

EGM “Navigating Policy and Data to Leave No One Behind”

13 -14 June 2018

Group work arrangement:

Session 2: Declaration “Navigating Policy and Data to Leave No One Behind”

Objective: Draft declaration “Navigating Policy and Data to Leave No one behind” is reviewed, issues for improvement are identified and addressed through a joint group discussion/brainstorming. Participants will bring their expertise and varied experiences to identify the type of actions that the declaration should demand of policy makers to support national statistical systems in implementing 2030 Agenda.

Key questions:

- Are there any actions missing from the draft declarations that should be included and important to be endorsed by policy makers?
 - Which actions seem redundant in the current draft declaration?
 - Are the actions considered realistic and acceptable to be demanded in the declaration? Which actions seem less feasible to be endorsed by high-level officials?
 - Is the “pitch”/justification of the declaration suitable and attractive for high-level officials?
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- Participants will be divided in 3 groups. Each group will consist of participants with mixed backgrounds
 - statisticians, policy planners/SDG focal points, and representatives from international organizations.
 - The groups will discuss and identify actions that national statistical systems (NSSs) would be required to take to ensure that the system contributes to a successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
 - Each group will address the question of required actions by NSSs from one perspective:
 - Group 1: Demand for statistics
 - Group 2: Investment in statistics
 - Group 3: Trust in Statistics

Key questions:

Group 1: Demand for statistics

- What are some of the most critical actions policy makers and other users of statistics could take to ensure a strong and effective demand for statistics?
- What are the actions national statistical systems are required to take to be responsive to the needs of users, including those arising from the 2030 agenda?

- How can user-producer dialogue and interaction be strengthened to facilitate a creation of demand for statistics?
- What are the critical success criteria?

Group 2: Investment in statistics

- What are some of the most critical actions national statistical systems need to take to attract investments?
- How can national statistical systems and whole-of-government ensure that investments in national statistical systems match the requirements for meeting the demands and needs of users?
- What are actions, mechanism and processes required to attract sufficient level of investments?
- What are the critical success criteria?

Group 3: Trust in statistics

- What are the requirements needed to be in place to improve trust and credibility of statistical services?
- What should governments provide to empower national statistical systems to lead to modernization and improvements in production of statistics?
- Who are the actors that would provide that type of support?
- What are the critical success criteria?