

SUPPORT FOR STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN SIDS

SESSION 3



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1. What successful strategies/approaches were initiated to support country and region-wide statistical capacity development in SIDS?

- **Demand is a key** – use of statistics is critical
- **Strategic partnerships** and collaboration in statistics are important

OECS:

- Support to OECS member-states and Commission in development of the OECS Sustainable Data Program
- Support to OECS Commission in development of the OECS RSDS jointly with ECCB, DFID, and UNDP with guidance from Paris21
- Harmonization of LFS/MPI surveys, support for data collection and analysis, CAPI

Pacific:

- Supporting SPC in survey instrument development, data management and analysis
- Collaborative analysis of data: PNG, Timor, Solomon's, FSM

2. How do development partners strike a balance in supporting both regional and national statistical development strategies and processes?

- Consistency between regional and national statistical strategies are important
- Certain economies of scale exist at the regional level, BUT countries are sovereign → national statistics plays an important role
- Regional statistical strategies may provide guidance when national strategies are not in place
- Regional should evolve: from hands on help to statistics trade bodies, from donor-backed to sustainable self-funding and self-regulation
- Two-prong approach: support regional institutions and individual statistical offices with a vision of developing expertise at the regional level to support national stats offices

3. Is multi-year commitment strategy likely to become more prevalent over the course of the SDG developments in SIDS?

- Programmatic approach in the Pacific
- Developing a programmatic approach for the OECS 2016-1018

4. Are development partners able to draw on the monitoring and evaluation practices of countries when meeting their own reporting obligations?

- Drawing as much as possible on credible national M&E systems and developed statistical systems is a big advantage and cost-saving
- Capacity of national/regional statistical systems is a key

5. What are the planned future support to SIDS countries (and/or regions) to sustain and expand statistics cooperation, in particular relating to SDGs and SAMOA Pathway?

- Institutional commitment to end poverty through more and better quality data
- Help countries improve statistical capacity
- Leverage strategic partnerships with other development partners