The Future of Labor Statistics
Inclusivity, Capacity, Usability and Funding

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A 2030 vision for labor statistics to support the **Sustainable Development Agenda**

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Policy Outcomes

Four priority areas for building the future of labor statistics

- Inclusivity of the data
- Capacity of agencies and offices
- Usability of the data
- Funding and resources

Inclusivity of the data

Labor statistics that
leave no one behind.

- Gender dimension to measure and understand new classifications of work
- Identification of persons with disabilities
- Stronger understanding of informal economy, care economy, and unpaid work

Women's Work and Employment (WW+E)

Capacity of agencies and national statistical offices

Build capacity and increase to meet demand for labor statistics.

- Support all stages of the data value chain – not only collection and production
- Build a system that can support actors in data ecosystem – not piecemeal approach
- Strengthen all instruments for a more comprehensive picture

🏛 Status of current capacity to meet data demands

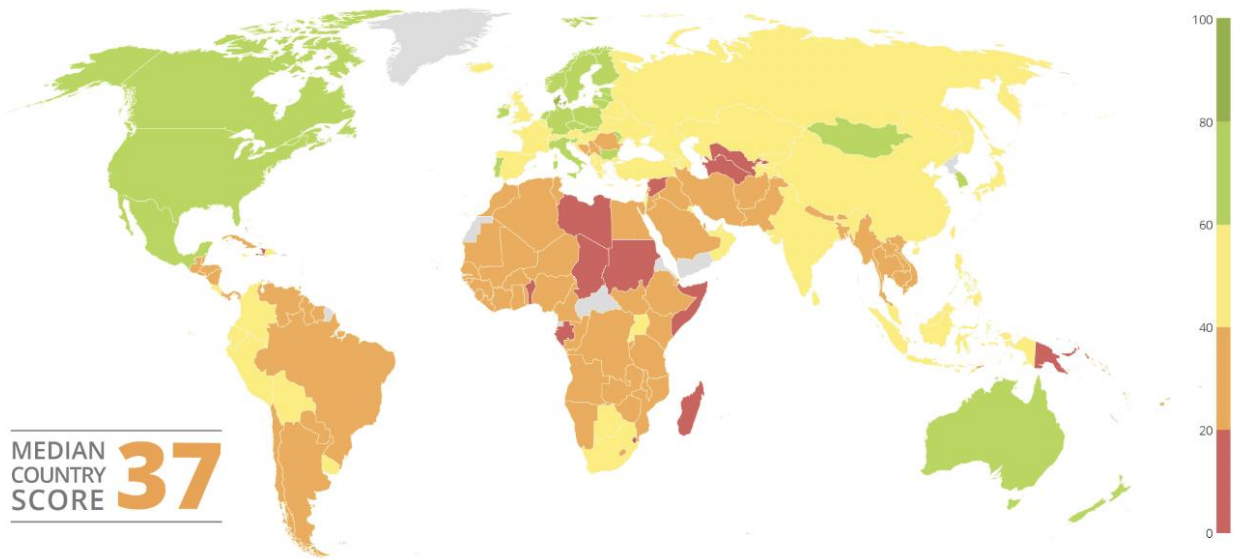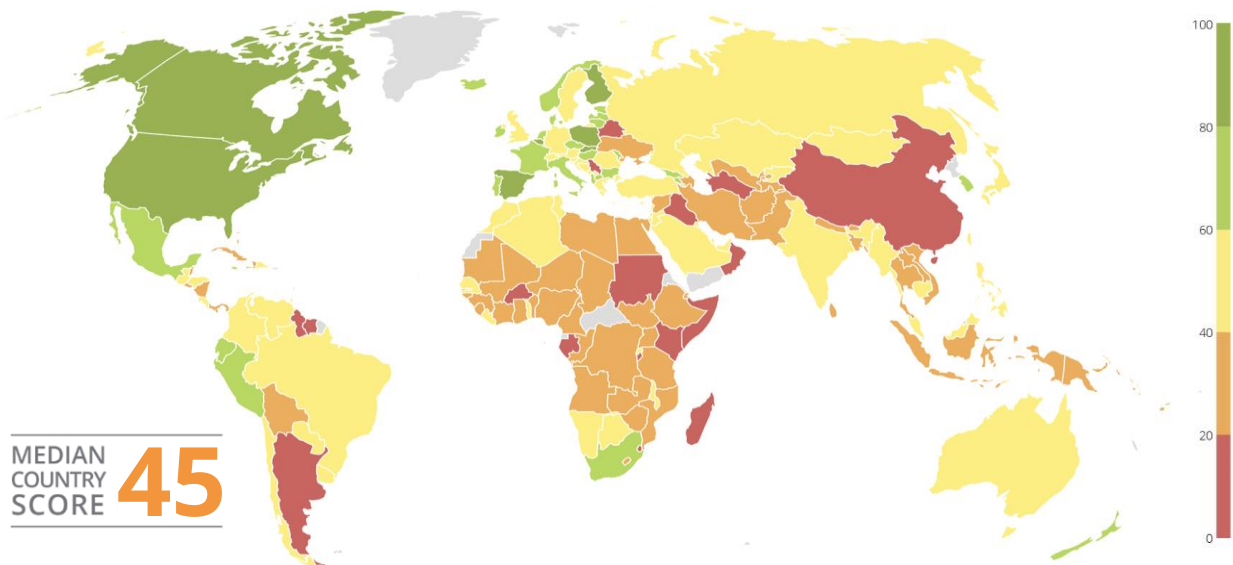| Selected Instruments	Frequency	Coverage of low- and middle-income countries
Population census	Every decade	11% had not conducted a census in last 10 years. It may be higher in 2020 Census Round.
Agricultural census	Every decade	31% have not conducted an agricultural census in last 10 years.
Poverty survey (IES, LSMS)	At least once every five years	46% have not conducted a poverty-related survey at the recommended frequency.
Labor force survey	**Annually**	**23% of 123 LMICs in ILOSTAT do not have sex-disaggregated labor force data over the period 2012 to 2017.**
Global Findex	Every three years since 2011	62% participated in all three years and 18% did not participate at all.
Education data reporting	Annually	31% have not reported annually.
Health-related survey (DHS, MICS, Priority survey)	Every two or three years	Only 50% have met the recommended standard of three years or less.
Vital registration system	Record more than 90% of live births and deaths	69% do not have complete vital registration system coverage.
Time use survey	Varies by country, typically five years	As of 2017, 88 countries have conducted time use surveys. (Invisible No More, Data2X)

🖥 Increasing usability of the data

The future of labor statistics need to be **open and interoperable**.

- Openness and interoperability can not be afterthoughts; must be considered at earlier stages of data value chain
- Operationalizing definitions and standard to achieve semantic and syntactic interoperability
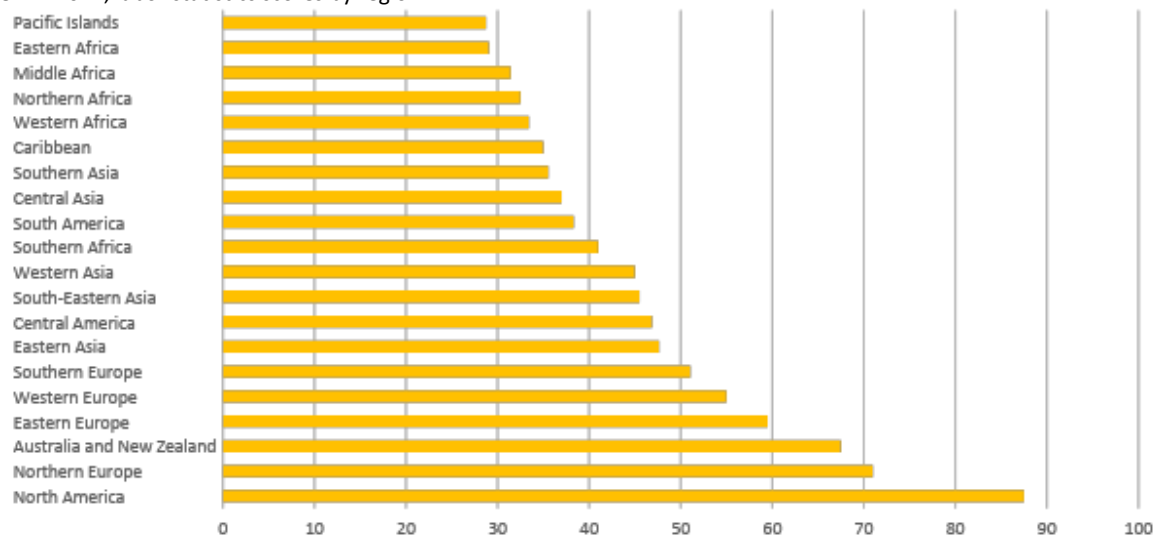- Encourage use and document impact

MEDIAN COUNTRY SCORE **37**

ODIN 2017,
global overall scores

Most countries have little open data.

MEDIAN COUNTRY SCORE **45**

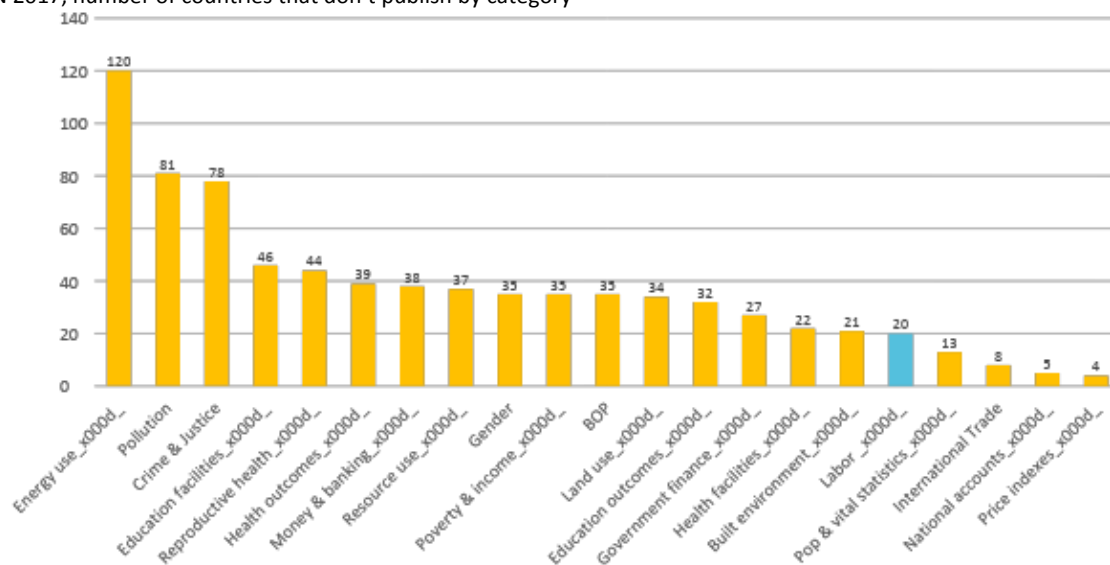Labor data is more open than other data

ODIN 2017,
labor statistics scores

ODIN 2017, labor statistics scores by region

Leaders in labor statistics are no surprise.

ODIN 2017, number of countries that don't publish by category

Most countries publish labor data.

Labor data are more open but less comprehensive

COVERAGE

3	Second administrative level
20	First administrative level
47	Data available last 10 years
53	Data available last 5 years
66	Indicator coverage & disaggregation

OPENNESS

23	Terms of use
40	Download options
47	Machine readable
56	Metadata available
79	Non-proprietary

More funding is needed to fulfill data obligations

PRESS 2018 GLOBAL TRENDS IN FUNDING FOR STATISTICS

The 2018 PRESS highlights the international community's support to statistics in 2016. The report highlights positive trends in investments for statistics and a growing diversification of donors.

623 Million USD for statistics

Commitments to statistical development increased by 5% in 2016, up from 591 Million USD in 2015.

0.33% of ODA for statistics

The share of Official Development Assistance (ODA) focused on data and statistics was 0.33% in 2016, an increase from 0.30% the previous year.

$700-800 MILLION PER YEAR IS NEEDED

$200 Million gap per year

$561 MILLION IN CURRENT FUNDING

More partnership is needed to fulfill data obligations

Closing the funding gap for better labor statistics.

- Average cost of survey is $464 thousand (SDDF, 2016)
- Need to build resources to meet demands and increase capacity
- Funders are not only a resource provider but users of data
- Donors play an important role in partnerships and convening

A Vision for Better Data

Data to support a sustainable world where **all people** can escape poverty, **all citizens** can enjoy decent work while caring for the planet and **all women and girls** are afforded equal rights and equal opportunities.

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