



3rd Membership Meeting of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics

Virtual Meeting

11 November 2020 | 08:00 - 11:00 EST

Background

The 3rd Membership Meeting of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics (the Praia Group) will be held virtually on 11th November, 2020. The meeting is being convened by the Praia Group Secretariat.

The Praia Group was created in 2015 at the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in response to the growing recognition of the importance of methodologically sound governance statistics. The mandate of the Group was to “contribute to establishing international standards and methods for the compilation of statistics on the major dimensions of governance” and its work since then has included the production and publication of a handbook on governance statistics for national statistical offices and to provide support for Sustainable Development Goal 16.

The Praia Group recently began a new term, running from 2020 until 2025, to continue its work, which includes providing a forum for the sharing of expertise in governance statistics and facilitating awareness of governance statistics initiatives among its members. The UNSC met in March of this year and expressed its support for “the continuation of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics and its work under the proposed revised terms of reference, while requesting that the Group further develop conceptualization of governance statistics, further improve methodology and standardization, add practical experiences, including experience in Africa, review the use of administrative data and develop a strategy for capacity development in that statistical area” ([UNSC 51/117/c, 51st Sess, March 2020](#)).

Objectives of the Meeting

The 3rd Membership Meeting has two main objectives. Firstly, to share knowledge and experiences around governance data collection efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. The

meeting will include a presentation on the Praia Group's [Guidance Note on Governance Statistics in the COVID-19 Era](#), which was published in September 2020, and which builds on recommendations contained in the [Handbook on Governance Statistics](#), also recently published by the Group. The guidance note was produced to help data producers meet governance data requirements during the pandemic (and other multidimensional crises that may arise in the future) and to provide practical measurement advice which is sensitive to the current operational constraints. It also aims to help data users - such as policy-makers, civil society or media - explore what governance data is needed for sustainable recovery efforts. The meeting will hear from members about how the pandemic has impacted their work, what challenges they face in collecting governance data at this time and how their organisation has responded to the situation.

The second objective of the meeting is to discuss possible options for the Praia Group's plan of work for its new term, which runs from 2020 until 2025. The ambition is to deliver outputs which advance the field of governance statistics and support governance data producers in operationalising the recommendations contained in the 'Handbook on Governance Statistics'. The Praia Group Secretariat will present various potential 'key deliverables' which it could focus on over the course of the next 4 to 5 years and will seek input from its members on which options they think would be most useful for governance data producers.

Outcomes from the meeting will include:

- An assessment of emerging issues and challenges in governance data collection efforts in a crisis context such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Recommendations for consideration of practical products which the Praia Group can deliver in its new term.

Participants:

The meeting is open to all members and steering committee members of the Praia Group.

Language:

English, Spanish

Provisional Agenda

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Welcome and Introduction

Speakers:

- *Dr. Osvaldo Monteiro Borges, Chair, Praia Group on Governance Statistics Cabo Verde*
- *Dr. Gilberto Barros, Secretary of State for Finance, Ministry of Finance Cabo Verde*

08:15

Governance Statistics in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Highlights from the 'Guidance Note on Governance Statistics in the COVID-19 Era'

- *Speaker: Ms. Kenia Godínez Noguera, Deputy Director of Methodological Support and Content, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía - INEGI (NSO-México)*

Experiences of National Statistics Offices when collecting governance data during a crisis context such as COVID-19

Speakers:

- *Mr. Sidy Boly, Statistician-Economist, National Statistical Institute of Mali (INSTAT)*
- *Mr. Luis Paz, Head of the Economic Units, DIGESTYC, El Salvador*

Q&A

09:30

Break

09:40

Vision and plan of work for the Praia Group's Second Term (2020 - 2025)

Discussion of options for practical products/outputs for the Praia Group's second term

- *Moderator: Dr. François Roubaud, Senior Research Fellow, French Institute of Research for Sustainable Development (IRD)*
- *Speaker: Ms. Marie Laberg, Expert Consultant – Governance Data, UNDP*

Q&A

10:45

Closing remarks

Summary of main areas of agreement

Speakers:

- *Ms. Malene Almeida, Praia Group Secretariat*
- *Ms. Ana Graça, Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Cabo Verde*