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Statistics for Transparency, Accountability, and Results: The Busan Action Plan for Statistics

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The Busan HLF4 has reaffirmed the importance of statistics:

“We will partner to implement a global Action Plan to enhance capacity for statistics to monitor progress, evaluate impact, ensure sound, results-focused public sector management, and highlight strategic issues for policy decisions.”



Building on past successes and partnerships

- 2004 – The International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results endorsed the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS).
 - The six point plan set goals for national and international statistical agencies.
 - MAPS focused attention on the need for better statistics and helped to mobilize political and financial support.
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MAPS results

- 71 low-income countries have produced strategic plans for the development of their statistical systems.
 - 55 countries have participated in the Accelerated Data Program, using tools developed by the International Household Survey Network for documenting and preserving surveys.
 - 98 percent of the world's population will be covered by the 2010 census round.
 - 60 percent increase in financial commitments to statistics between 2008 and 2010.
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Remaining tasks and new demands

- Limited progress on implementing national strategies for the development of statistics (NSDS);
 - Better coordination of donor support still needed;
 - Important gaps to fill in poverty, gender, and agriculture statistics;
 - Increased demand for geo-spatial statistics;
 - Open data / open government initiatives are raising expectations for better statistics.
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Out of Busan- New Objectives

I. Fully integrate statistics in decision making.

- Improve policy makers ability to use statistics
- Involve statistical producers in planning, budgeting, and M&E discussions

II. Promote open access to statistics

- Within government and to the public

III. Increase resources for statistical systems



The Busan Action Plan for Statistics

1. Strengthen NSDS;
 2. Implement standards for data documentation and public access;
 3. Develop programs to increase knowledge and skills needed to use statistics effectively;
 4. Monitor outcomes of all global summits;
 5. Ensure financing is robust and funding mechanisms responsive.
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Action 4: Monitor outcomes of global summits and high level *fora*

- Resolutions of global summits and high-level *fora* should clearly state the policy issues being addressed and the key set of indicators to be developed.
- Statistical activities required by global initiatives should be implemented with developing country leadership, consistent with their national strategies, and at a pace in keeping with other priority needs.

Action 4: Monitor outcomes of global summits and high level *fora* (cont'd)

- Outcome documents should specifically recognize the need for statistical capacity development, including technical assistance, training, and financial support.
 - Monitoring and follow-up reports should include assessments of statistical progress.
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Thank you!

