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## ***SDGs, Data and Capacity Development: From a Data Revolution to a Capacity Revolution***

***14 July, 6:15 – 7:30 PM  
UN Conference Room E***

### ***- Event Summary -***

A joint PARIS21, UNSD, GPSDD side event was held on 14 July during the sidelines of the 2017 High-level Political Forum at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The event brought together nearly 90 people from various sectors interested in discussing the link between SDGs, data and capacity development. Panelists shared best practices around capacity and statistical development and advocated for more co-ordinated development activities and political outreach.

Key takeaways from the panel discussion and audience include:

- Need to go beyond “technical training” and focus more on the “enabling environment” side of capacity development, including at the subnational/local level
- Need to humanise capacity development through strategic engagements that focus on results
- Need to concentrate efforts beyond typical aid paradigm to ensure sustainability of efforts

Prior to the event, PARIS21 published the discussion paper *Realising the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development: Towards Capacity Development 4.0*. This paper looks into traditional approaches to capacity development and discusses the need for new working methodologies.

[Click here for a full event description.](#)

## Discussants included:

- Rosemarie Edillon, Undersecretary, National Development Office, Philippines
- Christoph Lang, Senior Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Katinka Weinberger, Chief, Environment & Development Policy, UNESCAP
- Serge Kapto, Policy Specialist, Data for Development, UNDP
- Davis Adieno, Senior Advisor, Data, Accountability & Sustainable Development, Civicus
- Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD
- Claire Melamed, Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Johannes Jütting, Manager of PARIS21



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*This event will look at the role of data in achieving the SDGs and how to address the existing gaps in capacity.*



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