Meeting Objectives and Agenda



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WG-16 in Pretoria Dec, 2016:

The 16th meeting was hosted by Statistics South Africa and attended by 65 persons:

- 38 representing national statistical authorities from 19 countries,
- 11 representatives from universities or national institutes of public health or other national research bodies or ministries,
- 3 representatives from the US NCHS (WG Secretariat),
- 4 representatives from organizations representing persons with disabilities (DPOs), and
- 9 representatives from international organizations (DFAT, DFID, IFORD (Institute of Demographic Training and Research), JICA, UN DESA/UN Secretariat of the CRPD, UNICEF, and UNSD)

WG-16 Key Sessions:

- reviewed and approved guidelines for analyzing data obtained using the WG Extended Set of disability questions on Functioning (WG ES-F),
- adopted the final version of the WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module (CFM),
- discussed the further development of modules on barriers and facilitators to school participation (children) and to employment (adults),
- discussed issues pertaining to measuring mental health,
- special sessions devoted to the use of WG tools for disaggregation of the Sustainable Development Goals by disability status, and Disability Measurement in Africa

Main Objectives for 17th meeting

- Provide up-dates on the WG tools and associated documentation (web-site);
- Provide up-dates on the development of the modules on inclusive education and inclusive employment;
- Provide an up-date on the development of questions to measure mental health;
- Review regional and country activities and discuss potential regional collaborations; and
- Review recent international activities in disability statistics

WG17: Pre-meeting Sessions

Pre-meeting Session I: Background, History, and Development of WG's Data Collection Tools

 provides a brief orientation for new Washington Group (WG) members including background on the history and the development of the WG's data collection tools.

Pre-meeting Session II: Important Considerations for Implementation of the WG Tools and Analysis of Resulting Data

 directed to representatives from national statistical offices (NSOs) focusing on issues related to the implementation of the WG questions and the analysis of the resulting data.

Agenda: Sessions Overview

- 1. Opening
- Objectives and Agenda
- WG Data Collection Tools Guidance and Resources
- WG Data Collection Tools Best Practices, Challenges and Solutions
- Measuring Environmental Factors and Participation: WG/UNICEF Module on Inclusive Education & WG/ILO Module for LFS

Agenda: Sessions Overview

- Development of Measures Specific to Mental Health
- Implementation and Capacity Building Next Steps
- 8. Disability in Australia
- 9. Disability in Asia and the Pacific Region
- 10. Country Experiences and Activities Related to Disability Statistics
- 11. Next steps and Objectives for the 18th Meeting

WG: Governance & Structure

- Governance document
 - Membership
 - Steering Committee: Representation and Rotation
 - Workgroups
- Secretariat: NCHS
- Report to United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC)

So, Let's begin...