

SUMMARY REPORT

5th annual meeting of the

EGRISS HIGH-LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The annual High-Level Steering Committee meeting of the Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS) convened on the 4th of March 2026, in the margins of the **57th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission** (UNSC). Hosted by the World Bank at their New York office, the meeting brought together the national, regional, and international representatives (**Annex 1**) from the Steering Committee to mark an important milestone: the launch of EGRISS' fourth mandate after ten years of work to build a global statistical framework for refugees, internally displaced persons, and statelessness. The agenda (**Annex 2**) was organised around four objectives:

- ➔ **To raise awareness of the EGRISS' achievements over the past year**
- ➔ **To enhance institutional commitments to EGRISS & implementation of the IRIS, IRRS, and IROSS**
- ➔ **To advise EGRISS, at the start of its fourth mandate, how to navigate a challenging global environment**
- ➔ **To strengthen collective resource mobilisation and secure commitments from SC members**

The meeting struck a balance between pride in collective achievements and clear-eyed realism about the road ahead. Presentations summarised **EGRISS' report to the UNSC** and new proposed **Terms of Reference** and highlighted key achievements from 2025, including the outcomes of the All Members Meeting in Warsaw, the latest GAIN Survey results, and regional and national progress examples from the Philippines and Africa. A forward-looking session outlined 2026 priorities and the current resource landscape.

An open discussion then invited strategic advice and institutional commitments from Steering Committee members. Five themes emerged: the standardisation of identification questions for refugees, IDPs, and stateless persons across global data collection tools was clearly signalled as a strategic priority; related efforts to expand on synergies and enhance alignment with wider migration statistics were welcomed; regional engagement, capacity development and peer-to-peer learning were affirmed as successful strategies for furthering implementation; the importance of communicating the policy impact of statistical progress, not only its technical dimensions, was underscored; commitments to support resource mobilisation efforts at global and national levels were made, building on specific capacities and strategic priorities of different members. Overall the meeting demonstrated the impact and importance of strong partnerships to advance statistics on forced displacement and statelessness, highlighting the added value of EGRISS and the International Recommendations to foster coherence and complementarity.

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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Maria Dimitriadou,

Special Representative to the UN and Head of Multilateral Affairs, World Bank



Dimitriadou opened the meeting by welcoming participants. She framed the Bank's engagement with forced displacement statistics as both a programmatic and an ethical priority, noting that data underpins investments across a range of instruments, including its **International Development Association (IDA) Window for Host Communities and Refugees**, the **Global Concessional Financing Facility**, and the International Finance Corporation's growing portfolio of work in displacement-affected markets.

As she highlighted the appropriateness of the meeting's timing, she reflected on what the ten years of EGRIS has meant in practice. The progressive implementation of the **three sets of International Recommendations** has begun to reverse the long-standing invisibility of forcibly displaced populations in national statistics, driving greater awareness of the value of high-quality, inclusive data and feeding directly into more evidence-based decision making and development action.



SESSION 1

EGRISS AT THE 57TH UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION

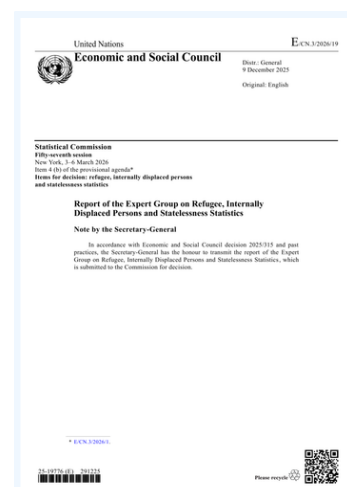
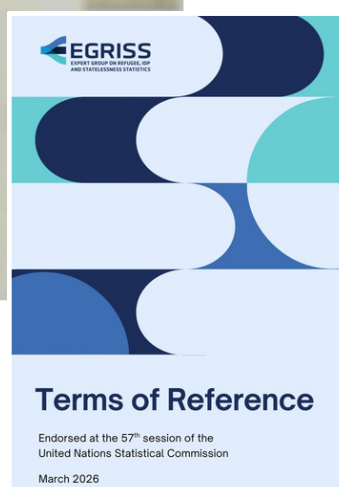
Camilo Andrés Méndez Coronado¹,

Head of Alliances & International Affairs, National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia (DANE)

This scene-setting session briefed participants on EGRISS' engagement at the Commission, where it would present its report covering the period 2020–2025 under agenda item 4b. Méndez Coronado walked through the substance of the report and summarised the proposed Terms of Reference for the next period, including its four core objectives: advocacy and dissemination; capacity strengthening and technical support; maintaining a collaborative platform for monitoring and learning; and updating the International Recommendations. He welcomed the emphasis on member-driven engagement and regional cooperation, citing the Latin American experience. He also highlighted the importance of EGRISS' strategic efforts to build connections across the statistical community, visible in other Commission agenda items such as the SDG framework, disaster statistics, the household survey handbook, and regional statistical development.



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¹ Camilo Andrés Méndez Coronado presented on behalf of Piedad Urdinola Contreras, Director General of DANE, who was unable to attend the meeting due to last-minute logistical changes to her travel.

SESSION 2

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

THE 2025 EGRISS ALL MEMBERS MEETING

Mariana Kotzeva, Director General, Eurostat



Kotzeva opened with a personal reflection on EGRISS' founding, recalling a 2016 conversation with the then Deputy Director General of Statistics Norway on the idea of uniting the international community around statistics on forced displacement, a topic not yet on the global agenda. Eurostat joined from the outset, and nearly a decade later, the development of the group into a global standard setting, community of practice was itself a source of pride.

She focused the remainder of her contribution on the **2025 All Members Meeting**, hosted by Statistics Poland in Warsaw, which she described as a success for three main reasons: the location of the meeting given Poland's direct experience hosting Ukrainian refugees; the timing of the meeting scheduled during the final months of EGRISS' third mandate; and the breadth of country representation, with two-thirds of participants from National Statistical Offices, demonstrating the continued relevance of the Group's agenda for NSS.

Summarising the meeting's outcomes, Kotzeva flagged the added value of the Group's unique mandate, balancing standard-setting achievements with capacity development, regional cooperation and implementation; she praised the good progress in terms of implementation; and drew attention to the maturity of the Group's technical deliberations. From Eurostat's perspective, Kotzeva particularly welcomed ongoing efforts to enhance alignment with broader migration statistics, where she noted persistent questions about comparability and coherence. She closed by announcing the **official joint Eurostat/UN publication of the IROSS**, which she expects to increase visibility and support implementation, and stressed the importance of investing in communications and dissemination of results.



The first objective of the proposed Terms of Reference [for the fourth mandate] is advocacy. Communication is never enough. We have to work to make the work of this group known."



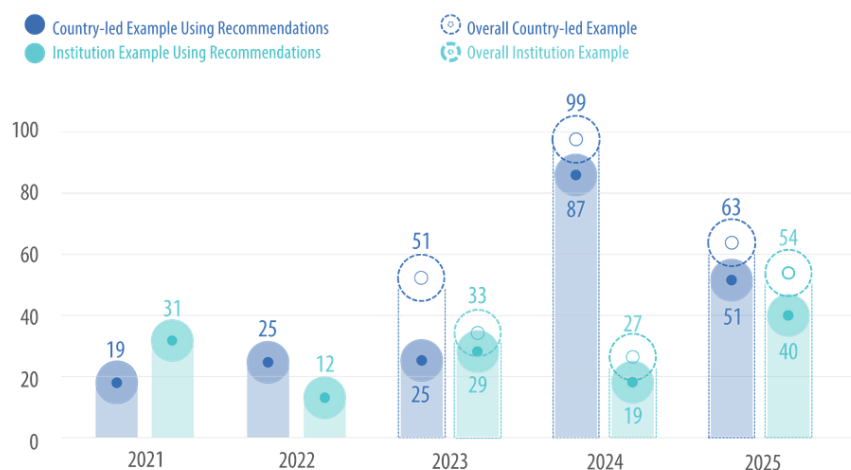
GAIN SURVEY RESULTS AND THE PHILIPPINES' IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE

Marizza B. Grande²

Assistant National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Grande presented key results from the 2025 **Global Annual Inclusion (GAIN) Survey**. She opened describing enhancements made in the most recent iteration of the Survey, such as the inclusion of Arabic and Russian language translations and new questions aimed at assessing the policy impact of reported examples. She then provided a summary of results, which saw a total of 117 examples reported, bringing the cumulative total to over 400 since 2021.

Country-led examples numbered 63, down from 99 in 2024, although the year-on-year trend across all five survey years remains positive. Africa led implementation with 23 examples, followed by Europe (12), the Americas (7), and Asia (5). Sample surveys remained the most common data source (32 examples), with 29 applying the International Recommendations. Notably, challenges were reported in 42% of examples, up from 30% in 2024, with resource constraints ranking highest, cited in 25 examples. Uptake of the recommendations is strong with the IRIS most commonly applied (34 examples), followed by IRRS (27) and IROSS (2) – likely reflecting strong political support for improving IDP statistics and gaps in similarly addressing statelessness.



Grande also shared Philippines' experience implementing EGRIS Recommendations through the Census of Population (Popsense) and the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), which serves as a basis for updating various social registries for targeting government programmes. Although they were significant achievements, these processes were not without challenges linked to the voluntary nature of the CBMS module and expected under-reporting in some communities. Looking ahead, the PSA committed to several concrete actions: refining citizenship, migration, and displacement modules to be obligatory components of the 2030 census; institutionalising coordination mechanisms with the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Justice; integrating statelessness indicators into the 2026 midterm review of the Philippines Statistical Development Programme; and linking CBMS data with the civil registration database to enable validated birth registration figures and better tracking of populations at risk of statelessness.

² Marizza B. Grande participated in the meeting remotely on behalf of Dr. Claire Dennis Mapa, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority, who was unable to attend owing to disrupted travel arrangements.

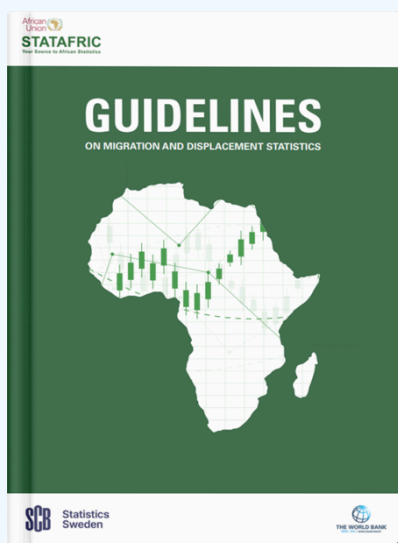
PROGRESS IN THE AFRICAN REGION

Adoum Gagoloum,

Head of Economic Statistics Division, African Union
Institute for Statistics (STATAFRIC)

Gagoloum highlighted Africa's particular stake in displacement before turning to the concrete progress made in 2025 in collaboration with EGRISS. Two milestones stood out. The **African School on Migration and Statistics** held its 4th edition in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, dedicating the full programme to forced displacement statistics for the first time. Co-organised by STATAFRIC, Statistics Sweden, IOM, and EGRISS Secretariat, it brought together over 46 participants from countries and **Regional Economic Communities (RECs)** across the continent.

Later in the year, in December, the Committee of Director Generals of National Statistical Offices in Africa formally launched the **African Union Guidelines on Migration and Displacement Statistics**, which aims to strengthen data-driven migration policy across the continent and help create a harmonised approach to collecting, compiling, and analysing migration and displacement statistics throughout all AU Member States. EGRISS Recommendations provided the foundations for both initiatives



Gagoloum also spoke about the regional cooperation infrastructure that has been built across the continent: working groups on migration and displacement statistics have been established within the RECs, creating a division of labour in which national statistical offices produce the data, RECs facilitate regional harmonisation and peer exchange, and STATAFRIC provides continental-level guidance and quality assurance. At the policy level, the adoption of the **Protocol on the Right to Nationality and Eradication of Statelessness** provides a strong political mandate for improving statelessness statistics.

The speaker was candid about the ongoing challenges including capacity constraints, particularly in smaller countries, the standardisation of tools to facilitate data comparison and aggregation, and a lack of sustainable funding to enable countries to continue to make progress. He closed by thanking EGRISS and calling on all partners to sustain their support and to ensure that the momentum built over the past decade is not lost.

SESSION 3

PRIORITIES FOR 2026 AND RESOURCE OVERVIEW

Natalia Krynsky Baal, Head of Secretariat, EGRISS

Baal presented a forward-looking overview of the priorities for 2026, framed as both a continuation of ongoing work and a deliberate adaptation to more difficult external conditions. Advocacy remains a standing priority, with the UN Statistical Commission and the World Data Forum as key global engagement moments during the year. A shift agreed at the Warsaw All Members Meeting will guide communications going forward: rather than focusing only on technical progress, EGRISS will increasingly lead with policy impact stories. On capacity development, the **e-learning course** will be launched in French and Spanish, and a multilingual facilitated online course is planned. An open-source capacity development package is being developed and planning for a Training of Trainers programme is on the cards.

On technical guidance, efforts towards the revision of the International Statistical Recommendations, as we continue to accumulate lessons from implementation, and the ongoing revision of the **Compiler's Manual** to incorporate the IROSS were highlighted. On **methodological research**, three active areas were highlighted: IDP solutions and exit measures; alignment with migration statistics, in collaboration with the Expert Group on Migration Statistics; and the development of standardised identification questions for surveys and censuses, with support from UNHCR's Data Innovation Award. On **regional engagement**, the newly established UNECE task force under the Conference of European Statisticians will be supported, and the annual GAIN survey would continue with efforts to improve global coverage.

Baal also gave an overview of EGRISS financial resources, including recent and ongoing contributions from the World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Centre on Forced Displacement, the U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), and the UK's Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO); and the UNHCR Data Innovation Award. The funding gap for 2026 stands at just over USD 500,000; however this will likely be reduced due to ongoing resource mobilisation efforts and expected in-kind contributions from members and partners. Concerning resource mobilisation, Baal outlined four guiding principles that should shape the path forward: complementing existing JDC multi-year funding with additional contributions from other SC members, even if modest in financial terms, as these will be strategically important; developing the FCDO partnership into a longer-term collaboration and seek to diversify EGRISS' funding base; explore opportunities for private sector financing; and building on previous success of in-kind contributions although this will likely become more challenging in the current climate.



SESSION 4

OPEN DISCUSSION - ADVICE & INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS

Moderated by

Vebjørn Aalandslid, Senior Adviser, Statistics Norway



The discussion was structured to hear from country representatives first, in keeping with Statistical Commission practice, before giving the floor to international organisations. In-person attendees were also prioritised, based on agreement with SC when planning the meeting. Members were invited to respond to two guiding questions shared in advance:

- 1 As EGRISS launches into its fourth successive mandate during a period of significant change across the international community, including resource constraints and institutional upheavals, what advice can you give to guide the Group's collective action to ensure further progress on its key priorities?
- 2 What institutional commitments can be made to help fulfill EGRISS' objectives or mobilise the required resources for our collective efforts?

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

Serwan Mohammed,

Acting President, Kurdistan Regional Statistical Office (KRSO) and Deputy Minister of Planning

Mohammed connected remotely from Erbil, with the region under active attack from drones and missiles at the time of speaking. He described the Office's engagement with EGRISS on IDP and refugee data collection capacity, the inclusion of displaced populations in the 2024 census, and a planned socioeconomic survey of refugees alongside host communities co-funded by UNHCR and the World Bank whose timing was now under review given the regional instability. He expressed strong support for the work on standardised identification questions, describing the persistent challenge this presents, that better, more standardised questions would help to address. He closed by congratulating EGRISS and the Secretariat for the significant progress made.



Axelsen expressed appreciation for the in-person format of the HLSC and welcomed it becoming a tradition in the sidelines of the UNSC. He reflected on what he saw as a core success factor for EGRISS: the genuine ownership

and engagement of its diverse membership, demonstrated concretely through the presentations delivered, and further evidenced through the many concrete results. Axelsen offered strong and unequivocal institutional support for the fourth mandate and welcomed the new UNECE task force, committing to active engagement. He also confirmed SSB's continued contribution to the Migration Statistics in Africa programme, including the displacement component which support roll out of EGRISS Recommendations, in collaboration with Statistics Sweden and STATAFRIC. Closer to home, he mentioned Norway's satisfaction at seeing its own refugee statistics reflected in UNHCR's Global Trends report for the first time: recognition of national data in international publications matters to NSOs and reinforces the incentive to maintain comparable, high-quality statistics.

Diana Carolina Morales Lopez,

Specialised professional, Unit for the Attention and Integral Reparation of Victims (UARIV)

Morales Lopez's intervention reflected on the importance of regional and south-south cooperation in the current geopolitical environment, citing examples of an upcoming visit from the Democratic Republic of the Congo's National Reparation Forum to learn about Colombia's victim documentation and reparations systems and a separate exchange already underway with the Human Rights Secretariat of Honduras, which is developing its own registry of displaced populations and has been drawing on Colombian experience in the design of its approach. She advocated for peer training and bilateral knowledge transfer as a cost-effective, practical and valuable approach to advancing implementation and recommended that EGRISS support and structure such exchanges more systematically in its core area of work.

Marizza Grande,

Assistant National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Grande was clear that capacity strengthening and technical support should remain EGRISS' central priority as the fourth mandate begins. She recommended that EGRISS expand structured knowledge-sharing mechanisms so that countries which have successfully implemented the recommendations can share practical experiences, lessons learned, and good practices with others. She explicitly endorsed a peer learning model as a means of accelerating implementation and thereby fostering collective progress, whilst advocating for EGRISS role in enhancing access to relevant expertise. As part of this effort, Grande specifically highlighted the need to reinforce collaborative platforms at the national level, which in the Philippines context, means bringing together the PSA, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Department of Justice in a coordinated inter-agency structure.

On commitments, she outlined three on behalf of PSA: first, refining the citizenship, migration, and displacement modules of the 2030 census questionnaire, including a strengthened inter-agency preparatory process to align concepts and definitions; second, institutionalising inter-agency coordination through regular meetings and technical workshops to enhance shared understanding of statelessness concepts and methodologies; and third, integrating statelessness-related indicators and data into the 2026 midterm review of the Philippines Statistical Development Programme, thereby embedding these commitments into the country's national statistical planning framework.

Sivanka Dhanapala,

Director of New York Office, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

UNHCR reaffirmed its commitment to hosting the EGRISS Secretariat, which will continue into its next mandate. He welcomed EGRISS' stated upcoming priority to improve documentation and communication of the policy impact of improved national statistics on displacement and statelessness: cases where better data has led to legislative change, improved humanitarian response design, or shifts in social protection inclusion are the stories that move politicians and donors and capturing them more rigorously would be both intrinsically valuable and useful for resource mobilisation. Lastly, building off STATAFRIC's presentation, given that nearly 40% of the world's displaced are in Africa and that the continent is producing some of the most impressive examples of national implementation globally, he encouraged EGRISS to invite at least one African National Statistical Office to be included in the Group's Steering Committee.



Devanand Ramiah,

Team Leader, Crisis Readiness, Response and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Ramiah argued that the fourth mandate should prioritise integrating EGRISS standards into national development strategies, poverty diagnostics, and the analytical frameworks used by international financial institutions in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. He also argued that stronger linkages should be built between displacement statistics and solutions planning at country level, aligning with UNDP's role in the **Global Solutions Hub** and the Solutions and Internal Displacement Working Group. Third, he advocated for supporting coherence at country level, where UN Resident Coordinators and governments are increasingly concerned about the proliferation of parallel data initiatives; EGRISS is uniquely positioned to help anchor methodological coherence and orientate stakeholders to better support national statistical systems. Ramiah confirmed UNDP's overall commitment to the Group's mandate and indicated willingness to explore co-funding country-level initiatives through existing channels, while acknowledging current budgetary constraints.



Adoum Gagoloum,

Head of Economic Statistics Division, African Union Institute for Statistics (STATAFRIC)

Gagaloum acknowledged and welcomed UNHCR's proposal of having an African country join the Steering Committee. He then offered a structured set of recommendations. Strategically, EGRISS' most important contribution should be to continue to serve as a unifying, solution-driven platform that helps partners to navigate uncertainty while sustaining momentum on the shared priorities. A period of financial pressure, he stressed, demands even greater clarity of purpose; reconfirming a focused set of priority outcomes would help partners align their efforts, avoid duplication, and maintain coherence. Second, he called for deeper collaboration and burden-sharing, advocating for joint workstreams that pool expertise and reduce fragmentation, mature accountability mechanisms, and a deliberate leveraging of each institution's comparative advantage. Third, he emphasised the need to prioritise practical and scalable solutions, delivering tools and guidance that countries can adopt quickly and sustainably, supported by fit-for-purpose methodologies that maintain credibility and demonstrate tangible impact.

On commitments, STATAFRIC offered three contributions: bringing leading African countries into the Group to share implementation experience and strengthen technical leadership; providing specialised expertise in areas aligned with its broader mandate, including ongoing work with Statistics Sweden on governance and capacity-building models; and supporting coordination and implementation by aligning its continental programmes with EGRISS recommendations, translating global guidance into operational practice across multiple countries. He also signalled STATAFRIC's readiness to leverage the capacities of the African Union, regional bodies, and international partners to advocate for joint investment and encourage resource mobilisation towards EGRISS priority workstreams.



Talip Kilic,

Acting Manager and Senior Programme Manager,
Development Data Group, the World Bank

Kilic confirmed the Bank's commitment to support donor engagement and resource mobilisation for EGRISS in coordination with the JDC. He described the Bank's determination to leverage the capacity of its survey programmes and operations to promote the integration of EGRISS standards in practice. As a concrete example, he announced that the upcoming Ethiopia Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) longitudinal survey would for the first time include both a refugee oversample and an oversample of host communities. Third, he underlined the importance of the methodological work to standardise identification questions for survey instruments and reiterated his commitment for members of his team to actively engage in the planned activities and for the Bank to promote the resulting guidance through its survey operations.

Rizki Muhammad,

Director, Department of Data, Insight and Policy,
International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Muhammad affirmed IOM's continued commitment to EGRISS at central and country levels and described the organisation as proud of this partnership. He particularly highlighted the importance of supporting roll out of the IRIS to strengthen IDP statistics, while acknowledging that it was itself navigating significant challenges in stabilising its own data operations. Three suggestions were offered for navigating the difficult financial landscape: leaning more deliberately on EGRISS members as pooled capabilities are more resilient to the contraction of any single funding stream; exploring integrated approaches to better tap into development financing opportunities, positioning EGRISS' outputs explicitly within broader programming frameworks to attract new financing channels; and systematically capturing and replicating best practices from country level, where innovation tends to happen first.

**Maja Lazic³,**

Deputy Head, The World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC)

The JDC underscored the importance of seeing through the maturation and finalisation of the three statistical recommendations as the core purpose of EGRISS as an Expert Group created by the UN Statistical Commission. They also showed support for EGRISS' efforts to continue to champion government ownership and leadership on inclusive national statistics, as reflected in the progress milestone from the EGRISS All Members Meeting in Poland; and, in line with the objectives of the multistakeholder pledge on Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced in National Statistical Systems and Surveys in the Global Refugee Forum process; co-convened by the Government of Djibouti, EGRISS, and the JDC. The JDC also confirmed its continued commitment, financially and with technical expertise, including through continued collaboration on refining the international statistical recommendations, delivering the statistical exit measure in the context of internal displacement, and capacity.

Dwight Daniel Dyer Leal⁴,

Director General of Government Statistics, Public Security and Justice, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI), Mexico

Leal announced INEGI's commitment to methodological work on standardising identification modules (particularly for IDPs), with conditions aligning in Mexico to test related questions in the intercensal survey (2025-26), providing an empirical basis for a more robust IDP module in the 2027-28 census planning cycle. Leal noted two features of Mexico's context that would make its experience particularly relevant: the complexity of distinguishing IDPs from other mobile populations in a country affected by both organised crime-driven and significant transit migration; and the arrival of Mexico's first female President and first female head of INEGI, creating an opportunity to develop a gender-specific dimension of displacement statistics. Mexico committed to sharing its learning with the broader Central American region and more widely should it be of interest.

³ The JDC submitted a written contribution following the meeting, as time constraints during the session did not allow for fuller discussion.

⁴ Although INEGI is not a member of the EGRISS Steering Committee, Dyer Leal participated as an observer.

CONCLUSION

Natalia Krynsky Baal, Head of Secretariat, EGRISS

To wrap up the meeting, Baal identified the themes that had emerged from the discussion: the work on standardised identification questions for survey instruments was clearly highlighted as a strategic priority by many, sending a clear signal to the Secretariat as this workstream moves forward; related efforts to expand on synergies and enhance alignment with wider migration statistics was also welcomed; regional engagement, capacity development and peer-to-peer learning were described as successful strategies to further implementation of the Recommendations with several partners committing to continued and enhanced contributions in these inter-related areas; useful guidance for resource mobilisation was shared, including a number of institutional commitments to engage in collective efforts in this regard and agreement on the salience of communicating the policy-impact of improved national statistics on forced displacement and statelessness; and UNHCR's reaffirmation of its Secretariat hosting commitment was warmly received.



Maria Dimitriadou,

Special Representative to the UN and Head of Multilateral Affairs, World Bank

Dimitriadou closed the meeting describing it as a demonstration of what partnerships grounded in shared purpose can achieve and how much more can be accomplished when institutions choose to focus on substance and leverage complementary strengths rather than defending institutional boundaries. She was particularly moved by the personal retrospective Mariana Kotzeva had offered at the opening of Session 2, the story of how a conversation between two people in 2016 had grown, over ten years, into a global community of practice with real, documented impact on how the world counts and supports some of its most vulnerable populations. She expressed confidence that, with the commitment and quality of thinking demonstrated in the room, EGRISS' fourth mandate would be navigated successfully whatever challenges the external environment brought.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: List of attendees

High-Level Steering Committee Representatives*

	Unit for Comprehensive Care and Reparation for Victims (UARIV)	Diana Carolina Morales Lopez , <i>Specialised professional</i> (standing in for Heryck Fabian Agudelo Mendieta , <i>Technical Director</i>)	Online
	National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)	Camilo Andrés Méndez Coronado , <i>Head of Alliances & International Affairs</i> (standing in for Piedad Urdinola , <i>General Director</i>)	In person
	Kurdistan Region Statistics Office (KRSO)	Serwan Mohamed , <i>President</i>	Online
	Statistics Norway (SSB)	Geir Axelsen , <i>Director General</i>	In person
	Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)	Marizza Grande , <i>Assistant National Statistician</i> (standing in for Dr. Claire Dennis Mapa , <i>National Statistician and Civil Registrar General</i>)	Online
	African Union Institute for Statistics (STATAFRIC)	Adoum Gagoloum , <i>Head of Economic Statistics Division</i>	In person
	Statistical Authority of the European Union (Eurostat)	Mariana Kotzeva , <i>Director-General</i> Maria Joao Santos , <i>Deputy Head of Unit, International Relations Team</i>	In person In person
	Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) and Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)	Tracy Lucas , <i>Coordinator/Director</i>	Online
	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Rizki Muhammad , <i>Director, Department of Data, Insight and Policy</i>	In person
	UN Development Programme (UNDP)	Devanand Ramiah , <i>Team Leader, Crisis Readiness, Response and Recovery</i>	In person
	UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)	Sivanka Dhanapala , <i>Director of New York Office</i>	In person
	The World Bank (WB)	Talip Kilic , <i>Acting Manager and Senior Program Manager, Development Data Group (DECDG)</i>	In person

Regular Steering Committee Representatives**

	Statistical Authority of the European Union (Eurostat)	Piotr Juchno , <i>Team Leader, Asylum and Managed Migration Statistics</i>	Online
	International Organization of Migration (IOM)	Laura Nistri , <i>Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Global Coordinator</i>	Online
	Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)	Oscar Rico , <i>Head of Information Management & Innovation</i>	Online
	Statistics Norway (SSB)	Vebjørn Aalandslid , <i>Senior Adviser</i>	In person
	UN Development Programme (UNDP)	Catherine Osborn , <i>Policy Advisor on Forced Displacement</i>	Online
	UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)	Tarek Abou Chabake , <i>Chief Statistician</i> Grace Sanico Steffan , <i>Statistics and Data Analysis Officer</i> Yang Yang , <i>Associate Statistics and Data Analysis Officer</i>	In person Online Online
	UN Statistics Division (UNSD)	María Isabel Cobos , <i>Chief, Social and Gender Statistics Section</i>	In person
	The World Bank (WB)	Emi Suzuki , <i>Demographer, Development Data Group</i> Caroline Sergeant , <i>Senior Consultant, Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) Group</i>	Online Online
	World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center (JDC) on Forced Displacement	Maja Lazic , <i>Deputy Head</i> Felix Schmieding , <i>Senior Statistician</i>	Online Online

** Apologies from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC); regular representatives of the Unit for Comprehensive Care and Reparation for Victims (UARIV), the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE), and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) joined the meeting and spoke on behalf of their High-Level counterparts, who could not attend due to last-minute hurdles. They are hence listed in the previous page.

Other EGRISS members/observers:

National Institute of Statistics and Geographic Information (INEGI) of Mexico

Dwight Dyer Leal, *General Director of Governance, Public Security and Justice Statistics*

In person

EGRISS Secretariat

Natalia Krynsky Baal, *Head of EGRISS Secretariat*

Eric Machado Raupp, *Communications Officer*

Filip Mitrovic, *Technical Advisor*

Aina Helen Saetre, *Technical Advisor*

Temirlan Utegulov, *Intern*

Alexiane Humberst, *Statistics Contractor*

In person

In person

Online

Online

Online

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Hosts/Organisers

World Bank:

Maria Dimitriadou, *Special Representative to the UN and Head of Multilateral Affairs*

Anju Lamichhane, *Senior Executive Assistant*

In person

In person

Annex 2: Annotated Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
7:45-8:00	Arrival, coffee and refreshments	
8:00-8:10	<p>Welcome and meeting objectives</p> <p><i>Relevant background material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of attendees EGRISS Terms of Reference (2020-2025) 	<p>Maria Dimitriadou, Special Representative to the UN Head of Multilateral Affairs, World Bank</p> <p>Natalia Krynsky Baal, Head of Secretariat, EGRISS</p>
8:10-8:20	<p>Session 1 EGRISS at 57th UN Statistical Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the Report. Side-event <p><i>Relevant background material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Expert Group on Refugee, Internally Displaced Persons and Statelessness Statistics (E/CN.3/2026/19) EGRISS Terms of Reference 2026-2030 UNSC Side-event concept note 	<p>Camilo Andrés Méndez Coronado, Head of Alliances & International Affairs, National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia</p>
8:20-8:50	<p>Session 2 2025 key achievements & implementation of the Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective progress in challenging context: All Members Meeting outcomes Global overview of implementation: 2025 GAIN Survey results Progress in Africa: Regional engagement, harmonising statistical frameworks, and implementation of the IRRS, IRIS & IROSS <p><i>Relevant background material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Annual Inclusion (GAIN) Survey results dashboard EGRISS Annual Report 2025 	<p>Mariana Kotzeva, Director-General, EUROSTAT</p> <p>Marizza Grande, Assistant National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)</p> <p>Adoum Gagoloum, Head of Economic Statistics Division, African Union Institute for Statistics (STATAFRIC)</p>
8:50-9:00	<p>Session 3 Priorities for 2026 and EGRISS' resource overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 priorities & opportunities Overview of EGRISS resources and funding gap <p><i>Relevant background material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EGRISS Annual Report 2025 (advanced draft version) 	<p>Natalia Krynsky Baal, Head of Secretariat, EGRISS</p>

Session 4

Discussion/tour de table to share guidance for EGRISS from HLSC members. To enable all members to contribute, interventions should last a maximum of 3-5 minutes (depending on number of participants).

Whilst all contributions are welcome, the following guiding questions are proposed:

1. As EGRISS launches into its fourth successive mandate during a period of significant change across the international community, including resource constraints and institutional upheavals, what advice can you give to guide the Group's collective action to ensure further progress on its key priorities?

Relevant contributions could include:

- Guidance for EGRISS based on own institutional experience in producing, coordinating or supporting the production of statistics on refugees, IDPs and/or statelessness.
- Feedback/responses to presentations delivered in previous sessions of the current meeting.
- Identification of gaps to address or opportunities for EGRISS to capitalise on during 2026.

Discussion moderated by

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9:00-9:40

2. What institutional commitments can be made to help fulfil EGRISS' objectives or mobilise the required resources for our collective efforts?

Relevant contributions could include:

- Information on direct financial or in-kind contributions.
- Commitments to engage in specific opportunities to secure resources for EGRISS.
- Other institutional commitments to help progress EGRISS' goals to implement the IRRS, IRIS and IROSS and improve national statistics on refugees, IDPs and statelessness.

9:45-9:50	Conclusion and wrap up	Maria Dimitriadou, Special Representative to the UN Head of Multilateral Affairs, World Bank
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