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Many happy returns SIAP! They say life begins at 40, but your organization is an exception that proves the rule. SIAP has already done an enormous amount of important work on training statisticians in developing countries. Like you, we at PARIS21, recognize the huge importance to development policies of having access to reliable, relevant and timely statistics. We congratulate you on all you have done – and will continue to do – to build statistical capacity in the developing world. I hope the next 40 years are even more successful for you and I look forward to strengthening the links between SIAP and PARIS21.