

## **ISI joins the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data**

The ISI Executive Committee agreed unanimously with the proposal for the ISI to join the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) as a Champion. Champions of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data are expected to:

- 1) Make significant commitments to the data revolution for sustainable development and to the Global Partnership
- 2) Devote time to this secondary governance body of partnership (one in-person meeting during the year plus periodic conference calls)
- 3) Contribute if possible to resource mobilization
- 4) Engage actively in at least one post-UNGA working group
- 5) Engage actively in the formulation and then adoption of the “Global Compact”
- 6) Engage actively with other stakeholders in their sector/constituency

The goals of the GPSDD are well aligned with the goals of the ISI and the partnership will be of mutual benefit. It is an excellent opportunity for the ISI to be involved in the SDD debate and initiatives, which ties in well with our statistical capacity building efforts as well as with increasing our footprint and outreach.

### **Why is the GPSDD important?**

In response to an unprecedented opportunity to accelerate development progress, governments, development agencies, civil society organizations, private firms and foundations are forming a Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. The Global Partnership will bring diverse stakeholders together to galvanize and sustain political commitments, align priorities and norms, strengthen capacities, foster innovation and build trust in the booming data ecosystems of the 21st century.

In the three-year start-up phase, an interim steering group of anchor partners will govern the Global Partnership and a secretariat will coordinate the partnership activities/operations.

The high-level political launch of the GPSDD will take place on 28 September from 3.00 to 6.00 pm at Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. The event will feature interactive discussions showcasing collaborations and innovations to overcome data challenges we face worldwide — including new commitments from high-level representatives of government, private sector and civil society CEOs, heads of international organizations, youth leaders, and other partners.

Prior to the launch, from 25 to 27 September 2015, the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit will be held at the UN headquarters in New York during which an ambitious new sustainable development agenda will be adopted. More than 150 world leaders are expected to attend the Summit.