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Strengthening Administrative data: what countries have learned and applied from the administrative data collaborative

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Abstract

The UN Statistics Division and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, together with CEPEI, have convened a collaborative to provide support and general guidance on how countries can access and use administrative data sources for statistical purposes. In this session, 3 country members of the collaborative will share their country experiences strengthening administrative records in a moderated panel discussion. The session will be an opportunity to draw inspirations and share lessons learned through the collaborative, and to discuss the way forward in country initiatives to strengthen administrative systems.

Keywords:

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1. Introduction

The UN Statistics Division and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data together with CEPEI have convened a collaborative¹ to provide support and general guidance on how countries can access and use administrative data sources for statistical purposes. It draws on expertise from National Statistical Offices that are further advanced in the use of administrative data sources for statistical purposes, as well as from international experts within and outside regional and international organizations. The collaborative includes over 20 countries across the globe and participants are divided into three task teams: Institutional framework, coordination and partnerships; Data management and standardization; Technical interoperability and linking. A key element of the work has been to help foster peer exchange and knowledge sharing.

As the collaboration progresses, a first inventory of resources² with the main experiences of the participating countries was developed and in addition, a side event³ was held in February 2021 and recognized at the 2021 United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) as a valuable space for capacity building and learning among countries.

2. Methodology

For the ISI conference, we propose to invite 3 country members of the collaborative to share their country experiences of strengthening administrative records in a moderated panel discussion without power point presentations. The speakers represent different regions and bring in a mix of skills within their institutions.

The session will start with opening remarks from one member of the collaborative secretariat, who will then moderate the 3 speakers. In the end, we will invite a discussant to share her key

learnings from the panel discussion but also to offer futuristic recommendations on strengthening administrative records. The session will end with question and answers.

3. Result:

The session will be an opportunity to draw inspirations and experiences from being part of the collaborative and to elucidate the learnings gained and initiatives to strengthen administrative systems.

4. Discussion and Conclusion:

Through a moderated discussion between the panelists, the session will conclude with a summary of lessons learned and identification of priorities maximize the impact of the work of the collaborative.

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