

## WSC 2017 MARRAKECH

### **Open meeting: ISI Strategic priority 2: on which issues do we need a stronger public voice and which members wish to work on this?**

Wednesday 19 July 2017: 12.30pm to 2pm.

Venue: Palais des Congrès. Room: A.1.16

Layout: 10 circular tables seating ten each

Chair: Stephen Penneck

#### Introduction (10 mins)

SP to set out:

- How this issue has arisen
- How it links to the aims of the ISI
- The particular role of ISI as a global NGO
- Why it has to be volunteer led

A significant number of our members feel that the ISI could adopt a higher public profile on statistical issues. A range of concerns have been raised: some are purely about promoting statistics; others are more concerned with their impact in public debate. These issues represent a significant challenge for us. There are a number of questions that arise: is this new direction within our remit? What should the focus of this work be? And if so, how would we do this, especially within the resources we have?

#### Exercise 1 (30 mins)

Do people agree this is a priority, and what should the issues be on which ISI has a public voice? Which are the high priority issues?

Discussion in table groups and report back

#### Exercise 2 (30 mins)

How do we take these issues forward:

- Produce some position papers?
- More active UNSC involvement?
- Quick response teams?
- Developing media contacts?
- Using NSSs?

#### Exercise 3 (30 mins)

How should members engage on this? Use video conferences, google drives etc. How should it be co-ordinated?

Who wants to be involved in what?

Conclusion (10 mins)

SP to summarise conclusions and set out next steps

Materials needed

Large circular tables

Powerpoint projection

Flip chart paper and pens

Sign in sheets for each table with email address etc