

Ghana's Data for Sustainable Development Roadmap Forum

Swiss Spirit Alisa Hotel

Agenda

Wednesday 5th April 2017

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:10 Introduction & welcome

- Mr. Baah Wadieh: Acting Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service

09:10-09:30 Opening Remarks

- Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta: Minister of Finance

09:30-10:00 Solidarity Messages from Partners

- Dr. Nii Moi Thompson: Director General, National Development Planning Commission on behalf of Ghana's SDG Implementation Coordination Committee
- Dr. Claire Melamed: Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Development Partners
- Mr. Seth Twum-Akwaboah: CEO Association of Ghana Industries
- Mr. George Osei-Bimpeh: SEND-Ghana on behalf of Civil Society Organisations Platform on SDGs in Ghana

10:00-10:20 Keynote Address

- His Excellency, Vice-President Mahamudu Bawumia

10:20-11:20 Session 1: Ghana's Approach to Implementation of the SDGs

Session with key governmental and non-governmental institutions which asks how the SDGs are aligning with national development priorities, what assessment has taken place thus far, and key initiatives around the SDGs that have happened or are planned in the near future.

Panelists

- Hon. Professor Gyan Baffour: Minister of Planning
- Dr. Nii Moi Thompson: Director General, National Development Planning Commission (Key presenter)
- Charles Kessey: Director Research, Statistics and Information Management, Office of the Head of Local Government Service
- Mr. George Osei-Bimpeh: SEND-Ghana on behalf of Civil Society Organisations Platform on SDGs in Ghana

Moderator

- Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye: Vice-Chair, National Development Planning Commission

11:20-11:50 BREAK

11:50-13:00 Session 2: SDG Data Requirements, Gaps and Opportunities for Ghana

In 2016 the Ghana Statistical Service began a series of activities to establish the current situation for SDG data production in the country. This session will be led by Ghana Statistical Service and will share the findings from this work, outlining the key thematic data gaps, as well as the cross-cutting issues that the country's data ecosystem now faces in order to produce adequate and appropriate data for the SDGs.

While the challenges are great however, there has also been much exciting work going on in Ghana and elsewhere to find new and innovative ways to improve data production. This session will also outline some initiatives and opportunities appropriate to meet Ghana's future data needs.

Panelists

- Hon. Dr. Anthony Akoto Osei: Minister for Monitoring and Evaluation
- Omar Seidu: SDG Co-ordinator Ghana Statistical Service (Key presenter)
- Radhika Lal: Chair UN Data Group
- Dr. Emmanuel Odame: Ministry of Health

Moderator

- Professor Nii Quaynor, University of Cape Coast

13:00-14:00 LUNCH**14:00-14:30 Session 3: Data Roadmaps for Sustainable Development**

The Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) have now supported the Data Roadmap process in a number of countries. Director for Data Ecosystem Development at the GPSDD will discuss the Data Roadmap process, the importance of an ecosystem approach to data production and present the GPSDD's Toolbox of supportive material for all stakeholders.

Presenter

- Aditya Agrawal: Director of Data Ecosystems Development, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

14:30-16:00 Session 4: Country Experiences of the Data Roadmap Process

Representatives from Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Senegal will share their country experiences on the Data Roadmap process and their activities around data production for the SDGs.

Presenters

- Philip Thigo: Office of the Deputy President, Kenya
- Yeama Thompson: Right to Access Information Commission, Sierra Leone
- Suwadu Sakho-Jimbira: IPAR, Senegal

Moderator

- Dr. Claire Melamed: Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

16:00-16:30 BREAK**16:30-17:30 Session 5: Leave No One Behind: The Importance of Data Disaggregation**

The SDGs, and the underpinning Agenda 2030, have made a commitment to *Leave No One Behind*. This session will explore what this means for data production in Ghana and focus on some of the key priority areas for action in order to fulfil this aim. In particular, panelists will discuss the challenges and importance of data disaggregation along the lines of gender, location, socio-economic grouping, and other characteristics.

Panelists

- Anthony Amuzu: Deputy Government Statistician (Operations), GSS
- Jenna Slotin: Deputy Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Dr. Charles Abugre: Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA)
- Andy Tatem: Flowminder

Moderator

- Bernard Avle, CITI FM

17:30 Day 1 Closing

Thursday 6th April 2017

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09:00-09:15 Reflections on Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2

- Mr. Baah Wadieh: Acting Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service
- Dr. Claire Melamed: Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

09:15-10:00 Session 6: The Potential of Administrative Data

Presentation from Statistics Denmark which will introduce the audience to statistics production from administrative data and the key uses and benefits of administrative data.

10:00-11:00 Session 7: Parallel Sessions on Key Data Issues

There will be 4 parallel sessions during this time focusing on key areas of intervention to improve data for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Parallel Session A	Parallel Session B	Parallel Session C	Parallel Session D
Strengthening Administrative Data Systems	Production of environmental and spatial data	Tools and infrastructure for data communication, advocacy, evidence-based decision-making and accountability	Producing sex-disaggregated and gender sensitive data

Parallel Session A: Strengthening Administrative Data Systems

Surveys and censuses provide much needed and high quality data. However, over-reliance on these forms of data collection have a number of issues including cost, timeliness, frequency, and levels of disaggregation possible. Administrative data is that which is collected routinely during the process of delivering a service (for example by a government agency). Strengthening the administrative data system can be very powerful to work alongside and complement censuses and surveys because it is continuously generated, timely, and cost effective and when collected using the right template can provide much greater levels of detail than would be possible through a survey or even a census.

This session will focus on ways to strengthen the administrative data system in Ghana, by working across departments and ministries and building enabling systems. Recent work on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in the country will be presented as an example of what can be achieved when stakeholders come together to build data communities and the resulting policy decisions that this type of data can enable. The use of administrative data by PEPFAR to combat HIV/AIDS will also be presented.

Presenters

- Statistics Denmark
- Reverend Kingsley Addo: Births and Deaths Registry
- Frank Amoyaw: PEPFAR
- *TBC*: Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

Moderator

- Mr. Anthony Amuzu-Pharin, Director of Social and Demographic Statistics

Parallel Session B: Production of environmental and spatial data

While data will need to be strengthened across all thematic areas of the SDGs, there are certain themes on which the National Statistical System has very little experience of collecting data, including environmental data.

However, around the world and in Ghana, new and innovative ways of measuring environmental performance are being pioneered. Geospatial and other types of Big Data in particular have been shown to be powerful in adding new levels of disaggregation when combined with more traditional datasets. This session will explore these innovations, as well as begin to think about ways for stakeholders to work together in Ghana to produce this data.

This session would also be appropriate for participants interested in combining new types of data with traditional data sets and building data communities around different thematic areas.

Presenters

- Christina Asare: Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana
- Foster Mensah: Centre for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (CERSGIS)
- Kofi Amedzro: Town and Country Planning

Moderator

- Prof. Samuel Nii Ardey Cudjoe, Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS)

Parallel Session C: Tools for data communication, advocacy, evidence-based decision-making, and accountability

Quality data production is key to ensuring success in achieving the SDGs. However, in order to ensure that the data produced can be used to inform advocacy and decision-making and accountability, it is necessary to devise new ways to map and communicate data. In recent years, there has been much advancement in this area and many tools now exist which can help to better communicate and disseminate data to target and wider audiences.

Presenters

- Mark Irura: Development Gateway
- Ernie Ofori: AITI-KACE
- Alexandra Silfverstolpe: Data Act Lab
- Akua Aboabea Aboah: ESRI

Moderator

- Mr. David Kombat: Director of Communications, Ghana Statistical Service

Parallel Session D: Producing sex disaggregated and gender sensitive data

Alongside the standalone goal for gender equality in the SDGs, goal 5, *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*, the call to Leave No One Behind means that gender must also be considered in every thematic area across all the 17 goals. This session will focus on the need to produce data that is both sex-disaggregated and gender sensitive, i.e. data that reflects the gendered nature of society and the different experiences of women and men, boys and girls, for the entire indicator framework. It will highlight areas where data already exist to produce gender indicators and propose solutions to key data gaps.

Presenters

- Alba Bautista: Data 2X
- Andy Tatem: Flowminder
- Professor Samuel Annim: University of Cape Coast

Moderator

- Dr. Grace Bediako: National Development Planning Commission

11:00-11:30 BREAK**11:30-12:30 Session 8: Open Data for SDGs in Ghana**

Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and share alike.

Ghana began its Open Data Initiative in 2012 and like many other countries is still in the process of integrating this into its data ecosystem. This session will look at why further pursuit of Open Data is important for Ghana and what the benefits can be for data producers and users from many stakeholder groups and the enabling systems that need to be put in place to allow Open Data to thrive in the country.

Panelists

- Eric Swanson: Open Data Watch
- Tom Orrell: Publish What You Fund
- Audrey Ariss: Centre for Open Data Enterprise
- Fiona Smith: The Open Data Institute

Moderator

- Eric Akumiah: National Information Technology Agency (NITA)

12:30-13:30 LUNCH**13:30-14:30 Session 9: Policy and enabling environment**

This session will focus on the necessary policy initiatives in relation to data production, sharing and use, as well as the enabling environment to ensure data quality, interoperability, security and protection.

Panelists

- Dr. Nii Moi Thompson: Director General, National Development Planning Commission
- Mrs. Teki Akuetteh Falconer: Executive Director, Data Protection Commission
- Director of Research, Statistics and Information Management, Office of the Head of Local Government Service
- Mr. Sylvester Gyamfi: Director of Co-ordination and Programme Management, Ghana Statistical Service

Moderator

- TBC

14:30-16:00 Session 10: The Roadmap Forward - Key Priorities, Opportunities and Commitments for Ghana*Introduced by*

- Dr. Claire Melamed: Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

This session will consist of 4 break-out groups. Each group will be assigned one of the following themes to focus their discussion on:

- Administrative data and data disaggregation
- Policy and enabling environment
- Strategies for encouraging data accessibility and use
- Data ecosystems and partnerships

Each group will discuss the following questions:

- From what you have heard and discussed over the last two days, what are the key issues facing Ghana in relation to the focus area of your group?
- Based on the issues you have identified, how would you prioritise these?
- What commitments are you able to make to support the effort moving forward?
- Do you think there are any topics relating to your groups focus theme that need addressing that were not on the agenda for this Forum?

Chairpersons

- Dr. Grace Bediako: National Development Planning Commission
- Mr. Anthony Amuzu: Ghana Statistical Service

- Dr. Charles Abugre: Savannah Accelerated Development Authority
- Radhika Lal: UN Data Group

16:00-16:30 BREAK**16:30-17:30 Report Back**

Chairpersons from the previous session report back in plenary what was discussed in their groups. Chairpersons will be expected to report on priority areas for action, new topics that require further exploration, and commitments from stakeholders going forward.

Input will also be given in this session by rapporteurs from parallel sessions earlier in the day (session 7).

Chair

- Dr. Claire Melamed: Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

17:30-18:00 Forum Closing Remarks

Closing remarks outlining the key upcoming milestones and mechanisms for implementing the data roadmap process going forward.

Speakers

- Mr. Baah Wadieh: Acting Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service

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