

Annex

Proposed terms of reference for the Praia group on governance statistics

1. The Praia group on governance statistics (the “Praia group”) is created by the Statistical Commission to contribute to establishing international standards and methods for the compilation of statistics on the major dimensions of governance, and to collaborate with United Nations bodies and other organizations concerned with specific aspects of governance statistics. The overall objective of the proposed Praia group is to encourage countries to produce governance statistics that are based on sound and documented methodologies.

2. The specific objectives of the Praia group are:

(a) To provide a forum for national and international statistical organizations, international agencies, academia, research groups and civil society organizations to share and develop expertise in governance statistics;

(b) To review, propose and promote the definition and harmonization of governance indicators, through the development of manuals and methodological guidelines;

(c) To document sound practices and provide inputs for the development of an indicator framework for the measurement and monitoring of the goals and targets related to peace and governance in the post-2015 development agenda and in other global initiatives;

(d) To assess the demand for governance statistics among potential user constituencies and highlight best-practices in their use;

(e) To provide advice on ways to enhance processes and standards for the public dissemination of governance statistics.

3. The Praia group will develop a handbook on governance statistics for national statistical offices, which will cover the conceptualization, measurement methodology and dissemination of governance statistics. To that end, the Praia group will carry out:

(a) A mapping, critical assessment and synthesis of available instances of the conceptualization and measurement of governance, using different approaches;

(b) A mapping of the demand for Governance statistics by various user constituencies;

(c) Expert consultations on the various constitutive dimensions of governance statistics, as well as user consultations with entities responsible for the governance agenda at the national, regional and international levels;

(d) The development of background documents containing methodological and practical guidelines for the improved gathering and compilation of governance statistics at all levels, including covering issues of concept definition, data quality, comparability, methodology, possible sources, compilation and dissemination mechanisms.

(e) The dissemination of the group's activities and products through existing relevant portals.

4. The presidency of the Praia group will be assumed by the National Institute of Statistics of Cabo Verde (Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INECV)). The secretariat for the group will be provided for by three to five institutions, including the Institute, and will support the group's activities, including the development of a communication strategy and a resource mobilization strategy. A steering committee will provide strategic orientations and will validate the technical work produced by the group.

5. The Praia group will carry out its work through:

(a) Face-to-face meetings with technical sessions (at least once a year);

(b) Task team meetings and electronic discussion forums on specific themes, with designated group members;

(c) Commissioned documents;

(d) Representation and information-sharing at Governance-related conferences and proceedings.

6. The United Nations Development Programme will provide technical and financial support towards the creation and launch of the Praia group on governance statistics. Other specialized agencies of the United Nations system will be invited to provide support on their areas of expertise, where relevant.

7. The first meeting of the Praia group will be held in Praia in the first half of 2015. The group will initially operate for a five-year period, from 2015 to 2020, after which time a review will be carried out to assess whether the Praia group is still needed.

8. The Praia group will report to the Statistical Commission at its sessions in 2016, 2018 and 2020.
