



Activities during the mission

Discussions with Management:

- Discussion of ICBS draft strategy (MR13)
 - Particular focus on macro database and cubes
- Discussion of long term and short term planning (MR14)
- Coordination of the NSS (MR15)
- Discussion of micro data access

Discussions with component leaders on MRs:

- Component A, B, D, E

Findings

- Draft Strategy 2020 is moving ahead
 - MR13 will be attained
- A structure of short term and long term planning is conceived
- A short report will document this
 - MR14 will be attained
- ICBS is working on enhancing the NSS
- The PCS will be a vehicle for this
 - The draft strategy will be discussed and endorsed in PCS
 - A PCS subcommittee for enhancing NSS is proposed
 - Sharpening the Statistical Ordinance regarding coordination is proposed and will be discussed in PCS
 - A final draft of MoU with the Insurance Institute will be ready in December
 - MR15 will be attained

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Recommendations

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Long term Strategy

- General comment: sharpen the structure and avoid repetition of the same goals in several places
- Include chapter on confidentiality and micro data access
 - This is a key strategic area
 - Don't give public access to databases based on detailed micro data
- Include a goal on the creation of a full scale macro statistical database

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Long term Strategy process (MR13)

- Final draft by December
- In 2015:
- Get acceptance in PCS
 - Internal processes: General acceptance and ownership

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Short and long term planning (MR14)

- The procedure of work is in place
- By December: Describe this in a short paper

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Statistical Database Recommendations

1. Make a plan for building a fully-fledged all-inclusive database by end-2015
 - Prepare recommendations on good cubes
 - List all multi-dimensional cubes by topic
 - Prioritize taking most important subjects first
 - Work with subject matter divisions on creating the cubes
2. I do not recommend to rely on a home-grown solution
 - Steal as much as possible
3. Use a standard tool that has proven successful elsewhere
 - Maintenance
 - It will be further developed according to new trends, e.g. mobile devices
 - You can be sure it works
 - Millions of users elsewhere love it – are Israeli users different?
 - You can be a member of an international community of professionals
4. I strongly recommend to reconsider PC-AXIS because:
 - A huge community of 50 agencies
 - PX-Web has proven to be easy to implement and fill
 - Users love it

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Enhancing NSS (MR15)

- Use PCS to get acceptance:
 - Subcommittee
 - Discuss a sharper legislation
 - Implementing the Ordinance: Setting up a National Plan for official statistics in 2015
 - Branding
- Continue the good work on MoUs
- Final draft with Insurance Institute by December

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Closing event

- 17 December 2014
- Make sure all results are documented
- Including how to ensure that results are sustainable in future
- It would be ideal to be able to present tangible user-oriented results in event
 - E.g. pilot of the new web site
 - Pilot of statistical database???

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