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An overview of the Working Group activities is provided below.

Summary of activities

At the TCG meeting held in Montreal (31 May-02 June 2017), the WG2 had agreed on the necessity to setup a statistical CD Framework that will help meeting the objectives assigned to the Group. The Framework should be mainly constituted of a Repository of CD Tools and a list of CD initiatives and Funding mechanisms. Such Framework would then be used to identify gaps in terms of CD areas and tools as well as funding mechanism to formulate responses to these gaps.

The activities of the WG between the meeting of June 2017 and January 2018 (TCG meeting in Dubai) were:

1. Designing the pilot Statistical CD Framework.

2. Developing a dedicated Wiki platform to host the CD Framework.

Since the TCG meeting in Dubai, the following activities were implemented:

1. Several improvements of the contents of the CD Framework were introduced in versions in both languages. The current version is available at the following link: https://teams.unesco.org/cop/tcg/cd-en/SitePages/Statistical%20Capacity%20Development%20Framework.aspx

   Annex A of the document presents the front page of the current version of the framework

2. Designing and implementation of a survey to evaluate the usefulness and areas to improve of the pilot Statistical Capacity Development Framework. The questionnaire was implemented between 15 October and 05 November and the results will be discussed and presented at the TCG meeting in Mexico.

Annex A:

Pilot Statistical Capacity Development Framework

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Statistical Capacity Development Framework

Version française

TECHNICAL COOPERATION GROUP

Education 2030

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The Framework is mainly constituted of a Repository of CD Tools and a list of CD initiatives and Funding mechanisms. The overall statistical CD Framework is presented in a concept note at the Resources section here below.

Repository of CD Tools

The Framework is built on top of the UNDP generic five steps CD process grounded into the SDG4 Education 2030 context. It is elaborated through the identification (the inventory) of key education statistical areas where countries may require support (national education statistical capacity needs). The Framework will serve as a repository in which for each of these areas potential CD tools will be made available as public goods to help countries develop their statistical CD strategy or simply to pick some resources of interest when needed.

CD Steps	Statistical areas	CD Tools				
		General	Administrative data	Household survey	Learning assessment	Finance
Engage stakeholders on capacity development	Ensuring National Ownership and Coordination	CD Principles				
Assess capacity assets and needs	Data gaps identification	SDG4 National Indicators Framework				
		UIS SDG4 data mapping tool				
		SDG4 meta-data				
	Data quality assessment	UN Fundamental principles of official statistics	UIS - World Bank DQAF	IMF DQAF	UIS Catalog of Learning Assessments	
		Generic NQAF	UIS Light Ed-DQAF	UIS Household Survey DQAF	SABER Student Assessment	UIS Education Finance DQAF

				SABER EMIS		
Formulate a capacity development response	**Develop a statistical CD strategy**	PARIS21 SNDS guidelines				
		UIS NSDES guide				
Implement a capacity development response	**Planning**		Basic EMIS planning document	How to Plan and Conduct Sample Surveys	UIS Guides for National Learning Assessment	
	Data collection		UIS EMIS Questionnaire Database	Houlsehold Survey Questionnaires Database	UIS Catalog of Learning Assessments	National Education Accounts (NEA)
	Data processing	Database modeling courses	UIS Guidelines for EMIS Software development	Statistical Software packages		GFS systems review
	Data analysis	Indicators for education planning: a practical guide				
	Reporting & Dissemination	Guidelines on SDG4 reporting				
		Producing dash boards				
		IMF Standards for Data Dissemination				
	Data use	Pole de Dakar Methodological guides				
		IIEP free courses on data presentation				
Evaluate capacity development	**Monitoring and evaluation**					

CD initiatives and Funding mechanisms

In addition, the Framework includes a list of CD initiatives and funding opportunities that countries could benefit from for funding parts of their statistical CD strategy.

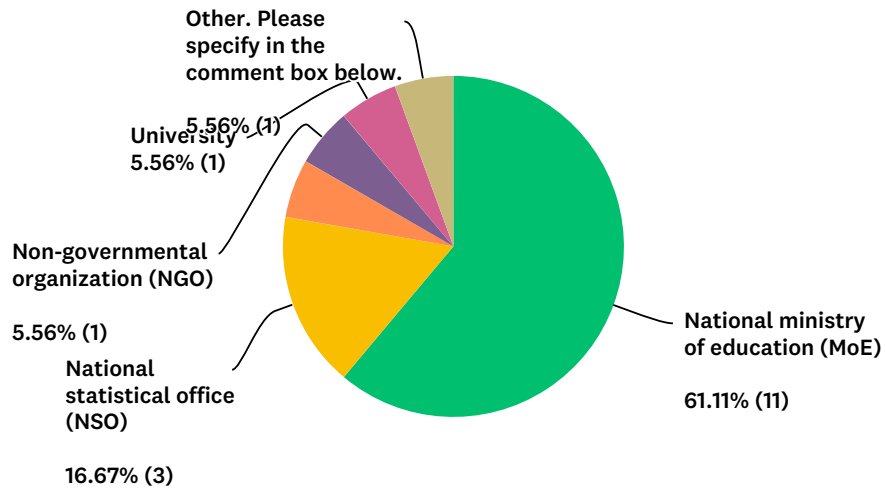| **CD initiatives** |
|---|
| CapED program |
| PARIS21 Capacity Development Framework 4.0 |
| Statistics without borders |
| **Funding mechanisms** |
| GPE mechanisms |
| SIDA support to EMOP surveys |
| German BACKUP Initiative – Education in Africa |
| Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) |
| Statistics for Results Facility Catalytic Fund (SRF) |
| WorldBank STATCAP program |

Accelerated Data Program (ADP)

Resources

CD Framework Concept note: TCG WG2 CD Framework Concept Note.pdf

Annex B: Results of the survey on the usefulness and areas to improve of the pilot Statistical Capacity Development Framework

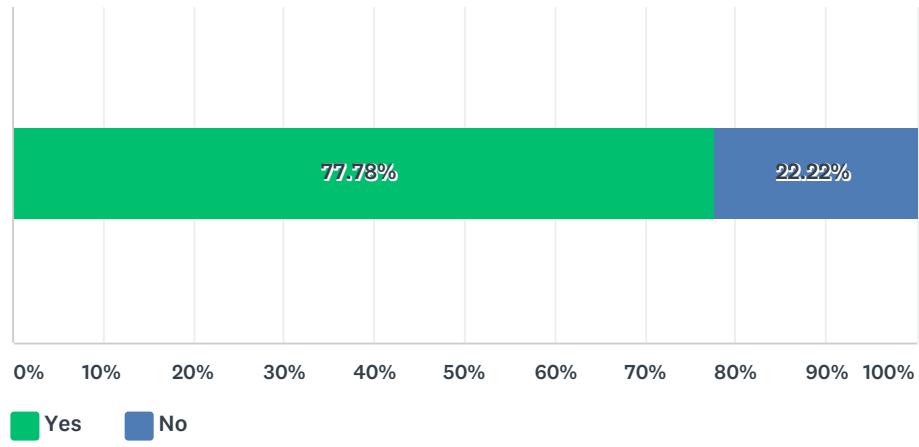## Q2 For what type of organization do you work for?

Answered: 18   Skipped: 2

Other. Please
specify in the
comment box below.

5.56% (1)

University
5.56% (1)

Non-governmental
organization (NGO)

5.56% (1)

National
statistical office
(NSO)

16.67% (3)

National ministry
of education (MoE)

61.11% (11)

Q3 Please indicate your function (or position) in your organization and provide your email address
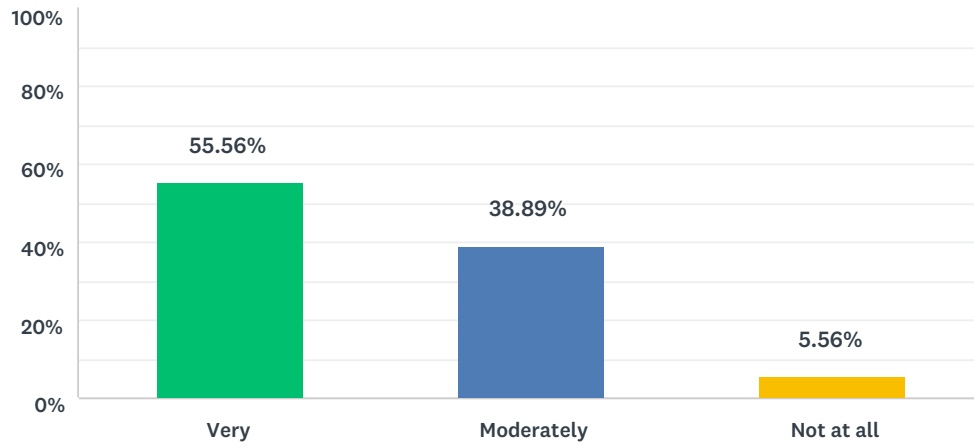
Answered: 17   Skipped: 3

Q4 Have you ever participated in at least one of the previous meetings of the TCG?

Answered: 18   Skipped: 2

Yes 77.78%   No 22.22%

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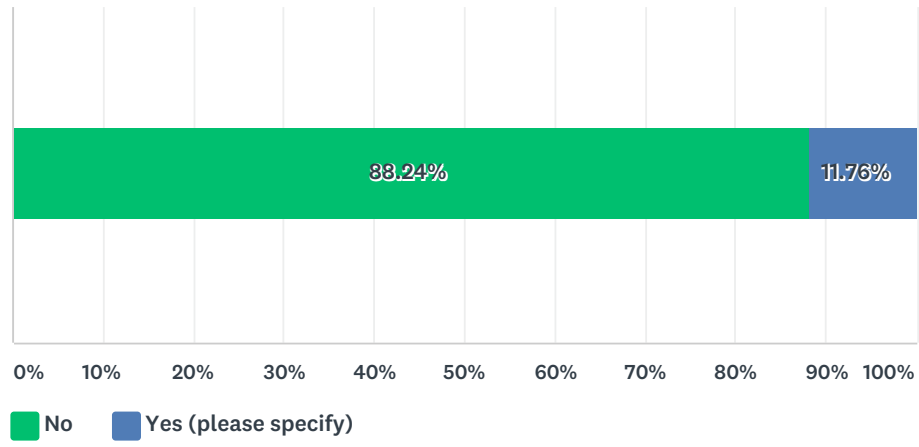
■ Yes ■ No

Q5 How is the repository of CD tools helpful in your view?

Answered: 18   Skipped: 2

Q6 Do you know specific CD tools that are not identified in the repository of capacity development tools and should be?

Answered: 17   Skipped: 3
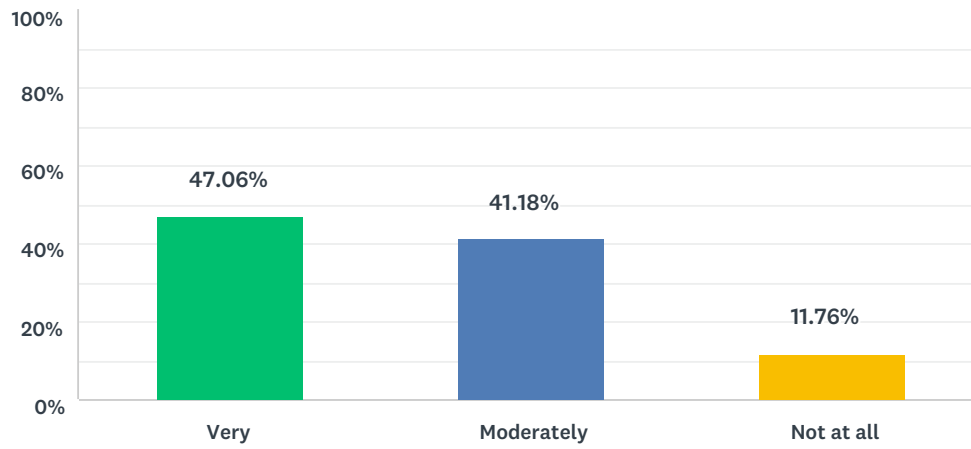

| No | Yes (please specify) |

Q7 What would you suggest to improve the content of the repository of capacity development (CD) tools?

Answered: 13   Skipped: 7

Q8 How is the repository of CD initiatives and funding mechanisms helpful in your view?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 3

Q9 Do you know specific capacity development initiatives and funding mechanisms that are not identified in the repository and should be?

Answered: 16   Skipped: 4

0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90% 100%

- No
- Yes (please specify)