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I. Overview

Since the Steering Committee's approval in October 2003 of the Partnership's objective of encouraging all low-income countries to design a National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) by 2006, the Secretariat has started to implement this objective at several international and regional events.

Marrakech

The PARIS21 agenda was well represented at the Second International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results held in Marrakech, Morocco. Seminar II of the Roundtable was devoted to "The Global Statistical Challenge: A Road Map for Success," in which participants recommended that "PARIS21 and the Global Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building focus on supporting countries' strategic planning" and agreed a "Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics" listing six urgent actions, which the World Bank President cited in his closing remarks. This action plan represents very strong support for PARIS21's NSDS programme.

Delivering the Regional Programmes: Panama

The Panama regional workshop on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics for Central American Countries was the first workshop that focused on the new objective of promoting NSDS. At the formal request of the Provisional Secretariat of the Central American Statistical Committee, it was convened to assist the region's countries in the NSDS approach. Specifically, the objectives of the event were three-fold: (i) support Central America countries in the design of their road maps for taking the NSDS process forward; (ii) agree on a framework of collaboration with key donors to support countries; and (iii) finalise the PARIS21 regional programme for Central America countries. On all three accounts, the meeting was a success. The six participating countries have produced draft road maps which will be finalised and officially agreed back in their countries by mid-June. The country participation was impressive, efficiently applying new methods and concepts in such a short time. During the workshop, participating donors drafted an agreement on sharing information regarding the possibility of funding NSDS preparation and will report on activities related to support to statistical activities. In some ways, the Panama workshop is a reference for our work to support NSDS, but follow up on these tasks will be the key challenge for the Secretariat.

Based on the Panama example, regional programmes have been drafted for the Andean Community and the Arab States and are also being drafted and discussed for the other regions. The strong participation of countries, regional and international representatives, and people skilled in the design of these programmes could take time but is a prerequisite for their success.

Donor collaboration: FASDev

In collaboration with PARIS21 and the African Development Bank, UNECA organised a Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDev) held in Addis Ababa in May 2004. This was the first time that all partners supporting statistical development in Africa had a chance to share information and envision a real collaboration mechanism to support African countries' statistical development. The meeting was well attended: more than 22 organisations (international, regional, sub-regional, and bilateral) participated and made presentations on their activities to support statistical development in Africa. There was overall support (i) to establish FASDev as a permanent mechanism to encourage partner collaboration, (ii) to contribute to annual reports on activities related to statistical development, and (iii) to develop a common strategic framework for the statistical development of Africa. A second FASDev meeting is scheduled for February 2005.

Despite some organising constraints FASDev meeting was a success and a starting point of a deeper collaboration among donors where information exchange will be the first step. PARIS21 will fully support UNECA in organising FASDev meetings and envisages replicating this event in other regions.

NSDS Methods: Guidelines for Designing NSDS

The first draft version of the “Guidelines on Designing NSDS” is now available and in the review process. The Guidelines are intended to assist the country NSDS design teams to take the process forward, from the initial stages of garnering political support to the implementation stage. It is a key piece in PARIS21’s strategy to deliver on the objectives. The Guidelines are a part of documentation and advocacy materials that PARIS21 intends to deliver to support NSDS. PARIS21 will produce a document outlining the complementarity between the various existing initiatives related to statistical development.

Advocacy

Advocacy for NSDS and the PARIS21 agenda has gained steam. The DAC chairman participated in the IDA Deputies meeting in Paris leading to a specific mention of statistical capacity building in the new themes for IDA14 replenishment, in the UNSC meeting nearly leading to an ECOSOC resolution, and in the FASDev meeting leading to a support of NSDS by partners involved in statistical development in Africa. The video-recorded message of Carlos Jarque (Director of the Inter-American Development Bank’s Sustainable Development Department) to Panama workshop participants was also a key input in that meeting.

Key Problems

The follow up of activities is becoming a key issue in ensuring the success of the PARIS21 agenda, and funding remains the main constraint to the implementation of the work programme. Efforts made with the Joint Funding Proposal should provide some additional funds, but it is still the main concern for the future.

In the report that follows, where the Steering Committee’s approval is required to take certain elements of the PARIS21 work programme forward, a text box has been included to highlight the decision to be made. A summary of all decisions to be made is offered in Annex I. The opinions of the Committee will be solicited at the 14 June 2004 meeting and will be summarised in the meeting’s minutes.

II. Description of PARIS21 Activities (October 2003–May 2004)

A – PARIS21 Management

A-1 PARIS21 Reporting

In February 2004, PARIS21 presented its annual report to the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and in March 2004 its annual report to the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC). Both reports highlight PARIS21's objectives and achievements and define its future outputs. Both presentations were well received and generated support for the PARIS21 agenda.

A-2 Steering Committee

New terms of reference and governance arrangements were sent to the Steering Committee (document# *P21-SC1-04-GOV*). Although not all new members have been identified, it is expected that the entire composition of the Committee will be in place by the November 2004 Steering Committee meeting.

During the March 2004 UNSC meeting, new members for the UNSC Bureau were elected, in turn resulting in a new developing country chair for the PARIS21 Steering Committee. Mr. Kwaku A. Twum-Baah of Ghana will therefore replace Mr. Pali Lehohla of South Africa after the June 2004 PARIS21 Steering Committee meeting.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
1	Does the Committee approve the new Steering Committee terms of reference and governance arrangements as outlined in document# <i>P21-SC1-04-GOV</i> ?

A-3 Consortium

The Secretariat recently launched a new online Consortium membership form on the website. An automated message was sent on May 16 to the 2200 contacts in the membership database with a login and password. 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 if necessary. As of 28 May, 348 members had renewed their membership.

PARIS21 proposes to hold a Consortium meeting 2–4 November 2004 in Paris. The first day would be devoted to small seminars on specific topics. The second day would be the full session of the Consortium, and the final day a Steering Committee and Donors' meeting. Document# *P21-SC1-04-CONS* offers a concept note for the meetings, outlining their theme and modalities.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
2	Does the Committee approve the holding of a Consortium meeting and agree with the Consortium concept note in document # <i>P21-SC1-04-CONS</i> ?

A-4 Human Resources

With the addition of Metagora staff and recent new hires and secondees, the PARIS21 Secretariat has increased to 15 staff members. A new DFID–seconded staff member is also expected to join the Secretariat in the coming months to oversee Southern and East Africa region activities, and another expert will provide operational support in helping countries to secure support (funding and technical assistance) for the NSDS process in countries.

A-5 Fund Raising

The joint funding proposal for PARIS21 and the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building has been finalised and its cover letter signed by both François Bourguignon (Chief Economist of the World Bank) and Richard Manning (OECD/DAC Chairman). The proposal and letter were sent out to donors in May 2004, and a programme of systematic follow-up has been started. The Secretariat has also been in discussions with DFID to finalise its voluntary contribution. The Secretariat will provide the most current fund raising situation during the 14 June 2004 meeting.

The Secretariat has also written a paper that articulates a strategy to strengthen donor support for statistical capacity building (see document# *P21-SCI-04-DONOR*). The objectives of this strategy are:

- Increased (and sustained), better coordinated, more coherent and efficient donor support for statistical capacity building in developing countries within the framework of international approaches to aid effectiveness and harmonisation.
- PARIS21/TFSCB 2004–2006 work programmes and other international facilitation roles for statistics fully funded.
- Sharper focus on statistics for development, set within wider national strategies, and strengthened capacity of statisticians to make the case for adequate resources from donors and their governments for the longer term.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
3	Does the Committee endorse the objectives of the donor strategy and the four activity streams proposed in document# <i>P21-SCI-04-DONOR</i> ?

B – NSDS Methodological Programme

To assist countries in taking their NSDS process forward, a set of documents and materials, targeting different audiences and purposes, is needed, comprising both methodological and advocacy materials. Methodological materials include NSDS Key Principles, Guidelines on Designing an NSDS, “How to” Notes, and the PARIS21 Knowledge Base. Advocacy materials include a general NSDS advocacy paper, an OECD/DAC reference paper for donors, an NSDS Newsletter, and other materials including a video.

On **methodology**, the logic is that the **NSDS Key principles** will summarise the more detailed materials, drawing out the main messages to inform the NSDS design process and serve as an agreed set of criteria against which the quality of NSDSs and their processes can be judged. The PARIS21 Secretariat has drafted a first version of the **Guidelines on Designing an NSDS** (available at the 14 June 2004 Steering Committee meeting as a room document), which draw mainly on the work of the Strategic Statistical Development Plans task team and the advice of Prof Ben Kiregyera. The Guidelines will be under-pinned by more detailed, supporting **‘How to’ notes**, key documents on carrying out the processes (e.g., how to carry out a SWOT analysis, a stakeholder analysis, a user needs assessment, Human Resource strategy, assess data quality). Most of this material exists already but where there are gaps new guidelines will be commissioned. The ‘How to’ notes in turn will facilitate access to and be a tailored part of the extensive **PARIS21 Knowledge Base**.

The **advocacy materials** will need to be short, focused, and convincing to encourage broader recognition by national and international policy makers and financiers of the role of statistics in development and poverty reduction and of the necessity of strategic planning. National governments and donors will provide more funding for statistics only if they are convinced that poverty reduction and development generally (and/or aid effectiveness) is constrained by inadequate statistics. This needs to be demonstrated. Separate papers for developing country governments and donors will allow the messages to be more focused and potentially have more impact. These will be complemented by an **NSDS Newsletter** and **other advocacy materials**, possibly including a video.

A note describing the NSDS supporting documentation in greater detail and outlining the review process for the NSDS guidelines is available in document # *P21-SCI-04-NSDS*.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
4	Does the Committee agree to the creation of the NSDS supporting documentation outlined in document # <i>P21-SCI-04-NSDS</i> ?
5	Does the Committee agree with the review process for the NSDS design guidelines paper as outlined in document # <i>P21-SCI-04-NSDS</i> ?

C – Regional Programmes

Delivering regional programmes is at the heart of PARIS21 work. The overarching objective is to support countries in the design and implementation of their NSDS. It is recognised that low-income countries will get priority in PARIS21 support. These programmes draw on the recommendations of the regional workshops held during PARIS21’s first phase where there was an overall support for the key principles of PARIS21. The country reports produced for these events, added to the existing papers from other sources, will constitute the base line from which progress will be measured.

The PARIS21 Secretariat is in the process of designing such programmes with timetables and costs for each region. The Secretariat is holding informal consultations with appropriate key partners from the region. By the end of these consultations, draft programmes will be prepared. They will be then discussed during existing statistical events of the region and forwarded to partners for their support.

Typically a regional programme includes:

- support to countries in developing NSDS
 - organise regional workshops to promote, initiate, train, follow up, share experiences, and report on NSDS design. A second phase will deal with NSDS implementation.
 - facilitate financial support to NSDS design through TFSCB or others sources of funding.
 - develop a roster of experienced consultants to support NSDS design.
 - organise peer review, south–south collaboration, and advisory body
- advocacy at regional level
- support donor collaboration through exchange of information, meetings, and agreements
- organising country input into NSDS methodology review and knowledge base
- organising country input into the worldwide report

The details of specific regional programmes depend on the status of the countries’ statistical systems, their willingness to participate, and the existing programmes from other partners. So far, three regional programmes have been drafted and discussed: for Central America, for the Andean Community, and for Arab States. An overall programme concerning ACP countries has been established and is under discussion with the ACP Secretariat and the European Commission.

C–1 Sub-Saharan Africa

The Africa regional programme will include five sub regions in the three language zones: Francophone Africa (West and Central/others), Anglophone Africa (SADC, West, and East/Horn/others), and Lusophone countries. For every sub region, a regional programme is being drafted and under review. A baseline study for West African Francophone and Lusophone countries is being produced as an input for the design of the Africa regional programme. It is expected that by October 2004 all sub regional programmes will be in implementation.

FASDev

In collaboration with PARIS21 and the African Development Bank, UNECA organised a Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDev) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 12–13 May 2004. The DAC Chairman delivered a pre-recorded presentation to participants on the importance of establishing NSDSs and increasing financing to statistical development efforts.

The meeting was exceptionally well attended: more than 22 organisations (international, regional, sub-regional, and bilateral) attended and made presentations on their activities to support statistical development in Africa. It was the first time that all partners had a chance to share information and envision a real collaboration mechanism to support African statistical development. Even if some wording issues did not permit participants to finalise the recommendations on the spot, there was overall support (i) to establish FASDev as a permanent mechanism to encourage partner coordination, (ii) to produce annual reports on activities related to statistical development, and (iii) to develop a common strategic framework for the statistical development of Africa.

It now seems clear that UN-ECA will play a key role in statistical development in Africa, and this role was recognised by almost all Forum participants. UN-ECA will coordinate the design of a strategic framework for statistical development in Africa and will be the secretariat for FASDev. There was a common agreement to organise a meeting of heads of African statistical offices followed back-to-back by the second FASDev meeting during the first week of February 2005 in Addis Ababa. The NSDS was recognised as a milestone for statistical development, and many partners expressed their willingness to collaborate in the development of guidelines. The NSDS Guidelines will be presented for approval at the February 2005 meeting.

C-2 Central America

One of the conclusions that emerged from PARIS21's April 2003 San Salvador workshop was to establish a project that will develop a medium-term strategy for Central American countries that enables them to address the problems of the region's statistical systems and to propose adapted solutions. The Provisional Secretariat of the Central American Statistical Committee sent a letter to the PARIS21 Secretariat proposing that the region's countries serve as pilots for the PARIS21 methodology. As pilot countries, they will undertake the process of developing their NSDSs with financing adapted to the whole of its activities. The ultimate objective is to ensure that all the participating countries develop a strategy adopted in 2005 and that the strategies are implemented over the course of the following five years.

As follow-up to the San Salvador workshop and in collaboration with the Panama Census and Statistics Directorate, UNECLAC, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other regional and international partners, PARIS21 organised the Central America Regional Workshop on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics in Panama City, 20–22 April 2004.

Country	Estimated Date for Road Map Approval	Estimated Date for NSDS Approval
Costa Rica	June 2004	February 2006
Guatemala	June 2004	March 2005
Honduras	July 2004	March 2005
Nicaragua	June 2004	March 2005
Panama	June 2004	December 2004
El Salvador	August 2004	May 2005

The Panama workshop was convened to assist the region's countries in the NSDS approach. Specifically, the objectives of the event were three-fold:

- (i) Support Central America countries in the design of their road maps for taking the national strategies for the development of statistics (NSDS) process forward;
- (ii) Agree on a framework of collaboration with key donors to support countries; and
- (iii) Finalise the PARIS21 work programme for Central America countries.

On all three accounts, the meeting was a success. The six participating countries have produced draft road maps which will be finalised and officially agreed back in their countries by mid-June. The table above outlines the estimated dates for the approval of roadmaps and NSDSs in each country.

During the workshop, participating donors drafted an agreement on sharing information regarding the possibility of funding NSDS preparation and will report on that issue and more generally on activities related to support to statistical activities.

Finally, with Central American heads of statistical offices and the Provisional Secretariat of the Central America Commission for Statistics, a 2004–2006 work programme was drafted which focuses on support to NSDS. It includes support to country programmes, advocacy, development of methods, donor collaboration, and regional activities.

A side meeting with the statistical directors of Andean Community countries was also held to draft a 2004–2006 work programme for the subregion, which was reviewed at the statistical directors meeting on 27 and 28 May 2004. Similar discussions were held with some Caribbean directors who expressed their strong interest in participating in a work programme with PARIS21.

C–3 Arab States

The Head of the Jordan Department of Statistics and a representative of INSEE/France visited the PARIS21 Secretariat from 14–16 April 2004 to discuss the elements of a draft 2004–2006 work programme for the Arab region. In Addis Ababa, this draft programme was discussed with the representative of the League of Arab States and is now under final review. PARIS21 will submit this proposed work programme for discussion at the next Steering Group Forum meeting and will also send it to the heads of statistical offices of all Arab countries for their comments and approval. PARIS21 will facilitate with donors the funding of the programme.

C–4 Asia

In collaboration with UNDP, the Asian Development Bank, UNESCAP, and other regional and international partners, PARIS21 is designing programmes for the Asian sub regions. Through UNDP, the Japan Human Resources Development Fund has agreed to finance three workshops (for Central Asia, East Asia, and South Asia). There are still some remaining issues to finalise a Project Cooperation Agreement between the OECD and the UNDP to carry out this three-workshop programme.

PARIS21 participated in the International Symposium on Reforms, Achievements, and Challenges: China and Its Partners in Statistical Cooperation in Beijing in May 2004 and also in the Special Meeting organised by the IMF afterwards, during which the question of harmonisation of and synergies between various programmes was raised.

C – Advocacy

The Secretariat has developed an archive of statistical advocacy video clips, using film footage collected over the past year of senior policymakers, politicians, and statisticians speaking about the importance of using statistical information in the policymaking process. This will be made available on the website and on CD-ROM to PARIS21 partners wishing to use video material for advocacy purposes. Advocacy videos for Hispanophone and Francophone audiences are in the editing stage. Footage for the Arab-language film has been received and is being reviewed.

Of particular note are recent presentations delivered by the DAC Chair on behalf of PARIS21. His intervention at the International Development Association 14th meeting in Paris in February 2004 led to the establishment of an IDA priority on “mainstreaming of results-based CASs that address the issue of statistical capacity for all IDA countries.” He also delivered pre-recorded speeches to the March 2004 United Nations Statistical Commission’s 34th session in New York and to the May 2004 Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDev) in Addis Ababa. These interventions all emphasised the need for countries to establish National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) in order to develop their statistical systems and achieve the MDGs. PARIS21 also recorded a presentation by the Director of the Inter-American Development Bank’s Sustainable Development Department, which was delivered at the Regional Workshop on Designing NSDS held in Panama City, in April 2004.

Advocacy materials and activities are proposed in the context of NSDSs and strengthening donor support for statistical capacity building (see separate papers on these topics: document# *P21-SC1-04-NSDS* and document# *P21-SC1-04-DONOR*).

D – Partnership & Information Exchange

D-1 Newsletter

Based on recommendations received in the 2003 PARIS21 evaluation and from previous Steering Committee meetings, the content of the PARIS21 newsletter will be modified to focus more on statistical advocacy. The objective of this semi-annual newsletter is to encourage South–South co-operation, to share best practices, and to promote the use of statistics in policymaking and the establishment of National Strategies for the Development of Statistics.

D-2 Website

The Secretariat has expanded the functionality of the website and will launch a pilot of the Partnership Library of Statistical System Documentation (PARLISTAT) feature. The new website will be presented at the 14 June 2004 meeting.

E – Task Teams and Studies

Brief updates for the task teams that have been particularly active since the progress report in October 2003 follow:

E-1 Census

On 10–12 November 2003, the *Census* task team—in partnership with UNFPA, Statistics South Africa, the US Bureau of Census, and DFID—organised an “International Expert Group Seminar on Population Census Data Dissemination and Use” in Pretoria, South Africa. The seminar was followed by a small two-day Expert Group Meeting on 13–14 November to develop census advocacy materials. Interviews and seminar proceedings were filmed with the intention of developing an advocacy film specifically on censuses. As the task team convenor has resigned upon taking up a new position within the UN system, the PARIS21 Secretariat is in discussions to identify a new convenor and to revise the team’s terms of reference. The new terms of reference will be designed to help the team respond to the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics’ item on strengthening preparations for the 2010 census round.

E-2 Rural and Agricultural Statistics

As a direct result of the Rural and Agricultural Statistics task team activities, two complementary “Interim Regional Project Proposals for Strengthening Agricultural Statistics in Africa” prepared by FAO in collaboration with other agencies have been funded by the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building and the French Cooperation for a total amount of approximately US\$ one million for the next two years. The two projects are being executed by FAO with focus on strategic planning and institutional reform for agricultural statistics components of national statistical systems, strengthening capacity for data analysis (two regional training sessions and country data analysis), documenting and disseminating best practices (Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia), and methodological research (use of GPS, toolkit). Pilot countries include: Kenya, Rwanda, Mali, and Senegal. A full medium-term regional project is to be developed during this interim phase.

E-3 Improved Statistical Support for Monitoring Development Goals

The *Improved Statistical Support for Monitoring Development Goals* task team has finalised reports on its country case studies for Burkina Faso, Cambodia, and Malawi. On 25 May 2004, the final report from Oxford Policy Management on their investigation into the data in international databases used for monitoring the MDGs was circulated to task team members. All reports are available for download at www.paris21.org/hfm/TT_impmdg.htm. An update on all of the team’s six case studies as well as the international study was made at the Marrakech Roundtable in February 2004 and can be read at www.worldbank.org/data/results.html. The team intends to finalise all studies then produce a synthesis. The team will report on its progress at the 14 June 2004 Steering Committee meeting.

E-4 *Intersect*

The “Better use of multisectoral data, for decentralised governance and local accountability” (*Intersect*) team conducted missions to Tanzania and Uganda. The objective of the Tanzania mission was to obtain a comprehensive perspective of issues of data coordination across sectors at all levels and to ascertain views as to the relevance and value of the task team to Tanzania and to other countries tackling similar issues. The purpose of the Uganda mission was to speak with people developing monitoring and evaluation and statistical systems to seek ideas for *Intersect*.

E-5 *Metagora*

Under the umbrella of the *Tools and Methods* task team, the “Measuring Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (Metagora)” project began operations in the Secretariat on 2 February 2004. Since then the Metagora Co-ordination Team carried out missions to meet with partners and associated experts in New York (1), Geneva (1), Manila and North Philippines (2), Mexico (2), Palestine (1), Lima (2), Quito (1) and la Paz (1). Metagora launching meetings with Partner Implementing Organizations were held on 24–26 March in Paris to update the work programme, define specific needs for technical assistance, plan actions of cross-fertilisation, and draw-up an agreed detailed schedule of activities, meetings, and delivery of results. An important joint OECD/GOVNET–Metagora meeting was also held on 24 March in Paris and was attended by representatives of OECD Member States (Co-operation Agencies) as well as by several experts and senior staff from the OECD’s DCD and Development Centre. The President of the Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa, delivered a speech on the Metagora objectives, and two senior experts involved in the implementation of Metagora local activity in the Andean Community presented first results of ongoing work in measuring governance and democratic participation through regular national household surveys. The first meeting of the Metagora Committee of Donors was held on 29 April 2004 in Paris, to discuss a draft inception note and a revised budget as well as to take decisions on dates and content of technical and financial reporting. Metagora recently received a visit from a representative of Transparency International, and plans for future collaboration between the two bodies were explored. With the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) and DIAL, Metagora will co-organise a workshop on 11 and 12 June in Bamako, Mali to compare regular household surveys with opinion polls in terms of their strengths and weaknesses in the measurement of governance.

E-6 *New Task Teams*

Proposed terms of reference for new task teams on (1) *Costing and Funding of NSDS: the Donor Interface* and (2) *Statistical Training* are available for review in documents *P21-SC1-04-COST* and *P21-SC1-04-TRAIN* respectively.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
6	Does the Committee agree to the terms of reference for the <i>Costing and Funding of NSDS: the Donor Interface</i> task team as proposed in document# <i>P21-SC1-04-COST</i> ?
7	Does the Committee agree to the creation of a task team on <i>Statistical Training</i> and its terms of reference as proposed in document# <i>P21-SC1-04-TRAIN</i> ?

G – Reporting

G-1 *PARLISTAT*

The development of national statistical systems and co-ordination among donors have been impeded by various factors, including a duplication of efforts in developing statistical systems and the lack of an appropriate mechanism to support donor co-ordination at the country level. To address these and other issues hampering the development of national statistical systems, the Secretariat has established, in the form of an online database, the “Partnership Library of Statistical System Documentation” (PARLISTAT). This site is

intended to serve as a resource for development partners and all interested parties at the international and national level to access the existing country-level documentation on national statistical systems and the use of statistics to improve policymaking. PARLISTAT features website addresses, information on statistical activities, status reports, mission reports, presentations, speeches, video clips, etc. This work is still under review and will be presented at the November 2004 Steering Committee meeting.

G-2 Worldwide Report

The need to report regularly on the use of statistics for development and on the status and trends of the national statistical systems in developing and transition countries is now more pressing than ever. The international community would benefit greatly from a report on the use of statistics in development issues such as MDGs, PRSPs, improving governance and on the development of national and international statistical systems. Such a report would also highlight the evolution, constraints, and best practices in statistical systems and would propose recommendations. The audience would be the key policymakers in the international community and in developing countries. The report would be an output of the partnership between countries and sub-regional, regional, and international institutions and would use the SCBIs as indicators.

To take this process forward, the Secretariat commissioned a feasibility study on the production of this worldwide report. The conclusions from this feasibility study are provided in document# *P21-SC1-04-WWR*.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
8	Does the Committee agree that PARIS21 should adopt the recommendations for the production of a worldwide report as put forth in the feasibility study report in document # <i>P21-SC1-04-WWR</i> ?

III. Work Programme for June – December 2004

The following activities are the continuation of the work programme previously agreed. Depending on the decisions of the Steering Committee in June 2004, it could be amended or changed.

Management

- The Consortium meeting, Steering Committee meeting, and Donors meeting will take place in November.
- Preparation of annual reports to the OECD/DAC and UNSC.

Advocacy

- Preparation of focused advocacy materials for specific events and audiences.
- Films for Arabophone, Francophone, and Hispanophone countries finalised and disseminated.
- Video clips library documented and available.

Information Exchange

- One additional newsletter produced and disseminated.
- Regular updating of the website.
- Update of the consultant roster.

Task Teams and Studies

- *Census* – Finalisation of census film, revision of TORs, and identification of new convenor.
- *Rural and Agricultural Statistics* – Preparations for upcoming agricultural statistics meetings in Verona, New Delhi, and Cancun.
- *Metagora*
- *Costing and Funding of NSDS: the Donor Interface* – If TORs approved, launching of activities.
- *Statistical Training* – If approved, launching of activities.

Regional Programmes

- Arab States Data Analysis Seminar in Cairo, December 2004.
- Preparations for Second Arab States Forum, February 2005.
- Preparations for Second FASDEV meeting, February 2005.
- Regional programmes for Africa and Asia designed, approved, and implemented.

Funding

- Follow-up of joint proposal for TFSCB and PARIS21.
- Implementation of the strategy for strengthening donor support for statistical capacity building.

National Strategies for the Development of Statistics

- Finalisation of NSDS guidelines and other supporting methodological and advocacy documents.

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7	Does the Committee agree to the creation of a task team on <i>Statistical Training</i> and its terms of reference as proposed in document# <i>P21-SCI-04-TRAIN</i> ?
8	Does the Committee agree that PARIS21 should adopt the recommendations for the production of a worldwide report as put forth in the feasibility study report in document# <i>P21-SCI-04-WWR</i> ?