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Working Group on Data Stewardship (WGDS): Background & context

ACS webinar

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Objectives of Working Group

- enhance knowledge and provide recommendations
- promote the commitment of the statistical community and other stakeholders to working on the implementation of data governance
- promote sharing and collaboration with respect to data, whether publicpublic or public-private
- improve the performance of national data ecosystems

Taken from ToR : https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/groups/Data_Stewardship/2022-DataStewardship-ToR.pdf



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Five workstreams established

- data governance
- equity and inclusion
- sharing and collaboration
- links with the city data agenda
- and development of an overall conceptual framework



Each work stream is co-lead by

No	Work stream	Lead/s
1	Governance	Statistics Poland/ World Privacy Forum
2	Equity and inclusion	DANE-Colombia / GPSDD
3	Sharing and collaboration	INDEC-Argentina / DANE-Colombia
4	City data agenda	SDSN-TReNDS
5	Overall conceptual framework	ODW / Statistics Poland



Deliverables from work streams, so far...

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/groups/Data_Stewardship/

- 2 official reports to UNSC
- 3 background documents
- Multiple webinars, talks etc.
- Wiki collaboration space



Regional efforts towards a mainstreamed approach to Data Stewardship

- Creation of a Working Group on Data Stewardship within the Statistical Conference of the Americas of UN-ECLAC. The main objective of the Working group is to advance in the understanding of a regional concept of data stewardship in order to propose enabling elements for its implementation and mainstreaming by the NSSs, particularly the NSOs, **taking into account the particularities, challenges and different starting points** of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- In order to fulfill its mandate, the group's co leads, with the support of the Secretariat (UN-ECLAC) created a questionnaire on Data Stewardship that included 30 questions divided into three modules: 1) General context; 2) understanding of Data Stewardship; and 3) Equity and inclusion, and sharing and collaboration.
- The working group has allowed to raise awareness among NSO's of contributing to the global dialogue, within the UN Working Group on Data Stewardship. Establishment of feedback loops between the regional and global scenarios, compiling insights and perspectives.

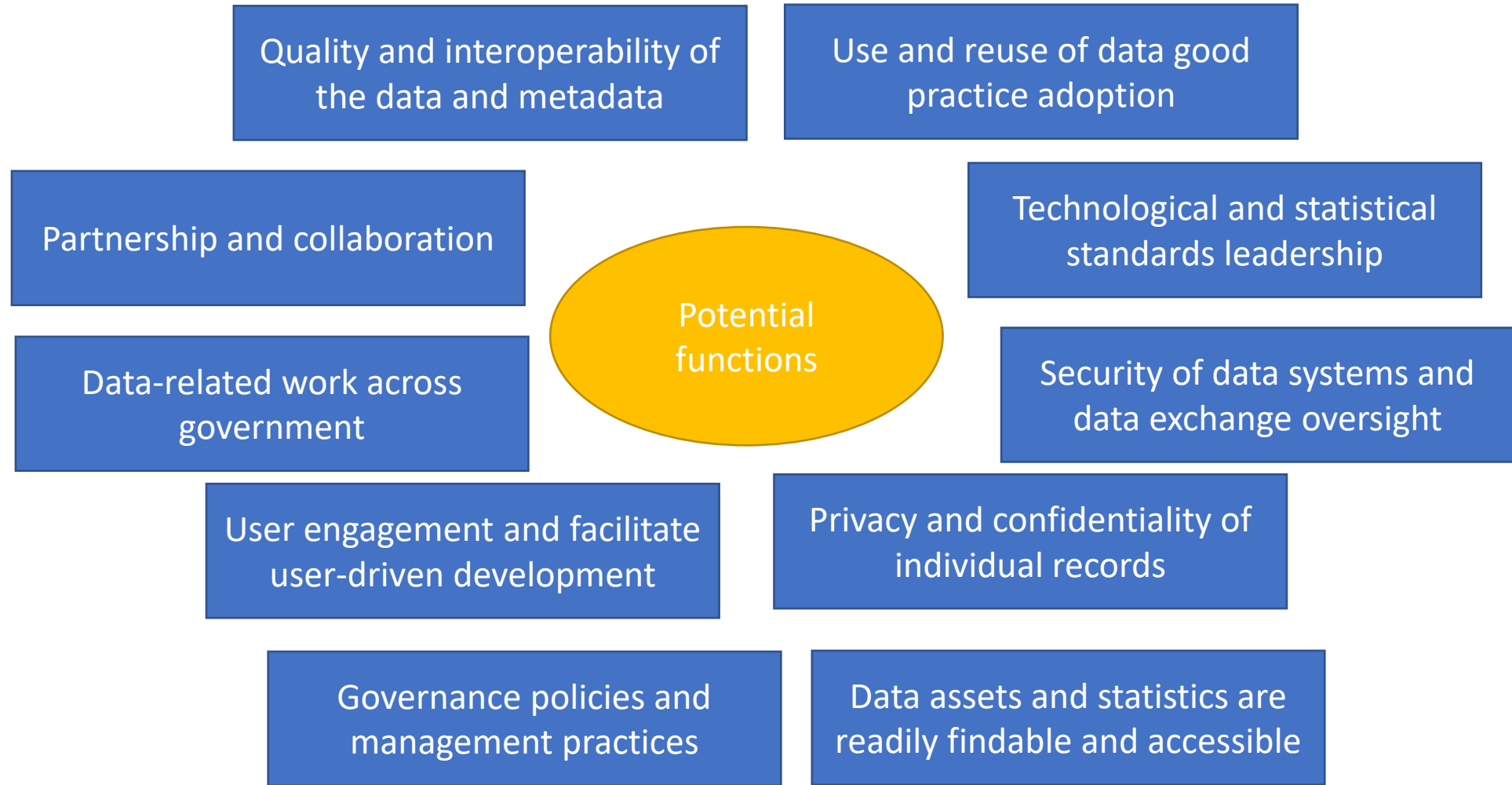


Key highlights

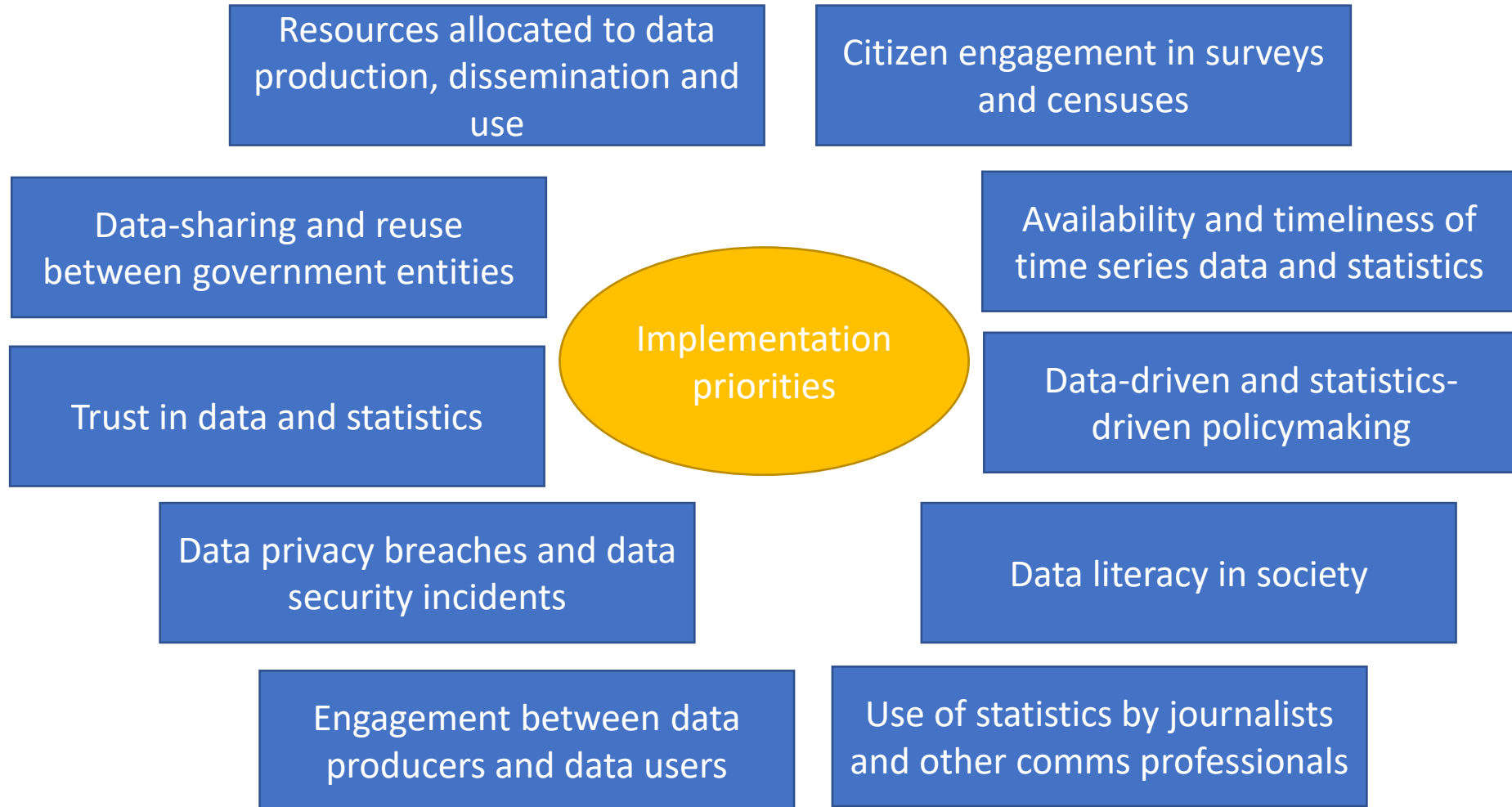
- There is a need of establishing a **broad** and **global** agreed definition, as it is key to establish a common language to better identify the general framework, issues, solutions, as well as positioning the data stewardship approach across data communities.
 - It is important to recognize the existence of language barriers, as this might become an issue when translating global regional developments and recommendations into national contexts.
- The success of the process of understanding the Data Stewardship approach depends on its **global** nature, as through the establishment of a common narrative, it will be possible to mainstream these developments back home. Moreover, it is important to also **enhance regional efforts**, as these provide a well-suited scenario to better understand and map starting points and national contexts – which in time will also enable a better implementation.
- In spite of the different country situations, there are key areas in which progress can be made without having general breakthroughs (eg: having a definition ready or having an updated “perfect” legal framework).



Potential functions/ responsibilities identified



Implementation priorities identified



Consultation questionnaire, coming in 2023

https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_54/documents/2023-20-DataStewardship-E.pdf

SEVEN questions will measure from NSO perspective:

1. Current status of **coordination** responsibilities
2. Potential scope of **coordination** role
3. How (data steward related) **responsibilities** changed in last 2 years
4. Potential **functions** of a data steward
5. **Implementation** priorities of (data steward related) functions
6. Current **working links** to sub-national (city) level
7. **Opportunities/ challenges** related to other entities with data stewardship responsibilities [open question]



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