

# Development of Statistical Capacities

PARIS21

*Roundtable 4: Managing for Results*

# About PARIS21

- Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)
- Secretariat hosted by OECD/DCD
- Goal: to *“develop a culture of evidence-based policy making and implementation which serves to improve governance and government effectiveness in reducing poverty and achieving the MDGs.”*
- MfDR and statistical capacity building (SCB) at the heart of PARIS21’s work

# What priority initiatives can help SCB efforts?

- **National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)**
  - strategy for strengthening statistical capacity across the entire national statistical system
  - approach endorsed at the Second & Third Int'l Roundtables on MfDR
- **Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS)**
  - strategic planning (NSDS)
  - population censuses
  - increased investment in statistics
  - better co-ordination of household surveys
  - improved MDG monitoring
  - improved international accountability in statistics
- **Statistics for Results Facility (SFR)**
  - provide funding to accelerate the strengthening of statistical systems and thereby stimulate sustained improvement in the availability of and access to reliable statistics in order to better measure and manage for development results

# Why are these measures promising?

## What is the rationale?

- MfDR is data-intensive: *“Managing for development results (MfDR) is a management strategy that focuses on using performance information to improve decisionmaking. MfDR involves using practical tools for strategic planning, risk management, progress monitoring, and outcome evaluation.”* – [www.mfdr.org](http://www.mfdr.org)
- NSDS, MAPS, & SFR represent an international consensus on developing statistical capacity
- # of countries with NSDSs increasing

# How could they be approached in the coming years?

## Actions at country level

- Reinforce national statistical systems by designing and implementing NSDSs
- Align NSDSs more closely with priority data needs (incl. PRSP)

## Actions at international level

- Co-ordinate donor support to statistics around NSDS implementation (SFR)