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# Transforming the NSOs to respond to the 2030 Agenda in the framework of the SCA



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# Transformative Agenda – Meaning & Development

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## **Global Conference** January 2015, New York

- High-level consultation of Heads of National and international Statistical Organisations
- Conclusions focusing on the components of a Transformative Agenda organised around 5 thematic areas

## **Statistical Commission: 46<sup>th</sup> (2015) and 47<sup>th</sup> (2016) sessions**

- Recognised the need for modernising and strengthening the national, regional and global statistical systems
- Acknowledged the progress achieved through various regional and national initiatives for the modernisation of official statistics
- Supported the implementation of the proposed Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics

# Objectives of the Transformation

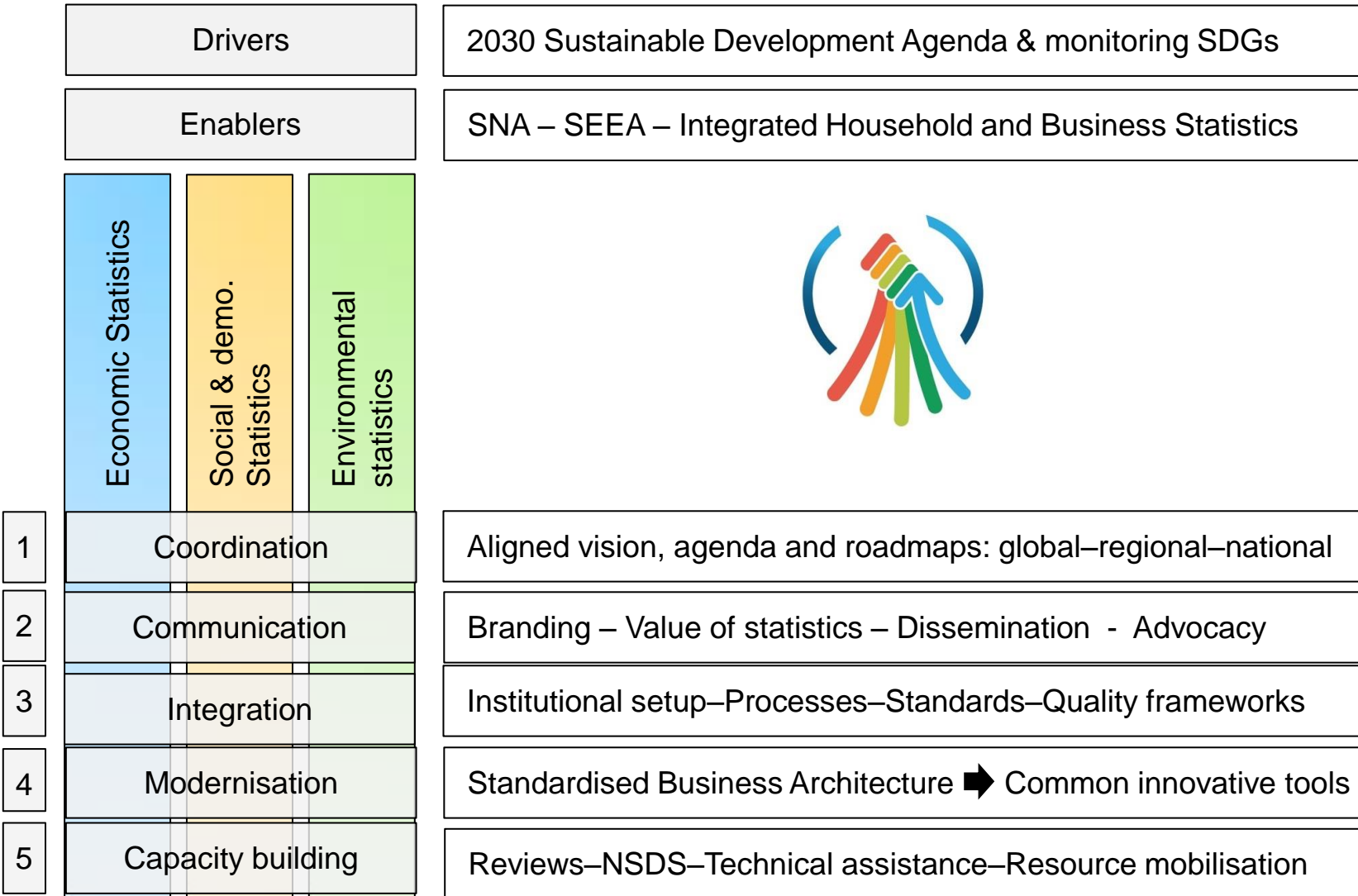
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- Promote and advance in a collaborative way the implementation of the transformation and modernization of global, regional and national statistical systems

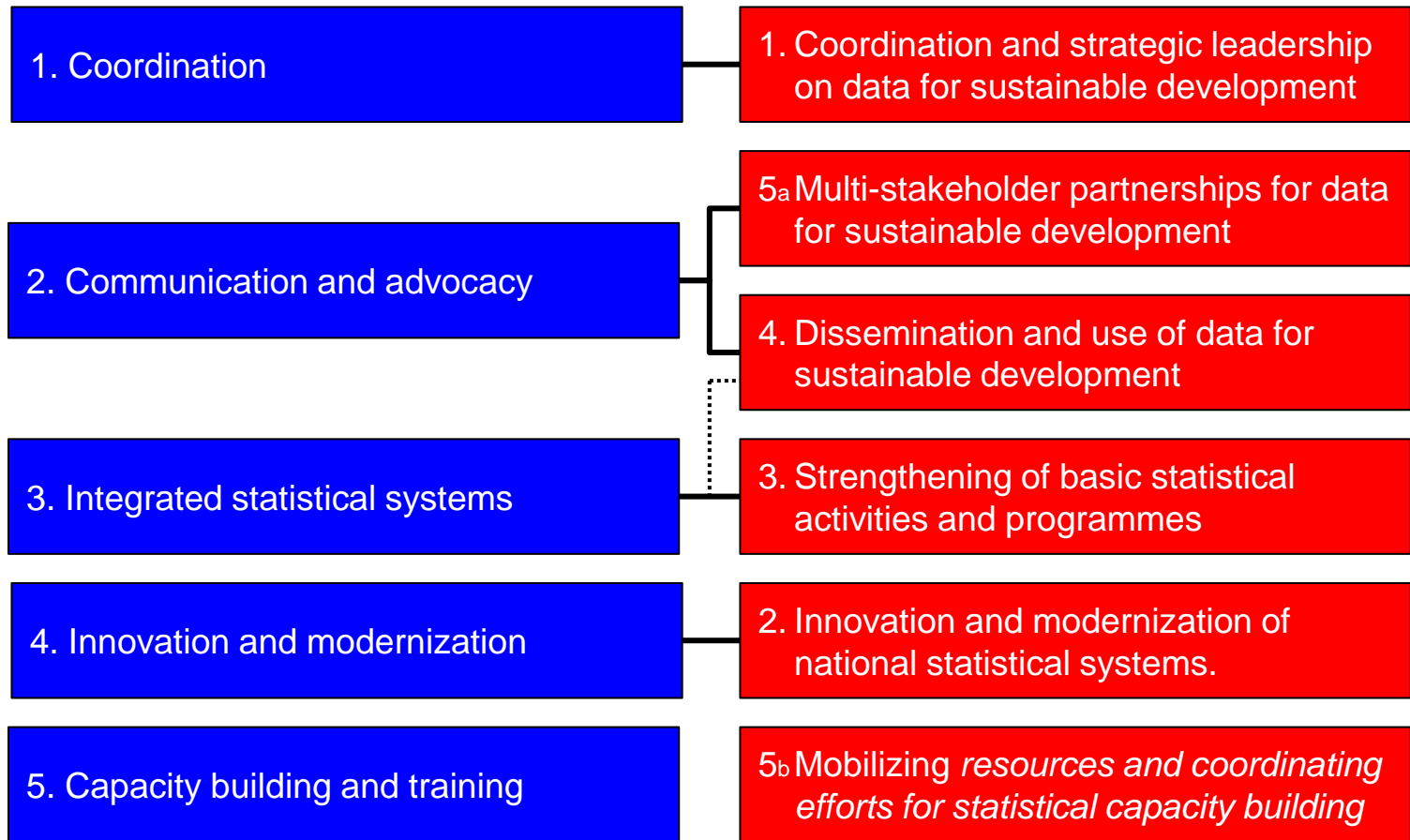


- Develop and share a common vision, strategic areas, objectives and key actions enabling international and regional cross-fertilisation and synergy

# Five cross-cutting thematic areas



# Transformative Agenda vs. **Global Action Plan**



# Series of (Sub-)regional Conferences 2015 – 2016

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- Targeting heads of national and (sub-) regional statistical systems/organisations
  - Taking stock of various (sub-) regional and national initiatives for integrating and modernising statistical systems
  - Tailoring the collaborative initiative for a Transformative Agenda to the (sub-) regional contexts and expectations
  - Countries and UN regional commissions to lead the events with substantial time assigned to group discussions (5 thematic areas)
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- African Conference, 20-21/11/15
  - Arab Conference, 05-07/04/16
  - Asia-Pacific Conference, 24-26/08/16
  - **Caribbean Conference, 07-09/09/16**
  - Latin America Conference, 14-16/09/16
  - EECCA Conference, 06-07/10/2016

# Last steps and way forward

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- March 2016: Interim report ([E/CN.3/2016/4](#))
- November 2016: Consultation of Global Action Plan and Regional Action Plan
- January 2017: UN World Data Forum, Cape Town, South Africa
- March 2017: Final report to UNSC, including concrete proposal for drafting and implementing national and regional action plans on the Transformative Agenda for data, statistics and innovation

## Guidance

- High Level Group on Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building (under the UN Statistical Commission)
- **Statistical Committees of Regional Commissions and regional agencies ([next EB SCA Meeting, April 2017, Santiago](#))**

# Caribbean Roadmap for the Transformative Agenda

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- As for other regions, a Caribbean Roadmap was prepared by CARICOM and submitted as background document to UNSC 2017 (E/CN.3/2017/5)
- Roadmap with key actions in the 5 thematic areas, embedded in the Action Plan for Statistics in the Caribbean, endorsed by the Thirty-Seventh Regular Meeting of Heads of Government of CARICOM (Georgetown, Guyana, July 2016)
- AP developed in the context of the Data Revolution required to strengthen the NSOs and Systems to monitor the SDGs



# Main Actions in the Caribbean Roadmap for the Transformative Agenda

<p><b>Coordination</b></p>	<p>Strengthen the NSSs and enhance the key coordinating and leadership role of the NSOs through gaining endorsement at the highest level</p> <p>Establish new institutional mechanisms and initiatives and make use of existing forum/models (such as SCCS/AGS/SCA) for facilitating, monitoring and reporting on the modernization and transformation processes</p>
<p><b>Communication</b></p>	<p>Develop and implement educational programmes to increase data literacy, provide statistical products as feedback to the data communities and empower institutions and individuals to use statistics effectively in their own decisions</p>
<p><b>Integration</b></p>	<p>Strengthen basic data sources like household surveys, business and other economic surveys, administrative records, population and housing censuses, civil registration, vital statistics and the ICP</p> <p>Build strategic relationships with Big data providers, enabling the incorporation of geospatial data</p> <p>Implement standards methods including the 2008 SNA, the BPM6, ISIC Rev 4, Generalised Statistical Business Process Model, and Quality Assurance frameworks</p>
<p><b>Modernization</b></p>	<p>Support the development and application of the Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA)</p> <p>Mainstream SDMX, and harness the innovative and transformational power of ICT and mobile devices for georeferenced data collection and data visualization, implement the open data concept</p>
<p><b>Capacity Building</b></p>	<p>Enable a strategic programme on training and capacity building, develop closer collaboration with regional universities to enable short-term training in statistics, undertake training programs in non-technical areas, i.e. change management and innovative technology</p> <p>Undertake a gap analysis to determine the skills and competencies required to sustain the current and planned programs</p>

# Next Caribbean steps in the SCA

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- To establish a **Caribbean Group on the Transformation Agenda for Official Statistics** in the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
- The Group will be the first one in the SCA with both thematic and geographic focus, and it will be coordinated jointly by CARICOM and ECLAC
- Member States identified during the Barbados Conference:
  - AGS Members: Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Bermuda
  - Non-AGS Members: Dominica and British Virgin Islands, Bahamas
  - Regional and International Agencies: Statistics Canada (expressed interest), UNSD, CARICOM, [to check other organisations/confirm] ECLAC



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# Thank You!

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