



National Strategies for the Development of Statistics:

A means to mobilise and co-ordinate resources

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Why strategic planning in statistics?

- **Strategic planning crucial to statistical development**
 - Addressing data limitations across whole national statistical system
 - Prioritising data needs
 - Harmonising all national/international programmes
 - Integrating stats within policy / budgetary processes
- **Strategic planning emphasised at international fora:**
 - Marrakech, Hanoi, Accra roundtables
 - Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics

What is an NSDS? (National Strategy for the Development of Statistics)

- 1. Nationally-owned, participatory dynamic process integrated into the development policy process covering the whole National Statistical System (NSS)**
- 2. Aiming at building statistical capacity to meet demands for data necessary to conduct national development policies and respond to international requirements**
- 3. Providing a vision for where NSS should be in 5-10 years time**
- 4. Coherence framework and prioritized action plan for capacity building, a framework for coordination arrangements: across NSS and between donors**

NSDS as a country-level coherence framework

An NSDS can provide a country-level coherence framework, a strategic approach to statistical capacity building, within which countries can place all national and international programmes.....

....such as the International Comparison Programme (ICP), Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS)...

International programmes to be carried out as part of the implementation of the NSDS in line with agreed priorities and the NSDS action plan

NSDS, a framework for coordination arrangements

Similarly, the NSDS is a strong input for coordinating the national statistical system...

The NSDS is encompassing all data production, analysis and use. It should be system-wide, covering and coordinating all actors in the system

The NSDS covers the entire National Statistical System for official statistics

The NSDS process: a good occasion for reviewing the statistical legislation, the coordination mechanisms for the entire statistical system (Boards, National Councils), the status of the NSO etc...

NSDS, a framework for coordination arrangements

The NSDS is an appropriate framework for coordinating arrangements of Technical and Financial Partners:

NSDS became a benchmark at international level, specific financial instruments for designing, implementing NSDSs (TFSCB, STATCAP, SRF)

Mechanisms of coordination between donors created at national level: coordination between donors and government on support to statistics facilitated when overall NSDS existing (in line with Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness)

Overall vision on where the system should be in 5-10 years allows a better planning of mobilisation of national budget-international support

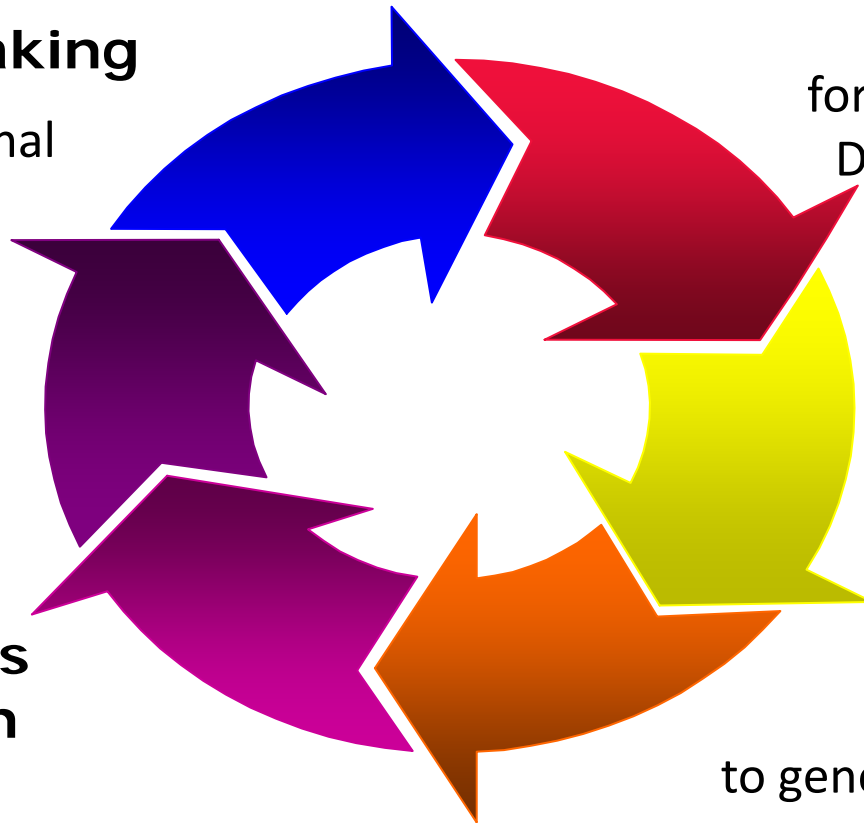
NSDS: changing a vicious circle....

Uneasy decision-making

based on sectional interests, donor demand, inertia etc.

Donors focus on their own data needs;

Little investment in information systems.



Weak demand

for data for policy-making.
Data not trusted or used.

Weak statistics

Limited capacity to generate or analyse data

...into a virtuous cycle

MDGs; PRSs:
results-based
decision-
making; NSDSs

**Global
initiatives**

Public sector
reform,
SWAPs. PRSs, civil
society, media,
use of IT

**Increased
Demand**

**Donors
agree
to align
efforts**

Focus on
building
systems able to
respond to country
and donor needs.

**Increased
Coordination**

Multiple
stakeholders –
development and
statistics

Conclusions

- 1. NSDS design process is a unique occasion for addressing the issues of mobilisation and coordination of resources for the NSO and the entire National Statistical System;**
- 2. PARIS21 partnership is ready to provide the necessary support to countries in terms of NSDS design and implementation**

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