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Data for the 2030 Agenda

NCSD and Other Similar Multi-Stakeholder Platforms: Exploring Their Role in Reviewing and Being an Implementation Agent for the 2030 Agenda

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The challenge

“Accurate and timely information about many aspects of people’s lives are unknown, numerous groups and individuals remain “invisible”, and many development challenges are still poorly understood ”

United Nations, Sustainable Development Goals Report 2018

Rapidly changing data needs

- Data demands for the SDGs and the implementation of the 2030 agenda require timely, disaggregated data on a wide range of areas
- Policy makers, businesses, citizens need fast and easy access to data and information
- Social attitudes towards data sharing, privacy and confidentiality are evolving
- Data rights: right to be counted, right to an identity, right to confidentiality

New data environment

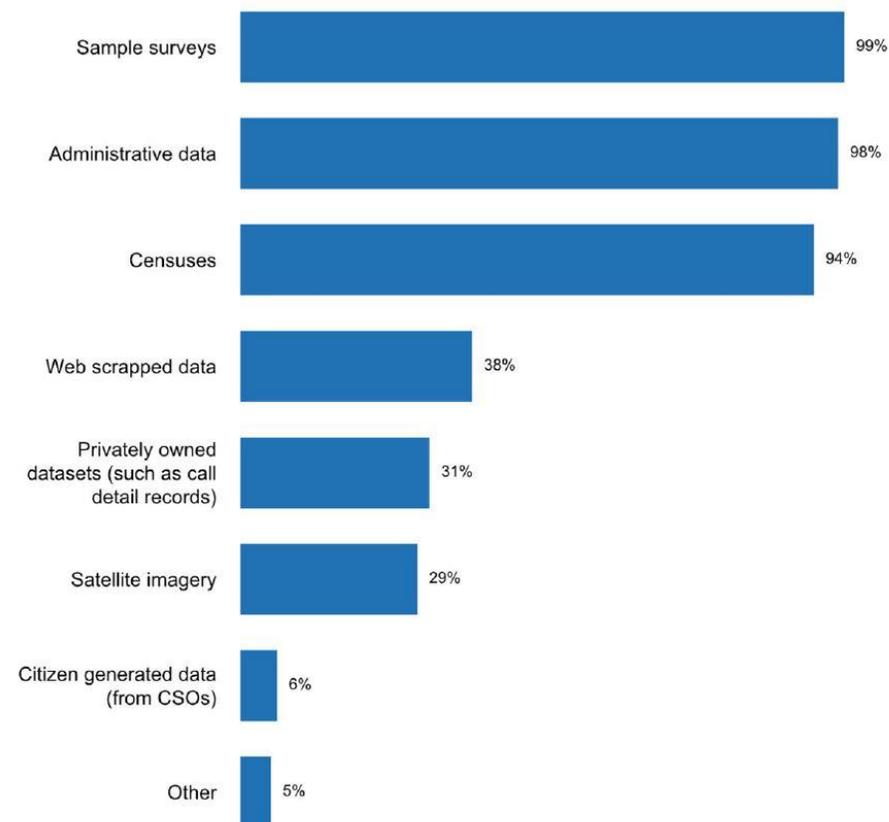
- The data ecosystem is expanding and changing at an accelerating pace: need for a wide platform with engagement of all stakeholders
- Data demands for the SDGs and the implementation of the 2030 agenda are pushing official statisticians to cover new areas and explore new data sources
- Globalization and digitization have resulted in new data actors/producers and are enabling new data collection practices
- National Statistical Office (NSOs) are challenged to redefine themselves and their data production systems
 - Data stewards, data integrators and quality assessors
 - Providers of standards and secure data architectures across the entire national statistical system

Including all stakeholders in a new data environment

- New technologies, paired with existing data collections programmes and methods, provide more data
- Increased data literacy—data access by a larger audience/data priorities defined by a wide range of stakeholders
- Open data
 - Adoption of modern technologies and interoperability standards and tools to integrate sources from different data communities
 - Partnerships between NSOs and data partners from the academia, civil society and the private sector
 - Adaptation of existing legal/institutional arrangements, data principles and data quality frameworks to include all data producers in the system

Sources of data currently used by National Statistical Offices

Non-traditional sources of data are increasingly employed by NSOs and NSS for the compilation of official statistics



Source: 2018 Assessment questionnaire on the implementation of the FPOS

SDG Data4Now



- New Multi-stakeholder collaboration initiative to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda with **National Statistical Offices and all relevant government agencies working to integrate new methods and sources into existing national statistical systems**
 - Build a community of data users, leaders, and innovators, partnering in new ways to deliver more robust and timely data to achieve the SDGs
 - Collaboration and information sharing between data scientists, statisticians, data producers, and data users, at both global and national scales
 - New data partnerships between public, private, and academic entities.

Need partnerships for more and better funding for data

- Inadequate domestic funding because of low political awareness of the benefits of better data
- International support that is often too narrowly earmarked and/or poorly coordinated and does not leverage new actors effectively
- Platforms involving all stakeholders to promote the use of data (all data sources) and demonstrate the value of data
- Stakeholders' role in channeling funding
- Establishing partnerships with private sector for support in data production and use

The work of the HLG-PCCB – defining the elements of a new financing facility

- The Dubai Declaration (2nd UN WDF in 2018) calls for the establishment of an innovative funding mechanism with the goal of mobilizing both domestic and international funds, and activate partnerships and funding opportunities to support the strengthening the capacity of national data and statistical systems
- The mechanism should be:
 - Entirely demand-driven
 - Open to all stakeholders, under UN membership oversight and located at an international institution with global membership
 - Able to respond in a fast and efficient manner to the priorities of national data and statistical systems



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Thank you.