

A Country-led Road Map for the Data Revolution / Asian Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development

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Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre

Host: PARIS21

Description:

2015 is a crucial year for global development. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will come to an end and a new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reflecting new priorities will be endorsed. These new goals will require responsive statistical systems with the capacity to track and monitor the development progress of countries.

The project “Informing a Data Revolution” (IDR) , funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was set up in 2014 to take stock of the current situation in developing countries in order to try and identify the problems and bottlenecks they have producing and accessing data in their national statistical systems.

IDR has published a road map for a data revolution as part of the lead up to the UN General Assembly in September 2015, where it is expected that the new development agenda will be agreed and launched.

The Road Map sets out a broad programme of action to help developing countries meet data needs related both to monitoring SDG progress as well as to supporting national priorities. The road map is the culmination of one year’s work researching and talking with developing countries about the challenges they face, and makes a series of actionable recommendations for strengthening national statistical capacity.

The recommendations of the Road Map will be presented and discussed in a number of events for regional stakeholders.

Key Issues:

1. Increase awareness of IDR goals and progress.
2. Seek agreement from participating national statistics offices on the main conclusions of the country studies.
3. Seek agreement from participating national statistics offices on the findings and direction of road map document.
4. Seek opinions of participating national statistics offices on the IDR innovations inventory on which solutions could be of use in filling the gaps between supply and demand for data in the next 5 years and beyond.

Programme:

1. Overview of IDR Project status report of each module
2. Presentation of the IDR country database
3. Presentation results of analysis of IDR country database (Linking to RPES)
4. Round-table discussion to get country feedback/agreement of conclusions
5. Innovations and Modernization: Presentation of innovation inventory
6. Discussion to get feedback on countries for other innovations/their own priorities
7. Present outline roadmap report

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