

<UNSDG:Learn online gateway for statistics learning services and statistical literacy initiatives>

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Abstract:

< In 2020, the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training has teamed up with the new inter-agency initiative UNSDG:Learn initiated the year before by UNITAR and UNSSC to create a user-friendly gateway unsdglearn.org/statistics providing access to courses and learning in statistics. The gateway is designed in a learner-centered way to enable users to easily find the training or learning most relevant to their needs using a search engine or taxonomies. This special statistics gateway is curated by UN Statistics Division on behalf o the GIST and overseen by its Task Team on online learning. It started with the courses by GIST members but now includes courses from other learning providers, with the total courses and microlearning featured amounting to 84 as of May 2021.

In addition, the GIST Task Team on Statistical Literacy has been working on an inventory of successful statistical literacy initiatives hosted on the GIST website. Those range from initiatives aimed at schools, incl. teachers, kids and teenagers, to media representatives, policy-makers and broader audiences coming primarily from GIST partners such as Brazil IBGE, US Census Bureau, UNSIAP, etc. The types and formats of initiatives are adapted to specific needs of the target audiences, using ludic approaches for kids and competitions for students, helping highlight school subjects through real world statistics, talking stories to showcase newsworthy statistics for journalists, etc. The inventory is currently being piloted with the aim to reach out to National Statistical Offices and other stakeholders outside of the GIST to invite them to feature their good practices in this area. The Task Team has also led to a successful collaboration of several GIST members – UNITAR, UN Statistics Division and UN Economic Commission for Africa on the design on an e-course to contribute to better data use by policy-makers for the SDGs building on the earlier needs assessment conducted by the task team in 2018.

The above work has been carried out to support the achievement of the overall objective of the GIST that was created in 2017 with a view to facilitate collaboration among members of the network in the delivery of trainings on statistics in a more harmonized and standardized manner as well as to improve effectiveness of these trainings through maximizing their outreach.>

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