

Context

The adoption of a new domain of official statistics on Governance in the revised Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA 2.0) in 2023 brought renewed significance to the [Praia Group](#)'s mandate "to establish international standards and methods for compiling statistics on the major dimensions of governance". The Praia Group's focus during its second term (2021–2025) has been to advance statistical methodologies in two crucial yet underdeveloped sub-domains of Governance: [Participation in Political and Public Affairs and Non-Discrimination and Equality](#).

Building on this momentum, and recognizing the challenges currently faced by National Statistical Offices (NSOs), the Praia Group invites its members to engage in a forward-looking discussion about the future of governance statistics, featuring insights from leading experts in the field:

- **Staying relevant in a data-rich world:** *As NSOs face growing competition from new sources of analysis and data, how can official statistics on governance help NSOs remain 'relevant' to their users? Can this 'new' domain of statistics play a role in revitalizing the social contract between government and citizens by fostering transparency, accountability, trust, and civic engagement?*
- **Governance statistics in the next 10-20 years:** *What types of governance statistics will be most in demand in the next decade or two? How can these statistics be made more granular, more timely and more accessible to meet urgent policy needs and help anticipate challenges? How can NSOs enhance the public's ability to understand and use governance statistics, and to navigate a fast-expanding data and information ecosystem, including on governance-related matters?*
- **Strengthening trust in NSOs:** *Can governance statistics help bolster public trust in NSOs by reinforcing their role as impartial and reliable data sources – including on sensitive topics such as non-discrimination and equality, corruption, access to justice, political participation and the like?*

As the Praia Group concludes its second term in 2025 and reflects on priorities for a potential third term, members will be invited to share insights from their experiences and to propose future directions for the Praia Group's work, including potential priorities for a third term.

The 2025 Members' Meeting will also update Members on the methodological work carried out by the Praia Group's Task Teams on Participation in Political and Public Affairs and on Non-Discrimination and Equality. This will include an overview of survey field-testing exercises conducted by 14 NSOs across the world, as well as an update on the development of guidance for NSOs on using administrative data sources to produce official statistics in these two areas.



2025 Members' Meeting of the Praia Group:

THE FUTURE OF GOVERNANCE STATISTICS

3 April, 09:00-11:00 AM EST

Additionally, members will be briefed on recent developments in measuring other sub-domains of Governance, including Trust, Responsiveness, and Access to & Quality of Justice. Members will also be invited to identify Governance sub-domains where pressing data needs exist, and where further methodological work could be beneficial.

The meeting is virtual and will be held in English. It is open to all members of the Praia Group.

To register for the event, please click [here](#).

Agenda

9:00 Welcoming remarks

- Mr. João de Pina Mendes Cardoso, Chair, Praia Group on Governance Statistics

9:05 Session 1: The Future of Governance Statistics

- Mr. Osama Rahman, Director, Data Science Campus, UK Office for National Statistics
- Mr. André Loranger, Chief Statistician of Canada
- Ms. Camilla Rocca, Head of Research, Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Moderated by Mr. Arvinn Gadgil, Director, UNDP Global Policy Centre for Governance

10:00 Session 2: Update on the Methodological Work Led by the Task Teams

- Mr. Vebjorn Aalandlid (Statistics Norway), Chair of the Task Team on Participation in Political and Public Affairs
- Ms. Marjut Pietilainen (Statistics Finland), Co-Chair of the Task Team on Non-Discrimination and Equality

Moderated by Mr. Francois Roubaud, Senior Researcher, Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD)

10:25 Session 3: Recent Developments in the Measurement of Selected Sub-Domains of Governance

- Trust and Responsiveness: OECD and UNDP
- Access to and Quality of Justice: OECD and UNDP

Moderated by Mr. Adrián Franco, Vice President, National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico

11:00 End of meeting