming of strategic planning in national development processes. These further changes have been made.</p>
2	<p>Does the Committee agree to the strengthened partnership modalities proposed in document# P21-SC2-06-PART? In collaboration with the Steering Committee Bureau (then later approved by the full Committee), the Secretariat will redraft the partnership modalities, taking into account the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy to the operational level within organisations. Getting statistics included in development dialogue. How? High-level statement and improving day-to-day communications. Making best use of Hanoi. Thoughts on tools for promoting PARIS21 spirit at country level • Bringing PARIS21 spirit to the country level: e.g., through UN country teams / donor co-ordination arrangements, but with countries in control. Countries to articulate what they want and what they don't want. • Using NSDS as the co-ordination tool at country level • Address demand side, involving other users and more country / regional representation (Steering Committee membership) • Secretariat to articulate practical actions for this (in collaboration with Steering Committee Bureau) 	<p>The Secretariat redrafted the document and shared it with the Bureau. Bureau members agreed that the revised paper should be viewed as a living document. The Bureau requested further feedback from developing countries, particularly on how statisticians can reach out to the operational/policy people. The Secretariat will communicate the paper to the wider community to receive feedback and encourage participation.</p>
3	<p>Does the Committee agree to the forward Work Programme for the period November 2006 to June 2007, as proposed in document# P21-SC2-06-WKPG? There was an overall agreement, with emphasis placed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer reviews • Advocacy to developing country policymakers • Implementation challenges • Resource mobilisation • Satellite programme activities should be included • Studies on informal sector and administrative data • Implementation of statistical capacity building indicators • Need for big effort by PARIS21 in lead-up to Hanoi 	<p>The Secretariat has drafted an updated work programme (available under document# P21-SC1-07-WKPG) that takes these points into account.</p>

#	November 2006 Steering Committee Decision	Follow-up Actions
4	<p>Does the Committee agree to the governance arrangements proposed in document# P21-SC2-06-GOV? The arrangements were generally agreed. Changes were proposed to Annex I & II of the document. Enlargement of the Steering Committee was not viewed as necessary at this point, but a plenary Consortium-style meeting could be held in 2008 to engage more partners, in particular policymakers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to establish a Steering Committee Bureau? Agreed. Current volunteers include UNSD, World Bank, and Eurostat. The Secretariat will identify the remaining members in consultation with the co-chairs. The number of developing country representatives will be increased by one. (After the meeting, it was agreed by the co-chairs to increase by one the number of biggest contributors to the PARIS21 budget.) The term of membership will be for two years. The Secretariat will draft new TORs to be circulated for approval by written procedure. • Agree to the proposed reorganisation of the structure of the Secretariat, including creation of a position of Deputy to the Secretariat Manager? General consensus. Some changes to organigramme and Deputy Manager TORs were proposed and will be reviewed by the Bureau. • Agree to the Secretariat hosting phase II of Metagora? Generally agreed. The Secretariat will do some work on clarifying the relationship between the PARIS21 Secretariat and Metagora, including in the MOU with the OECD. 	<p>The governance arrangements have been updated accordingly and approved by the Bureau.</p> <p>The Bureau was established and held its first meeting on 1 March 2007 in the margins of the UN Statistical Commission in New York.</p> <p>Changes to the Deputy Manager’s TORs were incorporated and a final version approved by the Bureau.</p> <p>The document setting out the relationship between PARIS21 and the OECD, including the place Metagora holds within this structure, has been drafted in collaboration with OECD directorates and is in the approval stages.</p>
5	<p>Does the Committee endorse the establishment of a task team on “Reporting System on Donor Support to Statistical Activities” as requested by the CCSA and described in document# P21-SC2-06-LRE? This point was endorsed. It was recommended that this work link to existing DAC systems.</p>	<p>The work of this team has advanced and its progress is outlined in section 1.2.2 above.</p>
6	<p>Does the Committee agree to hold the next Steering Committee from 25–26 April 2007 in Paris? Does the Committee agree to the proposed format of (1) a full-day meeting on the 2007–2008 work programme, (2) a half-day seminar on the satellite programmes and Metagora, and (3) a half-day session on donor and TFSCB issues? The dates proposed conflict with some UN meetings in Singapore. The Secretariat is asked to propose new dates. Two meetings will be held for 2007 (the second of which could be held back-to-back with the November 2007 Inter-Agency and Expert Group meeting on monitoring the MDGs in Paris). The number of meetings for 2008 and beyond will be reviewed at a later time. The Bureau will review the format of the next meeting.</p>	<p>At the 1 March 2007 meeting of the Bureau held in New York, it was agreed to hold the Steering Committee meeting from 10 to 11 May 2007 in Paris. It was further agreed that — in light of the fact that the two new Secretariat posts tasked with implementing the satellite programmes would not begin until mid-April — review of the satellites and Metagora would be postponed until the Fall 2007 Steering Committee meeting.</p>