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Dear Madam / Sir

ADDING ONE DAY TO THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICS

Following consultations between the Chairs of the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) and the Scientific Committee it is proposed that one day be added to the upcoming WPDCS17 meeting. This is to facilitate the presentation and discussion of the increasing number of documents and presentations being submitted to the WPDCS annually.

A four-day meeting is consistent with the duration of recent WPDCS meetings; and moreover, will be essential to cover the agenda in a videoconference meeting format, which has fewer hours.

The new dates and deadlines for the meetings are as follows:

Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics: 30 November -3 December (Tuesday to Friday)	
31 October	Deadline for Submission of document titles.
15 November	Submission of full documents.
30 November – 3 December	Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics by videoconference.

The meeting will run from 12h00 to 16h00 Seychelles time. Please [click here](#) to work out the time in your country.

Registration

It is essential that anyone wishing to participate in the WPDCS must register using the registration interface on the WPDCS17 meeting page [click here](#). Only registered participants will receive the Microsoft Teams link to join the meeting. Please also recall, that Credentials are not required for this meeting.

Documents and information

The agenda and session documents will be posted as they become available.

As always, participants are encouraged to provide papers for the meeting, but due to the very limited time available, only a select few papers (to be identified by the Chair) will be presented at each meeting. However, all other documents will be uploaded to the meeting page and maintained as background information. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely



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