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PREFACE

On 4-6 July 2016, [71 participants representing 46 institutions](#) gathered in Paris for the second meeting of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics. The meeting, organized by the National Statistics Institute of Cabo Verde (INE-CV) and co-hosted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), acknowledged [the Praia Group on Governance Statistics Roadmap for 2016-2020](#) and discussed detailed tasks and strategies to operationalize the activities listed in the Roadmap, including:

- *Draft Zero* of the concept of governance and its dimensions;
- Structure of the Handbook;
- Praia Group Work Plan;
- *Draft Zero* of the metadata sheet for the SDG 16 Working Groups.

The three-day meeting was structured into four sessions focusing on each of the four activities. Each session was organized into the three parts in the following order: Presentation, Working Group Discussion, and Plenary Discussion. This report provides a brief summary of the main observations, takeaways and recommendations emerged from each session of the second meeting of the Praia Group.

OPENING PLENARY

Keynote Speakers: Martine Durand (Chief Statistician and Director of Statistics Directorate, OECD), Johannes Jütting (PARIS 21 Secretariat Manager) and António Duarte (President, INE-CV)

The second Meeting of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics opened with welcoming remarks delivered by Ms. Martine Durand, Mr. Johannes Jütting and Mr. António Duarte, followed by presentation of the programme and objectives of the meeting.

Ms. Marine Durand expressed her gratitude to everyone, especially the Embassy of Cabo Verde in Paris, the President of INE-CV and the Secretariat Manager of the PARIS21 for their cooperation. She acknowledged that OECD has long been committed to supporting the Praia Group and pledged to reinforce its further engagement. Of the various activities that are in line with the work of the Praia Group, she highlighted the importance of the Praia Group in fostering discussion on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16. She illustrated the various activities that are in line with the work of the Praia Group. While some National Statistical Offices (NSOs), for example, of Australia and Mexico, and African countries who are involved in the Strategy for Harmonization of African Statistics on Governance, Peace and Security (SHaSA-GPS), have already been working on governance statistics, the role and importance of governance statistics have not yet been appreciated in many countries. In this regard, she expected to have a fruitful discussion on the last day of the meeting to be devoted to SDG 16. Ms. Durand concluded her speech by praising Cabo Verde's leadership and urging everyone to engage in finalizing the Handbook by the end of 2017.

Mr. Johannes Jütting acknowledged that this meeting took place at the right time preceding the High Level Political Forum (11-15 July 2016, New York) that would focus on the SDGs with a special session dedicated to the challenges of measuring and reporting the SDGs. He then stressed the importance of the Session I on the concept of governance in terms of articulating the term, governance, which did not exist 20 years ago, and which embraces the engines of economic development, such as the quality of institutions, governance of institutions, security of property rights, security forces and the fight against corruption.

Mr. Jütting made a commitment of the PARIS21:

- 1) to support the Handbook' advocacy and strengthen the capacity of national statistical institutes to measure governance, especially in developing countries;
- 2) the participation of developing countries in the discussion; and
- 3) to support the inclusion of governance statistics in the National Statistical Development Strategies.

Mr. António Duarte reported that the Praia Group has 70 members and that the Roadmap has already been approved. He acknowledged that the activities of the Praia Group have been delayed, especially due to the difficulty in implementing the virtual platform that would allow virtual discussions among Praia Group members, and due to the lack of resources to deliver activities. Due to this delay, it is necessary to accelerate activities listed in the Roadmap, since the first draft of the Handbook should be presented in March 2018. He also acknowledged the urgency in the methodological

development of the 7 indicators of the SDGs that came under the responsibility of the Praia Group.

The speaker presented the program and objectives of the meeting, noting that it would not be possible to complete the 4 documents needed but that it was important to start them and identify the members who will work on each document.

FOLLOW UP ON PRAIA GROUP ACTIVITIES

Presenter: António Duarte (President, INE-CV)

In February 2014, the African Union Commission invited the INE-CV to take the lead on the creation of a City Group on Governance, Peace and Security Statistics. At the 45th session of the UN Statistics Commission (UNSC), Cabo Verde proposed that the agenda on the creation of a City Group on Governance Statistics should be included in the agenda of the 46th session of the UNSC. The agenda was inserted with the support of Cameroon, Spain, Angola, Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, France, Canada, Luxembourg, Timor-Leste, Ecuador, Ghana and Switzerland.

In April 2014, the first draft of the City Group's Report and Terms of Reference on Governance, Peace and Security Statistics was drawn up and shared with all the Directors-General of Statistics of the UN Member States through the UN Statistics Division. The document was also sent to the various UN agencies concerned with governance.

In October 2014, an expert consultation meeting was held to review the City Group's Report and the Terms of Reference. It was attended by more than 30 representatives of national statistical offices, international organizations and civil society organizations, and also attended by the distinguished President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, Jorge Carlos Fonseca. At the meeting, the official name of the proposed City Group was announced that would be the Praia Group on Governance Statistics—the name of the City Groups derives from the city where the first meeting is held. Regarding the scope of the Praia Group mandate, considering that the UNODC and the NSO of Mexico are already working on crime statistics, it was agreed that statistics on crime would not be included in the Terms of Reference. Therefore, the scope of its mandate would be limited to governance, being that peace and security are considered dimensions of Governance and crime statistics excluded.

At the 46th Session of the UNSC, [Report of Cabo Verde on Governance, Peace and Security Statistics](#) was presented and approved.

46th UN Statistical Commission¹

Decision 11: Governance, peace and security statistics (Item 3k)

The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Congratulated Cabo Verde to its excellent report on governance, peace and security statistics which was prepared with assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and commended, in particular, the extensive outreach activities undertaken in preparation of this report;
- (b) Endorsed the creation of the Praia City Group on governance statistics which aims to encourage countries to produce governance statistics that are based on sound and documented methodologies and endorsed the proposed terms of reference;
- (c) Welcomed and took note of the broad interest to participate in this city group; Thanked UNDP for its technical and financial support;

¹ http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc15/Decisions_final_unedited.pdf

- (d) Requested the group to take into account existing and earlier efforts and challenges in the area of governance, peace and security statistics and coordinate its work with relevant groups;
- (e) Requested Cabo Verde to submit a report to the Commission at its 47th session in 2016 for consideration and discussion.

In June 2015, the First Meeting of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics was held in Praia, Cabo Verde, with the main objective of the implementation of the Roadmap of the Praia Group that would be presented at the 47th session of the UNSC. The event was attended by the distinguished Prime Minister of Cabo Verde, José Maria Pereira Neves. The meeting report was served as the basis for the draft Roadmap which was prepared by the Secretariat of the Praia Group and consolidated with the contributions from Praia Group members. For the latter, a virtual consultation was held in September 2015.

In March 2016, [the Cabo Verde Roadmap on Governance, Peace and Security Statistics](#) was presented and approved at the 47th session of the UNSC.

**47th UN Statistical Commission²
Decision 13: Governance statistics (Item 3l)**

The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Expressed its appreciation to the Praia Group on governance statistics for its report and work conducted in an open, inclusive and transparent manner;
- (b) Welcomed and supported the proposed road map and actions towards the development of a handbook on governance statistics for national statistical offices, stressed the importance of identifying best practices and developing common standards, and requested the Praia Group to report back to the
- (c) Statistical Commission at its 49th session in 2018;
- (d) Welcomed the support of the Praia Group for the relevant development of indicators for targets of SDG 16;
- (e) Encouraged the Praia Group to promote participation of all countries and to maintain an inclusive and transparent approach in their work;
- (f) Encouraged the Praia Group to consider the roadmap and work derived from it as presented in the “Report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on a road map to improve the quality and availability of crime statistics at the national and international level” at the Statistical Commission in 2013;
- (g) Stressed the importance of capacity building and training pertaining to governance statistics.

Following activity V of the Roadmap—Support by the Praia Group to Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals—and the decision 13(c) of the 47th session of the

² http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/Decisions_final_unedited.pdf

UNSC, Working Groups were established on 16 in April 2016 for seven³ Tier III indicators⁴ of SDG 16. These include:⁵

SDG 16 Tier III Indicators	
Working Group on SDG 16.1.2	Conflict-related deaths per 100,000 population by sex, age and cause
Working Group on SDG 16.5.1	Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months
Working Group on SDG 16.6.2	Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services
Working Group on SDG 16.7.1	Proportions of positions (by age group, sex, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions
Working Group on SDG 16.7.2	Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group
Working Group on SDG 16.10.1	Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated media personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months
Working Group on SDG 16.b.1	Percentage of the population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law

In 2015 and 2016, the Steering Committee of the Praia Group had four meetings in June 2015,⁶ January 2016,⁷ March 2016⁸ and June 2016.⁹ According to the decision of the Steering Committee, all Steering Committee meetings should be on the sidelines of other meetings or virtual in a way that does not represent costs.

³ Since the Tier III indicators were modified at the fourth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs convened in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15-18 November 2016, SDG16 Tier III indicators are eight including indicator 16.2.1 Proportion of children aged 1-17 years who experience any physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers in the past month.

⁴ Tier III indicators are indicators without universally recognized methodology.

⁵ To date there is no official translation of the indicators so the various working groups in both the IAEG-SDGs and the Praia Group are working in English only.

⁶ On the sidelines of the First Meeting of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics in Praia, Cabo Verde.

⁷ On the sidelines of the "Expert Meeting on Measuring SDG 16 Targets on Peace, Inclusion and Freedom" in Oslo, Norway.

⁸ During the 47th of the UN Statistical Commission meeting in New York.

⁹ Phone meeting.

The second meeting of the Steering Committee discussed and approved its Terms of Reference.

Terms of Reference – Praia Group Steering Committee

Number of members

The steering committee has 8 members:

- 2 National Statistics Offices,
- 2 United Nations Organizations,
- 2 Civil Society Organizations, and
- 2 Additional regional/global organizations.

Replacement of member

Upon official request of the Praia Steering Group Member, members will be informed. Members who represent the same type of organization¹⁰ will be invited to express their interest in replacing. The responsibility of selection of the new member is of the remaining members and validated by the Steering Committee.

Members

- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Cabo Verde National Statistics Institute (INE)
- National Institute for Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI)
- Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Saferworld
- Transparency International

Periodicity of meetings

Meetings will be held on the side of Praia Group meetings, Inter Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals meetings, events related to Governance Statistics, United Nations Statistical Commission sessions, or other relevant events that convene the members. Telephone meetings will be held every 3 months.

Responsibilities

- Identify sources of funding to guarantee the participation of Praia Group members from the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, Small Island developing States, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries;
- Identify sources of funding for Praia Group activities and meetings;
- Implement a communication and advocacy strategy to encourage countries to share expertise on governance statistics with the Praia Group and to produce governance statistics;
- Support the activities of the members of the Praia Group;
- Ensure that different perspectives are considered and that the focus remains on the national and subnational levels;
- Guarantee that there's no overlapping of activities between the working groups;
- Monitor the execution of activities in line with the roadmap.

¹⁰ In the case of departure of members representing “additional regional/global organizations”, all members will be informed to express their interest.

SESSION I. CONCEPT OF GOVERNANCE STATISTICS AND DIMENSIONS

Moderator: Pieter Everaers (Eurostat)

Presenters: Adrian Franco (INEGI Mexico), Grace del Prado (NSO Philippines), Marco Mira D'Ercole (OECD) and Grace Sanico Steffan (OHCHR)

Mapping the concept of governance is the primary objective of the Praia Group. Although there are several conventions and regulations that establish the concept of governance, the documents are insufficient for methodological (or statistical) definition of the concept. This was the main argument when the Praia Group was created.

While several NSOs, international organizations and civil society organizations have been working on governance related issues, there is no universally agreed concept of governance as there is no global recommendation in this regard. Various UN agencies have used different concepts of governance. The SHaSA-GPS is the most advanced project in this area and has worked on the dimensions of governance. However, it is important to note that the SHaSa does not define the concept of governance, and that the project is regional so that cannot automatically apply globally.

This session showed four different perspectives of conceptualization and operationalization of governance.

- The NSO of Mexico reported back on the results of the discussion of the three meetings organized around governance statistics. There are challenges in terms of dimensions to be included and operationalized.
- The NSO of the Philippines focused on its existing structure for governance statistics, an Inter-Agency Committee on Governance Statistics (IAC-GovStat). While the Philippines has a mechanism to develop techniques and methodologies as well as produces governance statistics, it does not have a concept of governance and, instead, contemplates seven dimensions of governance on the basis of the UNDP's definition of governance (INEGI Mexico contemplates 18 and the SHaSA-GPS 11 dimensions).
- The OECD focused on its attempt to define the concept of governance led by the NSO of Turkey under the auspice of the OECD. OECD and NSO Turkey came up with 11 dimensions of governance and categorize them into three groups: principles; processes and valued outcomes. The review was still ongoing and they would like to count on the support of the Praia Group.¹¹ It was also noted that, like SHaSA-GPS, this initiative is regional including data from 27 member states of the UNECE region or the OECD.
- The OHCHR argued that Human Rights should be the basis for the concept of governance, introduced human rights measurement and indicators and human rights based approach to data. Regarding the operationalization without

¹¹ Its complete report, "In-Depth Review of Governance Statistics in the UNECE/OECD Region", was shared with Praia Group members in October.

conceptualization, the OCHCR implements the concept of human rights although it does not have concrete concept.

Following the presentations, participants were divided into the three working groups to discuss further the concept and dimensions of governance. Each working group was requested to address the following questions:

- What dimensions should be included in the concept of governance?
- What each dimension refers to?
- How should we proceed to arrive to a proposal of concept of governance?
- What mechanisms?
- How should the consultation take place?
- Who should be the main partners of collaboration (due to their experience in the concept of governance)?
- Who are the members interested in focusing on each of the dimensions?

Next Steps:

1. Definition of the fundamental principles and Criteria;
2. Collection of existing initiatives¹² in both official and unofficial statistics. The investigation shall:
 - a. List the concept and dimensions of governance;
 - b. List the collection of methods (i.e. frequency, sample size, dissemination strategies etc.);
 - c. Collect new initiatives;
 - d. Request the resubmission of the questionnaire to other producing entities.
3. Analysis of the results of the Survey;
4. Transform the components into a structure;
5. Extensive discussion on the results of the activity

¹² It must be done simultaneously to the Mapping of Existing Initiatives that is the II Activity of the Praia Group.

SESSION II. HANDBOOK STRUCTURE

Moderator: Allen J. Beck (Senior Statistical Adviser, US Department of Justice Statistics)

Presenter: René Charles Sylva (INE-CV)

According to the Praia Group Report, main activity of the Praia Group is to produce “a Handbook on governance statistics for national statistical offices, which will cover the conceptualization, measurement methodology and dissemination of governance statistics”.

The Handbook should be a reference framework for the production of governance statistics in order to facilitate the various steps. The presenter stressed that the handbook should delimit the concept of governance, such as its dimensions, sub-dimensions and statistical subjects; contribute to the needs assessment in terms of data, available sources and the need for data; guide data collection processes and databases; and support the organization and coordination of governance statistics.

Participants were divided into working groups that addressed the list of chapters to be included in the Handbook, the operationalization of the Handbook, and the development of collection tools. Results of the working group discussions include:

- Review of all surveys by NSOs to determine best practices.
- Constraints across statistical systems not necessarily limited to governance.
- Disaggregation: especially in relation to samples that will also cover disabled.
- Issues around expert assessments—needs to be covered in the Handbook—what are the best practices?
- Signpost to other resources.
- Include the implications of choice of sources.
- Approach the Handbook by theme: e.g. corruption, justice, etc.
- The Praia Group’s mandate is beyond SDG16 so handbook needs to be broader but be useful for countries grappling with goal 16.
- Review other handbooks for good and bad handbooks that have come before—can take up to 10 years.
- Mapping of uses/users of governance stats: Using governance stats itself helps with good governance.
- Key issue: how to harness the expertise of the group in taking forward the Handbook?
- Bedrocks exists: compendium of indicators in the sourcebook.
- Maximize partnerships.
- What kind of indicators: Outcomes, process, principles, and structures.
- Transparency International: Keep in mind international comparability even when translated. Indicators in the handbook to be cross country.
- Criteria for engagement of civil society in the various processes in developing the Handbook (NSO South Africa).
- Take a volume approach to the Handbook.
- Guide for those who produce statistics, and not users.

Next Steps:

1. Establish a working group from amongst the Praia members to volunteer/express interest to lead work in establishing and developing a detailed outline of the Handbook
2. First Phase: Preparation of the first draft of the Handbook by October 2018; Working group to identify expertise for contracting a consultant to work closely with the working group in drafting the Handbook
3. Second phase: Consultation on draft Handbook—regional and international consultations led by NSO members of the Praia Group from November 2018 to September 2019—; and
4. Third phase: Review of the Handbook based on the results of the consultations and submit the Handbook to the 49th session of the UNSC I March 2020.

SESSION III. PRAIA GROUP WORK PLAN

Moderator: Alexandra Wilde (UNDP)

Presenter: Mariana Neves (INE-CV)

The Praia Group Roadmap defined the six main activities with deadlines for each activity, thus, a work plan is necessary to be able to operationalize the Roadmap. The following table lists the activities and their respective deadlines:

Activity		Original Deadline
Activity I: A mapping, critical assessment and synthesis of available instances of the conceptualization and measurement of governance by various countries and continents, research institutions, agencies of the United Nations system and other actors using different approaches		2016
Activity II: Mapping of the demand for governance statistics by various user constituencies, such as policymakers, parliamentarians, national human rights commissions, national anti-corruption commissions, national security systems, civil society organizations, research institutions, citizens and international and regional bodies concerned with governance		2016 and 2019
Activity III: Expert consultations on the various constitutive dimensions of governance statistics and user consultations with ministries or other entities responsible for the governance agenda at the national, regional and international levels	Praia Group Meeting	October 2018 ¹³
	Meeting in Africa	November 2018 ¹⁴
	Meeting in Asia Pacific	December 2018 ¹⁵
	Meeting in Europe/OECD	May 2019 ¹⁶
	Meeting s in America	September 2019 ¹⁷
Activity IV: Development of technical documents containing methodological and practical guidelines for improved gathering and compilation of governance statistics at all levels, covering issues of concept definition, data quality, comparability, methodology, possible sources and data compilation and dissemination mechanisms		October 2019
Activity V: Support by the Praia Group to Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals.		To be defined by IAEG-SDG

Considering that Activity IV had been discussed in Session II-Structure of the Meeting Manual and Activity V would be discussed at Session IV-Working Groups at ODS 16 of

¹³ Responsible entity: Praia Group President

¹⁴ Responsible entity: Praia Group African members, particularly Cabo Verde and Côte d'Ivoire.

¹⁵ Responsible entity: Philippines and Timor-Leste.

¹⁶ Responsible entity: OECD

¹⁷ Responsible entity: NSO Mexico

the meeting, the working groups focused on activities I, II, and III. In the case of Activity 1 - This had already been partially discussed in Session I - Concepts and Dimensions of Governance, so the work should be based on previous discussions. The outcome of the various discussions was presented and discussed in plenary.

Next steps:

- Approval of the work plan by the members.
- Draft Zero of Budget. This task should be carried out in partnership with the UNDP.
- Creation of the various work groups around each task outlined (except Activity V in which the work groups have already been created).
- For the mapping of existing initiatives, we must use the questionnaire used by OECD/NSO Turkey as a basis.
- Mexico is responsible for sending the questionnaire mapping initiatives to countries. After the questionnaire is prepared, it will be made available online. Once the information is gathered, PARIS21 will return the information to the INE.
- It was also suggested to meet with members from other continents to share the questionnaire with countries in other regions. Therefore, the questionnaire should be simplified.

SESSION IV. WORKING GROUPS ON SDG 16

Moderator: Mark Orkin (Ex-President of NSO of South Africa and political activist under the Administration of Nelson Mandela)

Presenter: Mariana Neves (INE-CV)

During the discussions on the SDGs, one of the sensitive issues was the inclusion of governance. In the world consultation, *The World We Want*, three dimensions of governance were chosen as priority dimensions for the next development agenda, being transformed into SDG 16 in the intergovernmental negotiations in New York. The proposed SDGs were adopted in September 2015 and indicators were approved at first instance by the UNSC in 2016 and subsequently endorsed by the UN ECOSOC in June 2016, with the next and last approval by the UN General Assembly.

INE-CV has actively worked for the inclusion of SDG 16 in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development because one of the resistances was the lack of measurement methodology, thus, in creating a mechanism, neutral, transparent and participatory that would make the methodological discussion, would reduce the resistance. Since 2014, the INE-CV has participated in several forums to advocate SDG 16, including the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly, where INE-CV was invited to demonstrate if it would be possible to measure SDG 16 and/or create the necessary methodology through the Praia Group. Cabo Verde was also invited to be part of the IAEG-SDGs and recognized as the point of dialogue between IAEG-SDG and Civil Society through the Praia Group and of the technical/methodological support of the Praia Group.

The working groups of this session discussed information that should be included in the metadata sheets to be delivered to the IAEG-SDGs.

Indicator 16.1.2. Conflict-related deaths per 100,000 population, by sex, age and cause

Main challenge is the translation of knowledge, data sets and methods from non-government agencies into official statistics

Per events based data, there are some NSOs collecting events data. For example:

- Mexico collects events data and its Ministry of Interior collects data on journalist deaths where journalist is registered as occupation on death certificate;
- Argentina NSO have events based data on journalist deaths;
- Philippines submits human rights report to the US Department of state;
- Uganda uses admin data from Ugandan Police Force (homicide) and its NHRI is based on events data
- WHO in Afghanistan uses administrative data from Ministry of Health;
- UNOHCR also collects data from NGOs.
- NHRI is based on events data

While the UN does not collect data for this indicator and data is not coming from NSOs, there are globally available data, such as the Uppsala Conflict Data Program which publishes data on conflict deaths etc. and its conservative numbers are stringent methods for counting. It will take years to get up to speed for NSOs to build capacity to produce data, but in the meantime, international community could use the existing datasets.

Indicator 16.5.1. Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months

NSO of Cote d'Ivoire has conducted survey of corruption with business and citizens: all citizens understood what corruption is and that most prevalent in justice system from police to courts including supreme court.

Dealing with only one form of bribery is not enough. A lot of work for clarification is needed. In May, there was a meeting on corruption among NSOs focal points. During the meeting, guidelines for surveys were developed. Once draft is produced, UNODC will share it with the Praia Group.

Indicator 16.6.2. Percentage of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services.

This indicator serves other indicators and is linked to variables access to public services; trust in public institutions; and satisfaction.

This indicator is also related to corruption indicator, i.e. where there is perception of corruption in a service sector will also likely to be reflected in low scores on satisfaction with services.

This is very broad/general indicators so that needs to connect with other indicators.

It is also necessary to focus on local level.

Indicator 16.7.1. Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions)

No additional comments

16.7.2.

No additional comments

Indicator 16.10.1. Number of verified cases of killing ... of journalists ... in previous 12 months.

This indicator can usefully be triangulated with multiple sources of data.

Indicator 16.b.1. Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the last 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights laws.

No additional comments

The outcome of the various discussions was presented and discussed in plenary. The report on SDG Working Groups 16 will be presented separately.

Next steps:

- The Secretariat compiled the various contributions and this will be shared with the members of the Praia Group when this report goes out.
- Chairs of each working group will be in touch directly with their members to organize meetings to discuss modes of working—i.e. google docs or whatever forms the most effective for the groups.

- Chairs of working groups keep the Secretariat posted on the progress of working groups and ensure that the Secretariat is informed and looped in.
- The Secretariat will liaise with the WG chairs to submit outputs, progress reports to the IAEG-SDGs.

CLOSING SESSION

Speaker: António Duarte – INE de Cabo Verde

In the closing session, Mr. Duarte addressed the necessity of strengthening the Praia Group Secretariat and the engagement of all Praia Group members. In this regard, he welcomed the decision that the UNDP Oslo Governance Centre would finance a consultant for a period of 5 months—which is a short-term solution while the Steering Committee seeks a lasting solution. He also mentioned the need for the creation of the fund that will finance not only the activities of the Praia Group, but also the participation of members from developing countries who cannot guarantee their participation due to budget constraints.

He appreciated the excellent level of discussions and presentations during the three-day meeting and expressed the willingness of the Praia Group Secretariat to work on various documents that will serve as a basis for the continuation of activities.

Mr. Duarte concluded his speech by informing officially the end of his duty as the President of INE as well as the President of the Praia Group Secretariat, and thanking all Praia Group members, especially René Sylva and Mariana Neves, for their great supports.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

All members of the Steering Committee¹⁸ participated in the meeting. As an observer and as a Co-Chair of the High-Level Group on the SDGs, the President of the NSO of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Ibrahima Ba, participated.

Members came to the following conclusions:

STEERING COMMITTEE

1. It is necessary to update the list of Praia Group members because Transparency International (Coralie Pring replaces Craig Fagan), AfDB (Fessou Emessan Lawson replaces Oliver Chinganya) and UNDP (Alexander Wilde joins the other three UNDP focal points) has new focal points.

SECRETARIAT

1. Everyone agreed on the need to strengthen the Secretariat.
2. The terms of reference for the International Consultant was finalized between the UNDP and the Secretariat. UNDP has already shared the document that would be published shortly.¹⁹
3. The “secondment”²⁰ dialogue of other NSOs beyond Norway should be attempted in order to have a longer solution.
4. The Secretariat shall follow up the agreements made and make the memorandum of the meetings.
5. The Secretariat shall organize a virtual/telephone meeting of the Steering Committee every 6 weeks (or every three months at least) and the first meeting of which shall be in the first week of August. The Agenda should also include items related to progress, and advocacy opportunities.

FINANCING

1. UNDP, PARIS21, AfDB and OHCHR are available to try to find resources within their institutions and to mobilize resources that are lacking.
2. Based on the Praia Group Work Plan that will be finalized soon, the budget²¹ should be drawn up according to the Work Plan. The request for funding must be signed by all members. Members should discuss exactly how to apply for funding.

¹⁸ NSO of Cabo Verde (António Duarte, René Sylva, Mariana Neves), NSO Mexico (Adrian Franco), OHCHR (Grace Sanico Steffan), UNDP (Chris Murgatroyd e Alexandra Wilde), Saferworld (Thomas Wheeler), Transparency International (Coralie Pring), AfDB (Fessou Emessan Lawson), PARIS21 (El-Iza Mohamedou e Rudolphe Petras).

¹⁹ On 14 July 2016, the contest was published on the UNDP website, and the link was sent to Steering Committee members to be sent to the network. It has not yet been possible to re-route to Cabo Verde's network of contacts.

²⁰ Transfer of an employee from one of Praia Group members' NSOs to the INE of Cabo Verde.

²¹ UNDP offered to support the secretariat in the preparation of the budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1. It was informed that the Working Groups on SDG 16 cannot work in a completely independent manner. Because the Praia Group does not have a mandate on the indicators of SDG 16 but has the IAEG-SDGs. Praia Group elaborates for IAEG-SDG approval.
2. It was reported that there were constraints with WebEx, specifically as Host, because it was not available for Africa, and the company has no representation in Cabo Verde or in a neighbouring country. Therefore, dialogue has been made with its branch in England.
3. In regard to moderators or a custodian,²² it should be chosen by the members of the working group in question. Groups should define and provide the work plan for the metadata and the initial metadata file. The deadline is the end of this month. It is the moderator who must inform the Secretariat which in turn compiles and informs the IAEG-SDG.
4. For the complementary indicators, we can only start once the main indicators are more "stable".

NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAIA GROUP

1. Once the Handbook has been completed, a face-to-face meeting of Praia Group members would be required in 2017. PARIS21 is available to assist in organizing the next meeting.
2. It would be necessary to have Meeting Report available before the next meeting so that the members and potential members have a better understanding of the discussions as this was one of the constraints identified during the current meeting.

OTHER ISSUES

1. There are two civil society initiatives that the Praia Group should try to contact including Global Data Alliance and SDG 16 Data Initiative.
2. It was discussed that INE-CV's inability to participate in some events and initiatives. Because of the small size of the Secretariat, it has not been possible to participate in all meetings, but perhaps strengthening the secretariat is possible.
3. The members thanked the INECV for organizing the meeting.
4. It is necessary to send the documents of the meeting expeditiously.

TRIBUTE TO CABO VERDE

OECD and PARIS 21 hosted a cocktail party in honour of Cabo Verde on 5 July. The event was attended by Ambassador of Cabo Verde to France, Ms. Fatima Veiga, and OECD Chief Statistician, Ms. Martine Durand.

²² Entity responsible for the indicator.

Ms. Durand expressed her appreciation for all the work done by Cabo Verde, especially as it is a small national statistical institute. She took the opportunity to explain the importance of the Praia Group in the international context and for the work of the OECD.

Ms. Veiga addressed the country's social and economic progress since its independence. She took the opportunity to show her appreciation for the support given to Cabo Verde and acknowledged the work done by INE-CV within the Praia Group.

TRIBUTE TO ANTÓNIO DUARTE (FORMER PRESIDENT OF INE CABO VERDE)

Since the exoneration of António Duarte was published on the first day of the meeting, the participants organized a tribute to him on 6 July. The tribute consisted of a speech by El-Iza Mohamedou, sub-manager of PARIS21, followed by a presentation of Praia Group members and the delivery of the dedications of all the participants of the meeting to the honouree.

PARALLEL ENCOUNTERS

Entity: UNDP (Chris Murgatroyd and Alexandra Wilde)

Participants: Antonio Duarte, Rene Sylva and Mariana Neves

Subject: International Consultant to support the Secretariat

All matters were discussed at the Steering Committee meeting that took place later.

Entity: PARIS21 (El-Iza Mohamedou and Rudolphe Petras)

Participants: Antonio Duarte, Rene Sylva and Mariana Neves

Subject: Support from PARIS21 to the Praia Group

All matters were discussed at the Steering Committee meeting that took place later.

Entity: Dial (François Raubaud)

Participants: Antonio Duarte, Rene Sylva and Mariana Neves

Subject: SHaSA-GPS

Mr. Raubaud offered to support the INE-CV in completing the SHaSA-GPS reports which, due to other priorities established by the INE-CV, were not completed. Given that Mr. Duarte was no longer the President at the time of the meeting with Mr. Raubaud it was not possible to make any engagement other than to inform the new INE presidency.

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