

## Side Event# 2: “Role of Statistics in Aid Effectiveness”

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*Location: To Be Confirmed*

The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PARIS21) is organising a discussion at the Accra HLF on the **development of national statistical systems** and the role of **statistics in the Aid Effectiveness agenda**. Specifically, the event will present the new Statistics for Results Facility<sup>1</sup>, which aims to accelerate the strengthening of statistical capacities in developing countries, through implementation of **National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDSs)**, so that there is a sustained improvement in the availability of and access to reliable statistics in order to better **measure and manage for development results**.

As a **cross-cutting issue**, statistics are relevant to all five Paris Declaration principles and all nine Accra Roundtables. Statistics are needed for “upstream” policy processes such as identifying issues, developing policies, setting targets and forecasting future trends; as well as for “downstream” processes such as monitoring policy implementation and evaluating policy impact.

The Statistics for Results Facility aims to build on achievements of the past ten years (including those of PARIS21 and the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics), but through a **new approach** which applies the principles of the **Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness**. At country level, it will promote **better partnership arrangements** between development partners and statistical agencies, including to help countries produce agreed NSDS implementation plans, raise resources, and implement a **system-wide approach to statistical capacity building**. The facility will administer central funds to assist countries in this process, provide a catalyst to promote the new way of working, and provide grant funds to help countries meet clearly identified financing gaps.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Facility’s framework document at <http://www.paris21.org/documents/3128.pdf>