

## ISI/IFC High Level Meeting on Data Governance in Tunisia

One of our strategic objectives is to grow the statistical community in developing countries and one way we do this is by promoting and delivering capacity building workshops. This is achieved by providing the leaders of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the region with the opportunity to discuss and share good practice on strategic statistical issues. While many heads of statistics offices come from an official statistics background and are familiar with some of these technical and managerial issues associated with the collection and dissemination of official statistics, others do not – maybe having come from the wider public service or from academia. ISI has the ability to convene workshops which attract support from NSOs and provide them with a forum where they can discuss these issues freely. In many developing countries NSOs take a lead in statistical discussions with academic colleagues, and it is helpful for ISI to support this national leadership role.

A recent example is the High Level Meeting on data governance for heads of statistics offices in Africa and directors of Central Banks Statistics Divisions, held in Tunisia on 22 November. The Tunis event was held back to back with the CoDG of the African Union and jointly organised with the Irving Fisher Committee of Central Bank Statistics (with whom we have a collaboration agreement), with support from the statistics office of Tunisia. The programme encompassed new data sources, the need for development of new capacities, dissemination of data and increasing the use of data for policy purposes.



This is the latest of a series of High Level Workshops on National Statistics Offices (NSO) Leadership Development organised by ISI or IAOS in various regions of the world and the 4<sup>th</sup> such event to be held in Africa (IAOS in South Africa 2009, ISI Workshops Ethiopia, Addis Ababa 2014, Tanzania 2015, Cameroun 2016).