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Omar,

We hope that your team will be able join us for a conference call at **10 EST on Thursday, March 2nd**. We are including some of our US NRP team members on this email; we think an initial call may still be helpful even if not all staffs can join. I am also inviting our colleague from the UK, **Ann Corp** who recently cloned the US NRP, in case she may be able to join us, as I think her perspective may be useful.

Please do let us know.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Park

From: Omar Seidu [mailto:omar.seidu@statsghana.gov.gh]

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Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear Lawrence and Jennifer,

Thank for the quick response. I only think tomorrow may be too early as some of the team members have different schedules and will not be in the office tomorrow. Also since you attached some resources I guess it will be good we review prior to the conversation so we can easy seek clarifications.

Do you mind if we re-schedule it? I will talk to my team and get back.

Lawrence! Tuesday is fine with me and as you suggested I will arrange to meet with Jennifer as well.

Kind regards,

Omar

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Mon, 27 Feb 2017 15:23:44 -0000 (GMT)

Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear Omar (and Larry),

It was a pleasure speaking with you and your team last week. I would be available for a "deeper dive" call focusing on the national reporting platform at 10a EST on Tuesday, February 28th or Thursday, March 2nd. Would either of those work for your team?

Additionally, would you like me to invite our NRP IT architect and, if available, my counterpart at the UK, Ann Corp? (Ann was involved with the cloning of the US NRP to develop the UK NRP.)

I am attaching several materials that may be of interest to you and your team, as a follow up to last week's call.

1. A powerpoint slide deck describing the purpose and intended use of the US National Reporting Platform.
2. Three graphics describing potential data flow models from NSOs to custodian agencies to UNSD.
3. The (all but final) UNECE CES Roadmap.
4. The training guide to the NRP can be found on the NRP github site under <https://github.com/GSA/sdg-indicators/issues/457>.
5. I will send a separate email introducing you to my colleagues at Statistics Denmark.
6. Perhaps we could have a separate call re blended data? It would be a different group of staff.

Sincerely, Jennifer Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Sperling, Lawrence I [mailto:SperlingLI@state.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:36 AM

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Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Thanks Omar - it was a great pleasure talking with you and your colleagues.

Jenn - we'd talked about doing a deeper dive on the US National Reporting Platform possibly before Statcom. Is it possible for you this week? (Also note additional follow up items - ECE Roadmap, training guide for US NRP, connecting with Denmark).

I plan to be in New York for UN StatCom Sunday Mar 5 through Wednesday March 8. Looks like my best time for a bilat is Tuesday afternoon, after 2:30 - although most important you meet with Jenn.

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Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear Lawrence,

Thanks for setting up the call last Wednesday, it was a great opportunity

for us to know what is happening at your end and where Ghana can learn

from your experience. Following up on a few things.

1. We discussed the possibility of a follow up call on the open data platform

with the possibility of Ghana customizing it for our own. When can we get this done?

2. You suggested you will share the ECE Roadmap and reporting platform with us.

3. Sharing of the training guide for your platform

4. Connecting GSS with Denmark in the area of the use of administrative data (interestingly

in the lead up to our data roadmap forum, we held our first multi stakeholder advisory committee meeting last Friday and it come out that building our administrative data system is one of the priorities for the forum). The connection will therefore be great.

5. possibility of having some bilateral meeting during the 48th UNSC.

6. We will also be happy to get more insights or resources on the blended data you mentioned.

Thank you so much and looking forward to strengthening our collaboration.

Omar

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Sent: Fri, 17 Feb 2017 00:02:31 -0000 (GMT)

Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear Omar - how would next Wednesday, 10 a.m. DC time, 3 p.m. Accra time, work for you for an initial call?

Lawrence Sperling

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Office of the Secretary - Global AIDS Coordinator

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Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear All,

Thank you once again for the links Paul sent earlier, they were very useful.

This has come at a time when Ghana is preparing to host its Data Roadmap forum in April in partnership with the GPSDD. We are also working on a project to build an open data platform for the SDGs, so it will be useful to learn from your experiences and identify possible areas of collaboration.

We were thinking if it would be possible to have a call next week Tuesday or Wednesday?

If these days will not be convenient, please suggest the most convenient to you.

I have copied our other team members at the GSS.

Best regards,

Omar

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Sent: Mon, 13 Feb 2017 17:16:45 -0000 (GMT)

Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Omar,

Great to meet you. We are happy to connect whenever is convenient for you all.

Talk soon,

Christalyn Steers McCrum

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M; Munger, Paige E; Sperling, Lawrence I

Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Omar,

Lovely to meet you. Looking forward to discussing Ghana's possible interest at your team's convenience.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Park

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Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear Paul,

Thank you for the link you sent earlier and now connecting us to Jennifer and Christalyn virtually.

We would very much want to learn from your experience in order to adopt what would better fit
our case in Ghana.

Ghana is preparing for our data roadmap forum on April 5-6, 2017 and we also working on to development
an open data platform. I guess when my boss, Mr. Amuzu sets up the call we may be able to discuss these further.

Thanks again Paul, and great to connect with you Jennifer and Christalyn.

Regards,

Omar

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Fri, 10 Feb 2017 15:22:28 -0000 (GMT)

Subject: RE: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Dear Anthony:

Greetings! I Hope this email.

I am writing today to connect you with Jennifer Park, the Office of the Chief Statistician with the
White House Office of Management and Budget.

Dear Jennifer:

I met Anthony Amuzu, Deputy Government Statistician (Operations), Ghana Statistical Service at the
UN World Data Forum in Cape Town and he participated in the

Interim Steering Group of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. Ghana recently
joined the Global Partnership and they are planning a SDG Data Revolution Roadmap workshop on April 5-6, 2017 from
what I understand.

Mr. Omar Seidu, copied here, is the SDG Focal point with the Ghana Statistical Service, per email
below.

I hope you both can connect soon. Christalyn Steers, copied here, is the Point of Contact from my
team if I can provide any further information.

I hope that you can all connect soon!

Yours,

Paul Zeitz

Dr. Paul Zeitz

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AM

To: Zeitz, Paul S

Cc: Omar Seidu; Omar Seidu

Subject: Re: Follow-up & New Report on the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap

Hello Paul,

Thanks for your mail and the interest to support Ghana following our discussions in Cape Town. As I indicated, we have established an SDGs Implementation Committee which is meeting this morning. I shall share with them the idea for this partnership and

we can follow-up from there.

The SDG focal person at the Ghana Statistical Service, Mr. Omar Seidu, who is copied in this mail will continue with the necessary follow-ups in this partnership.

With kind regards,

On 23 Jan 2017 22:16, "Zeitz, Paul S" <ZeitzPS@state.gov <mailto:ZeitzPS@state.gov> > wrote:

Dear Anthony:

Greetings! Great to meet you in Cape Town last week. Congratulations to Ghana for joining the Global Partnership for Sustainable

Development Data.

Per discussion, I'm writing to share with you a report from the U.S. SDG Revolution Roadmap Roundtable released by the Center for Open Data Enterprise and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. You can find the report release at:
<http://blog.opendataenterprise.org/2017/01/new-report-on-the-u-s-sdg-data-revolution-roadmap/>

The Executive Summary is below.

Please let me know if there is any way I can support your efforts.

Much thanks for your consideration.

Yours,

Paul Zeitz

Dr. Paul Zeitz

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'...we

need to focus on data, on mutual accountability, transparency for impact..." ~ Secretary

of State John Kerry

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Executive Summary

In September 2015, 193 member states of the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals <<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>> , also known as the Global Goals or the 2030 Agenda. These 17 ambitious goals set a framework

for action on social, economic, and environmental challenges around the world. At the same time, countries around the world, including the United States, have been taking part in the Data Revolution - a movement to use data for social good - to help achieve

the Global Goals.

One year after adopting the SDGs, in an addendum to its

Open Government National Action Plan

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/final_us_open_government_national_action_plan_3_0.pdf> , the

U.S. Government committed to develop an SDG Data Revolution Roadmap that "charts the future course of efforts to fill data gaps and build capacity to use data

for decision-making and innovation to advance sustainable development." The U.S. Government's SDG

Data Revolution Roadmap will outline the government's commitments-to-action from 2017-2018. With a deadline of June 2017, it will be developed by the U.S.

Government "through an open and inclusive process that engages the full range of citizen, non-governmental,

and private sector stakeholders."

This report represents the beginning of that engagement process. On December 14, 2016, the Center for Open Data Enterprise and the Global Partnership for Sustainable

Development Data convened a Roundtable to develop recommended priorities for the U.S. Government's SDG Data Revolution Roadmap The Roundtable brought together

more than 40 stakeholders from government, civil society, and the private sector with expertise in

achieving and promoting sustainable development.

The Roundtable participants addressed three themes: (1) Strengthening the U.S. SDG National Reporting Platform, (2) Data for Action in the U.S., and (3) Supporting

Global Efforts to achieve the SDGs through data-driven initiatives. This report presents their insights and recommendations. For each of the themes, this report

summarizes background, successes and challenges so far, and proposed priorities.

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Strengthening the U.S. SDG National Reporting Platform:

The National Reporting Platform (NRP), developed by the Office of Management and Budget, has launched successfully as an open source platform for data related to the SDGs. This report recommends increased technical capacity

and support for the NRP, increased of user feedback, and applying the NRP to improve the SDG indicators and their relevance.

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Data for Action in the U.S.: The U.S. has a strong basis for applying data for action: Several national programs use national and local data to achieve goals aligned with the SDGs,

and they are beginning to map them to the SDGs on a national and subnational level. This report recommends further work to align existing initiatives with the SDGs at all levels of government, to educate federal staffers about the SDGs, and to implement the

SDG framework across the federal government.

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Supporting Global Efforts: Global efforts to implement and monitor the SDGs are well under way, with significant U.S. leadership. This report recommends that the U.S. support country-led

local programs and data collaboratives, continue participating in global partnerships and initiatives, and develop case studies to demonstrate how the SDGs can be achieved by harnessing the data revolution.

This
report

<<http://reports.opendataenterprise.org/us-sdg-report.pdf>> was designed to serve as an initial framework the U.S. SDG Data Revolution Roadmap. We hope it will lead to additional, in-depth convenings to help shape that Roadmap and develop concrete next steps in the months ahead.

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