

DATA FOR DECISIONS (D4D) FUND
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OSLO, NORWAY / HYBRID MEETING

JUNE 5-6, 2023

*Venue: Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad),
Bygdøy allé 2, Oslo, Norway*



AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 5 – SEMINAR ON STATISTICS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

12:00 PM–12:15 PM <i>(Oslo Time)</i>	Welcome	<i>Mr. Bård Vegar Solhjell, Director, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)</i> <i>Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær, State Secretary (International Development), Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
	Introductory Remarks	<i>Ms. Carol Baker, Deputy Director, Statistics Department, IMF</i>
12:15PM – 1:15PM	Country Cases	<i>Moderator: Mr. Eric Mottu, Deputy Division Chief, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF</i>
	Uganda and Government Finance Statistics	<i>Dr. Albert Musisi, Commissioner for Macroeconomic Policy, Ministry of Finance of Uganda</i>
	Uzbekistan and External Sector Statistics	<i>Mr. Otabek Tojiddinov, Head of BOP Division, Central Bank of Uzbekistan</i>
	Discussion	
1:15PM – 2:15PM	Statistics CD in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States <i>Including integration with surveillance and lending</i>	<i>Moderator: Mr. Eric Mottu</i> <i>Ms. Carol Baker</i> <i>Mr. Issouf Samake, Senior Economist, African Department, IMF</i>
	Discussion	
2:15PM – 2:30PM	Break	

2:30PM – 3:15PM	Statistics Norway’s approach to capacity building, and lessons learned	<i>Mr. Vebjørn Aalandslid, Deputy Head of Division, Division for Development Cooperation, Statistics Norway</i>
	Discussion	
3:15PM – 4:00PM	Strengthening Capacity on Governance Statistics	<i>Ms. Mariana Neves, Governance Statistics Specialist, UNDP Oslo Governance Center</i>
	Discussion	
4:00PM – 4:15PM	Closing session	
	Remarks by the Chair	<i>Ms. Toril-Iren Pedersen, Assistant Director, Section for Governance and Transparency, Norad</i>
	Remarks by the IMF	<i>Ms. Carol Baker</i>

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 – STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

9:00AM – 9:15AM <i>(Oslo Time)</i>	Welcome	<i>Mr. Per Fredrik Ilsaas Pharo, Director, Department for Partnerships and Shared prosperity, Norad</i>
	Introductory Remarks	<i>Ms. Carol Baker</i>
9:15AM – 10:15AM	D4D Fund Achievements and Strategic Log Frame Interim Reporting	<i>Mr. Paul Austin, Division Chief, Statistics Department, IMF</i>
	Discussion	
10:15AM – 10:30AM	Break	
10:30AM – 11:30PM	D4D Fund Delivery Plans (May 2023–October 2024) and Response to the Mid-Term Evaluation	<i>Mr. Paul Austin</i>
	Discussion	
11:30PM –12:00PM	Trust Fund Governance	
	Update on Finances and Operations	<i>Mr. Eric Mottu</i>
	Procedural Issues	<i>Ms. Reidun Gjengedal, Senior adviser Section for Governance and Transparency, Norad</i>
	(1) SC Endorsements	
	(2) Endorsement of Chair for the Coming Period	

12:00PM – 1:30PM	Lunch	<i>Provided by Norad</i>
1:45PM – 2:30PM	IMF Capacity Development State of Play <i>Building strong economic institutions that steer us towards a greener, more resilient, digital and inclusive future</i>	<i>Mr. Eric Mottu</i>
	Discussion	
2:30PM – 3:30PM	D4D Fund Phase II <i>Outlining the medium-term priorities of the D4D Fund</i>	<i>Ms. Carol Baker</i>
	Discussion	
3:30PM – 4:00PM	Closing Session	
	Remarks by the Outgoing Chair	<i>Ms. Toril-Iren Pedersen</i>
	Remarks by the Incoming Chair	<i>Ms. Hae Ryun Kim, Director of International Cooperation Division, Statistics Korea (video message)</i>
	Remarks by the IMF	<i>Ms. Carol Baker</i>

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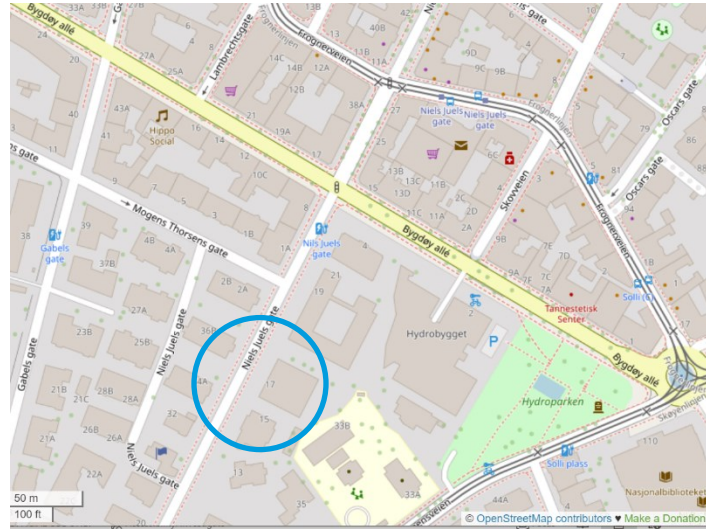
VENUE

Norwegian Agency for
Development Cooperation (Norad)

Bygdøy allé 2

Oslo, Norway

Please note that passport or other picture ID will be needed for registration at the reception. Participants will be picked up the reception and guided to the meeting venue.



ORDER OF EVENTS

JUNE 5TH

INFORMATION CENTER 5TH FLOOR

11:30 – 12:00 Registration and light lunch

12:00 – 16:15 Seminar on Statistics Capacity Development

JUNE 6TH

MEETING ROOM #1, 1ST FLOOR

09:00 – 16:00 Steering committee meeting

MEALS

Coffee will be provided from during breaks.

Lunch will be provided on both days with vegetarian & vegan options.

Please signal any dietary restrictions to Reidun Gjengedal: reidun.gjengedal@norad.no.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Nationals of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) do not currently require a visa to visit Norway for tourism due to the EU and Schengen policies of free movement. To review the specific visa requirements and exemptions based on nationality please check [Want to apply: Visitor's visa to Norway - UDI](#) Please contact your local Norwegian Embassy/Consulate to apply.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As of February 12, 2022, the travel-restrictions upon entry into Norway were lifted. The same rules as prior to the COVID-19 pandemic apply. There are no requirements for testing, quarantine or registration upon arrival in Norway.

ACCOMODATION

Hotels within walking distance to Norad are:

HOTEL SOMMERO

www.sommerohouse.com (2 minutes walk)

SCANDIC SOLLI

[Scandic Solli | Solli Plass nær Aker Brygge | Scandic Hotels](#) (4 minutes walk)

TRANSPORT TO THE AIRPORT

The easiest and fastest transportation both from and to the airport is by regional train (NOK 118) or the airport express train (NOK 230)

The train station Nationaltheatret is about 10 minutes walking distance from Norad. Total travel time from Norad is 40 minutes in average (the airport express train a few minutes faster), with relatively frequent departure times.