



Statistical Officials Expert Group

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Key Takeaways

Expert Group Discussion

- Statement 1: There are many, highly functioning organizations that are making a real difference in supporting evidence building and program administration—FSRDCs, state coalitions, university and non-profit led efforts. In addition to filling gaps, the **NSDS must connect this data ecosystem to help guide users to resources that can meet their needs through a concierge service.** As a statistical system we hope a modest first step will be introduction of the Standard Application Process for accessing all federal statistical data assets.
- Statement 2: The capacity for using data varies widely, especially across various levels of government. **A key role of an NSDS must be to provide training and access to tools in order to increase capacity across the ecosystem.** While we have much to learn, we as a statistical system are energized by the opportunity for sharing our collective experience in developing new analytical methods, supporting high impact research, disseminating quality data, and protecting data confidentiality.
- Statement 3: **New resources will be required to support both an NSDS and build capacity across the ecosystem** (data providers and data users) to fully realize the vision of the report.

Future Engagement

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- Engagement Area 1: The statistical agencies must do a better job of communicating how they are working together and seek new ways to engage with a broader range of users to effectively deliver the goals of the Evidence Act.
- Engagement Area 2: The statistical agencies should harness current opportunities to engage in “use cases” that promote data sharing, linkage, and privacy protection and demonstrate the value of collaboration across the Statistical System.
- Engagement Area 3: The statistical agencies should continue to make progress on Evidence Act regulations and implementation processes.
- Engagement Area 4: That statistical agencies, working within the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, should establish clarity around the initial NSDS governance and functions and set in place a process to continue to evolve these through experience and user feedback.

Summing It Up

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Collaboration