

## THE PHILIPPINES STATISTICS AUTHORITY MISSION AND THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL STATISTICS DEPARTMENT VISITED CEPEI FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION

*Exploring collaborative scenarios with the NSOs of the Philippines and Colombia to promote the use of data for sustainable development*



(Bogota, February 17th, 2017) - During the [Philippines Statistics Authority's \(PSA\)](#) visit to the Colombian [National Administrative Department of Statistics \(DANE\)](#), representatives of both offices met with CEPEI to learn about [DataRepública](#), our data lab for sustainable development.

The implementation of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) (17 goals, 169 targets, 230 global indicators, plus the national ones), requires high-quality, disaggregated data produced by the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and different stakeholders. One of the main challenges this poses, is to identify **who is producing information** that can be useful for monitoring the SDGs, **the quality of the data being produced** and whether it is **open** and **available** for all users.

Taking into account that it has become increasingly necessary to have **open** and **high-quality data** to design public policies to achieve the SDGs, CEPEI carried out a project that led to the creation of **DataRepública**, a **digital platform of multistakeholder collaboration** where the public sector, civil society, academia, the private sector and multilateral agencies can contribute and promote their role as leading models of sustainable development in different countries.



During the meeting, CEPEI's Data Team introduced the three components of the platform —**Connect, Learn, Publish**—, presenting the results achieved so far:

- Cataloging of **1185 datasets** for **Colombia, Mexico** and **Costa Rica**, about **SDG** topics; specifically 534 for Colombia, 394 for Mexico, and 255 for Costa Rica.
- Identification of the **legal framework for open data implementation** in each country. The catalogue can be downloaded without restrictions.
- Creation of a **general profile** of each mapped country with its main **indicators**.
- Access to a **data catalog** of governments, private sector, civil society, academia, philanthropy and multilateral organizations, to be access and downloaded by users.
- Development and design of a suitable **visualization** that shows **relations** between entities, the data produced by them and the Sustainable Development Goals topics.

- Publication of **four stories based on datasets** identified and catalogued in our matrix. This input can be use as an evidence for policy making and for generating innovative knowledge.
- Face-to-face Workshop: “Data Journalism 2030” - Strategies to **build stories with data** for sustainable development.



The three organizations, as champion members of the [Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data](#) (GPSDD), also explored means for South-South Cooperation to promote DataRepública through the creation of stories with official data of the Philippines Statistics Authority, as well as the possibilities of establishing a multistakeholder partnership to implement the platform in Asia.

*"On march 01 2017, the PSA will be launching its Open Data Platform. We will be releasing all of our microdata for all of our stakeholders, because the Philippines has just release the Freedom of Information Act, a law for all government offices to open their data for free".*

*—Candido Astrologo Jr., Assistant National Statistician, Standard Services, Philippines Statistics Authority*



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