

Participants of the WSC 2017 are kindly invited to an open meeting:

What should our focus on statistical capacity building (SCB) be and who should contribute to this?"

Wednesday 19 July 2017: 12.30pm to 2pm.

Venue: Palais des Congrès. Room: A.1.17

Chairs: John Bailer, Irena Krizman

I. Introduction(8 minutes), short PowerPoint presentation.

The new ISI Strategy 2017-2021 has been developed by the ISI Executive Committee (EC), working together with Council. It builds on a survey of the membership undertaken in February 2016, which identified our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. A consultation with membership was done in February 2017. The document updated with the comments received was again circulated to membership in May 2017. The ISI Strategy 2017 to 2021 will be on the agenda for the ISI General Assembly in Marrakech for endorsement. To increase engagement and facilitate an open dialogue with you on the implementation of the Strategy, the EC will organise a series of lunch time Open Meetings during the 61st ISI World Statistics Congress in Marrakech. This also reflects our decision to consider **the Strategy a living and open document, enabling a process for revising the orientation of the society in line with the members' views.**

ISI Strategic priority 3: "Develop Statistical Capacity"

ISI has defined SCB objectives as:

- Enabling statistical practitioners in the public and private sectors to use state-of-the-art methods for data collection, analysis and interpretation
- Contributing to the development of statistical infrastructure and human resources including
 - Official statistics
 - Survey statistics
 - Business statistics
 - Statistical education and research

II. Discussion in table groups (ten with ten participants each) and report back

1. Focus: Define the focus for SCB (18 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- What have we done well in SCB?
- What capacity have we built?
- What capacity do we want to build in the future? (our niche and our priorities)

2. Structure: Organizing, planning and managing SCB activities - governance, remit, partnership across the ISI family(18 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- What is the proper membership and structure for SCB within ISI?
- How should we engage associations and committees (Young Statisticians, Committee on Women in Statistics)?
 - i. Should we have a Council for SCB activity or other structure?
- How should regions of the world be represented on this from all appropriate regions (e.g. Central Africa, North Africa, Latin-America and South-East Asia – link between SCB and outreach?)

3. Relationships: Define distinction between SCB and other groups(18 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

How should SCB within ISI partner with other professional societies?

- Relation to NSSs (and NSOs) in region of interest?
- Others – e.g. International Mathematical Union and The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)
- NSS partners? RSS, ASA, (IBS, ICASA, ...)

4. Implementation: Identifying SCB focus and moving to action (18 minutes)

How should we define SCB tasks that we will conduct?

- Operational tasks
 - Task forces formed to address particular-regional need?
 - Members/volunteers to take up specific responsibilities in connection with CB and to prepare the necessary background for further discussion and decision making.

How are partners identified for SCB activities?

- How should we define partners for SCB within ISI?
- ISI SCB activities FOCUS
 - Candidate topics - official statistics, agriculture, health, environment, mobility, famine and education – we can't do all.
 - Benefit with better integration of SCB across all of the ISI family
 - What types of SCB activities within ISI will have the greatest impact? ISI SCB activity TYPE: Workshops, short courses, mentoring, curriculum development, training – priority?
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III. Conclusion (10minutes)

Chairs to summarise conclusions and set out next steps

IV. Materials needed:

10 large circular tables, PowerPoint projection, flip chart paper and pens, sign in sheets for each table with email address, recording device