TA 4.5 Learning Across Borders: How countries share knowledge to harness administrative data for official statistics

This session will highlight the stories of countries that have embarked on journeys of mutual learning and collaboration in leveraging administrative data for official statistics in areas such as engaging with administrative data holders to access data, assessing quality of administrative data and designing IT architecture to facilitate secure data sharing. These partnerships are examples of effective cooperation and knowledge exchange in advancing the use of administrative data for informed policymaking and decision-making processes. There will be examples of countries that are paired with several countries, at the same time receiving and providing experience.

Explore Partnership Dynamics - Gain insights into the collaborative dynamics between paired countries, including the motivations, challenges, and strategies employed to establish and maintain effective partnerships for harnessing administrative data.

Showcase Collaborative Initiatives: Learn about the specific initiatives and projects undertaken by paired countries to strengthen their administrative data systems, improve data quality, and enhance statistical capacities in key areas such as the building of statistical registers, a robust IT infrastructure as well as data sharing agreements and legal frameworks.

Highlight Mutual Learning and Exchange: Hear firsthand accounts of the mutual learning experiences between paired countries, including the exchange of best practices, methodologies, and technical expertise. This will also demonstrate the value in exchanging with "neighbors" and countries that have just recently gone through the same experience, as memory is still fresh and a very practical exchange is possible.

Demonstrate Impact and Outcomes: Discover the tangible impacts and outcomes of collaborative efforts in harnessing administrative data for official statistics, including improvements in data accuracy, timeliness, relevance, and accessibility to support evidence-based policymaking and sustainable development goals.

Reflect on Future Directions: Engage in reflective discussions on the lessons learned and opportunities for scaling up and sustaining collaborative partnerships in harnessing administrative data for official statistics beyond the initial pairing phase. Identify key priorities and strategies for advancing collective efforts in this critical domain.

The panel discussion on improving administrative registers will be moderated by Ms. Karen Bett, GPSDD and the panelists will include Mr. Vebjorn Aalandslid, Statistics Norway, Mr. Federico Segui, INE Uruguay; and Ms. Ottilie Mwazi, Namibia Statistics Agency.

The second panel discussion will showcase examples of the use of the Toolkit for Administrative Data Quality in Africa, as well as how peer   and how country exchanges and peer-to-peer learning has been instrumental in advancing this agenda. Martina de Saverio, from UNSD will facilitate the second panel discussion and the panelists will include Ms. Isabella Schmidt, UN Women · Mr. Geoffrey Gichunji Kariuki, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics.