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*“Measuring and assessing the level of statistical capacity within developing countries is essential to the strategic design of programmes and allocation of funding. Both donors and national governments will need to dedicate more resources to statistical capacity to properly measure progress towards national, regional and international development objectives.”*

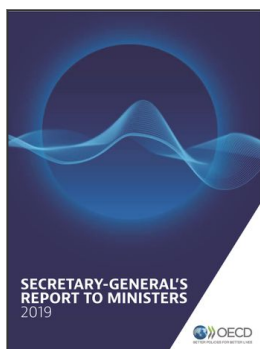
## Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

With nearly 20 years of experience, the **Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)** works with low-income countries to strengthen statistics and promote the use of data by policy makers and citizens.

PARIS21 actively advocates for increased financial support to statistical development. The 2018 *Partner Report on Support to Statistics (PRESS)* shows that in 2016 only 0.33% of official development assistance went to activities to build statistical capacity. To respond to this lack of funding for statistics, PARIS21 is working with the statistical and development donor community. Together, they are exploring the suitability of a Global Financing Facility for Development Data to support the implementation of the Cape Town Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data.

PARIS21 will also be expanding its work in the measurement of data use for policy making. In 2019, PARIS21 will launch two new products: an online platform, the Statistical Capacity Monitor, and a flagship report, the *Statistical Capacity Development Outlook*. Both will provide comparative country analysis of statistical capacity and help streamline efforts to improve approaches to statistical capacity.

PARIS21 will continue to promote and facilitate the better use of statistics nationally, regionally and globally by providing innovative expertise to countries as they adapt to the 2030 Agenda. PARIS21 will also continue to actively help improve the co-ordination of support to data and statistics in view of strengthening partner country systems. ■



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