



6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Praia Group Task  
Team on Participation  
in Political and Public  
Affairs

*CORE survey  
module &  
optional  
questions*

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*Plans for  
cognitive testing*

Wed 22 June 2022  
9.00-10:30 EST

## A) PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS

- *Voter turnout*
- *Barriers to voting*
- *Registered voters*
- *Barriers to voter registration*
- *Feeling safe when going to vote*
- *Feeling safe when participating in election campaign activities, such as attending candidate rallies or working for a candidate or a party*
- *Being a victim of political intimidation or violence during electoral campaigns or at the voting station*
- *Participation in election-related activities*

## B) PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL & CIVIC LIFE

- *Membership in political and civic organizations*
- *Contacting government officials, participating in protests, etc.*
- *Feeling safe when taking part in public protests and demonstrations*
- *Participation in online discussions of political topics*

## C) ENABLING ENVIRONMENT OF PARTICIPATION

- *Trust in information and news on political and public affairs*
- *Stereotyping attitudes and values towards participation of women and other minorities in politics*
- *Self-reported political efficacy*
- *Perceived levels of freedom of expression, to join political organizations, and to criticize government actions or performance*
- *Interest in political and public affairs*

# Consolidated questionnaire:

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At least 26 questions →  
**At least 82 question items**

# Today's meeting

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1. Review of other international survey modules: *What's the typical length?*
2. A proposal for the CORE module
3. Plans for cognitive testing by NSOs in the fall: Expressions of interest



# 1. Review of other international survey modules

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# Model modular questionnaires

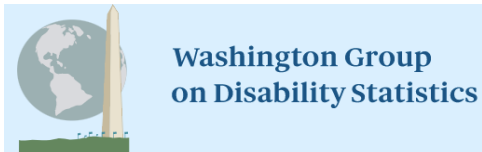
- Suitable for implementation by NSOs in population and housing censuses, national HH surveys



“...**15-minute** long questionnaire once a year. A 15-minute long questionnaire is generally understood to consist of 60 questions (not including the compulsory demographics).”



five short, **8–10-minute** questionnaire modules



**Short Set** (6 questions)

**Short Set Enhanced** (12 qns)

**Extended Set on Functioning**  
(34 questions + 3 optional)



ILO model LFS questions: 11 sections, at least around 80 questions

Economic characteristics of the population: up to 12 questions

Volunteer work: 4-item battery

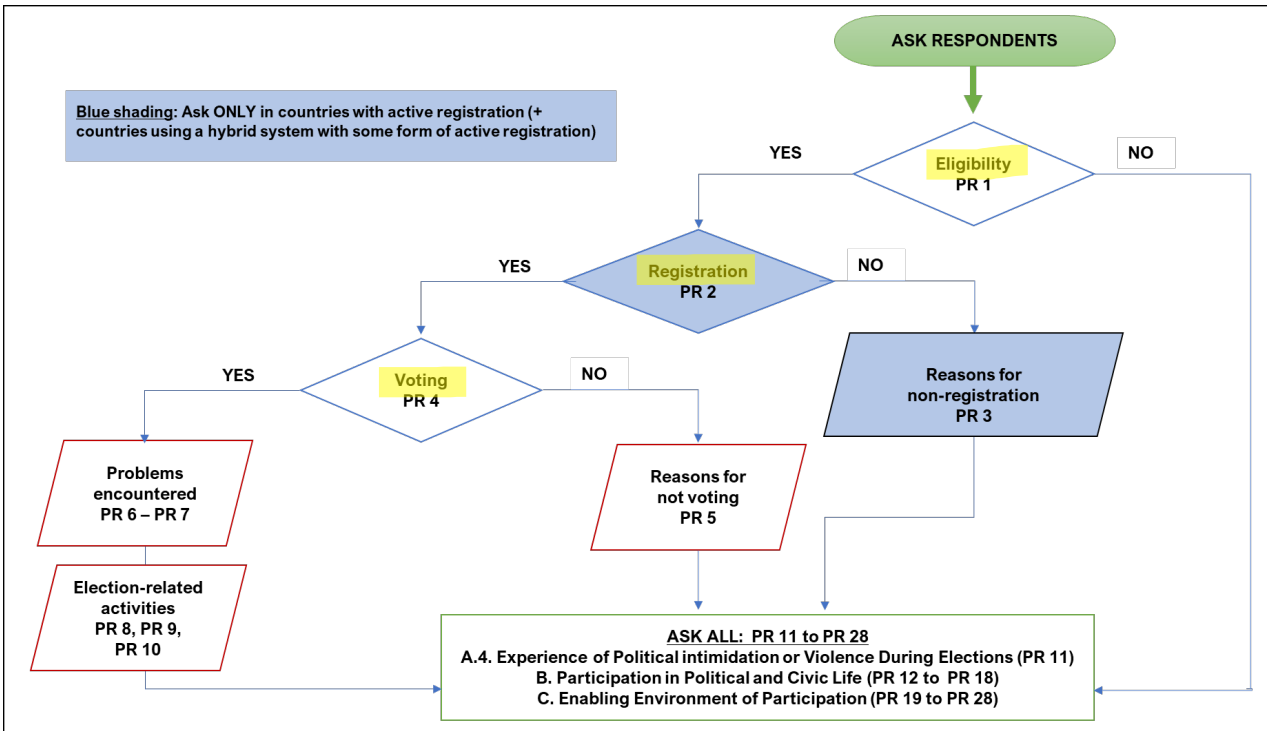
## 2. A proposal for the CORE module

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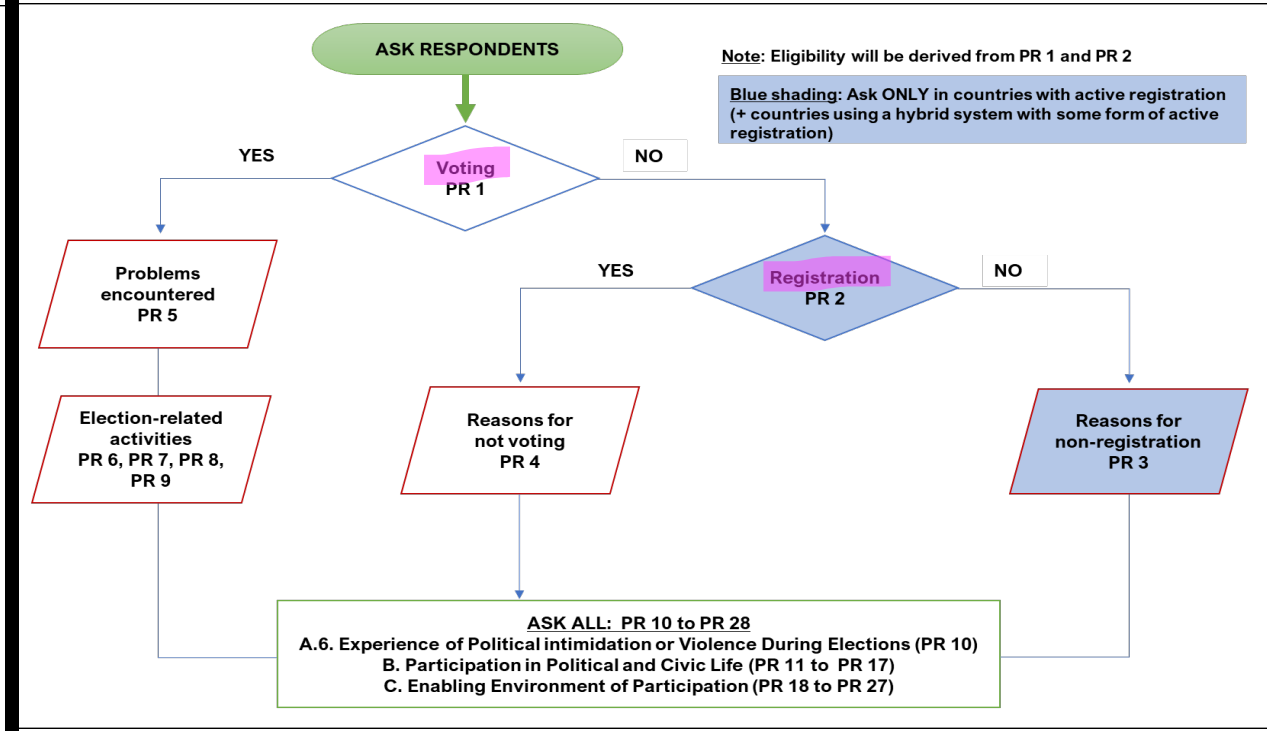
## Option 1: Eligibility → Registration → Voting

→ Participation in Political and Civic Life → Enabling environment of Participation



## Option 2: Voting → Registration

→ Participation in Political and Civic Life → Enabling environment of Participation





# “Before & *After*”

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Before	At least 26 questions	At least 82 question items
<i>After</i>	<b>At least 17 questions</b>	<b>At least 61 question items</b>

# Proposal to add self-identification questions at the end of the module

- A key principle of a human rights-based approach to data collection as recommended by OHCHR
- Also recommended by the European Commission Subgroup on Equality Data (see Guidelines, p. 10-11)
- Recommend placing this set of questions at the end of the module
- Give respondents the opportunity of skipping these questions (“Do not know” or “Prefer not to say”)

# Proposed self-identification questions

**1. When you compare yourself to others in [COUNTRY], do you think that you belong to a minority (ethnic, religious, ...)?**

- Yes
- No → SKIP

**2. Which of the following groups would you say you belong to?** *(Multiple responses allowed)*

- Ethnic minority
- Religious minority
- Minority by sexual orientation (or gender identity)
- Minority by disability status (or health problems)
- Other minority, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Plans for  
cognitive testing  
by NSOs in the  
fall

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End of June 2022: **First draft of survey module**

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Fall 2022: **Cognitive testing**

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2023: **Piloting**

# Cognitive interviewing (CI)

- Evaluate “whether the true meaning of the question, as intended by the researcher(s), is conveyed to respondents, and more generally whether the question is functioning as intended”
  - comprehensibility of questions, problems respondents have in answering the questionnaire, interviewer difficulties in implementation
- Aimed to test individual questions, not the whole questionnaire
- Best practice: cognitive interview pretesting + field pretesting

# Cognitive interviewing: Proposed specifications

UNDP-UNODC-OHCHR SDG16 Survey-Based Indicators Questionnaire: Cognitive Test Protocol

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- Selected questions only: max 60-90 minutes
- To be conducted in main language of country to be tested
- Mode: preferably F2F, optional web CI
- Iterative: 1-2 rounds, depending on resources
- At least 20 respondents per round, purposively selected
- Respondents: 1 set general public, 1 set target respondents for a module (e.g. discrimination module to be administered to those who have personally experienced discrimination)

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- Approach:
  - Combination of think-aloud and verbal probing
  - Concurrent probing
  - Scripted probe questions (+Spontaneous probes)
- Analysis: Quantitative
  - Descriptives
  - Coding schemes to record behaviors of respondents and interviewers
- Reporting
  - Standardized report template



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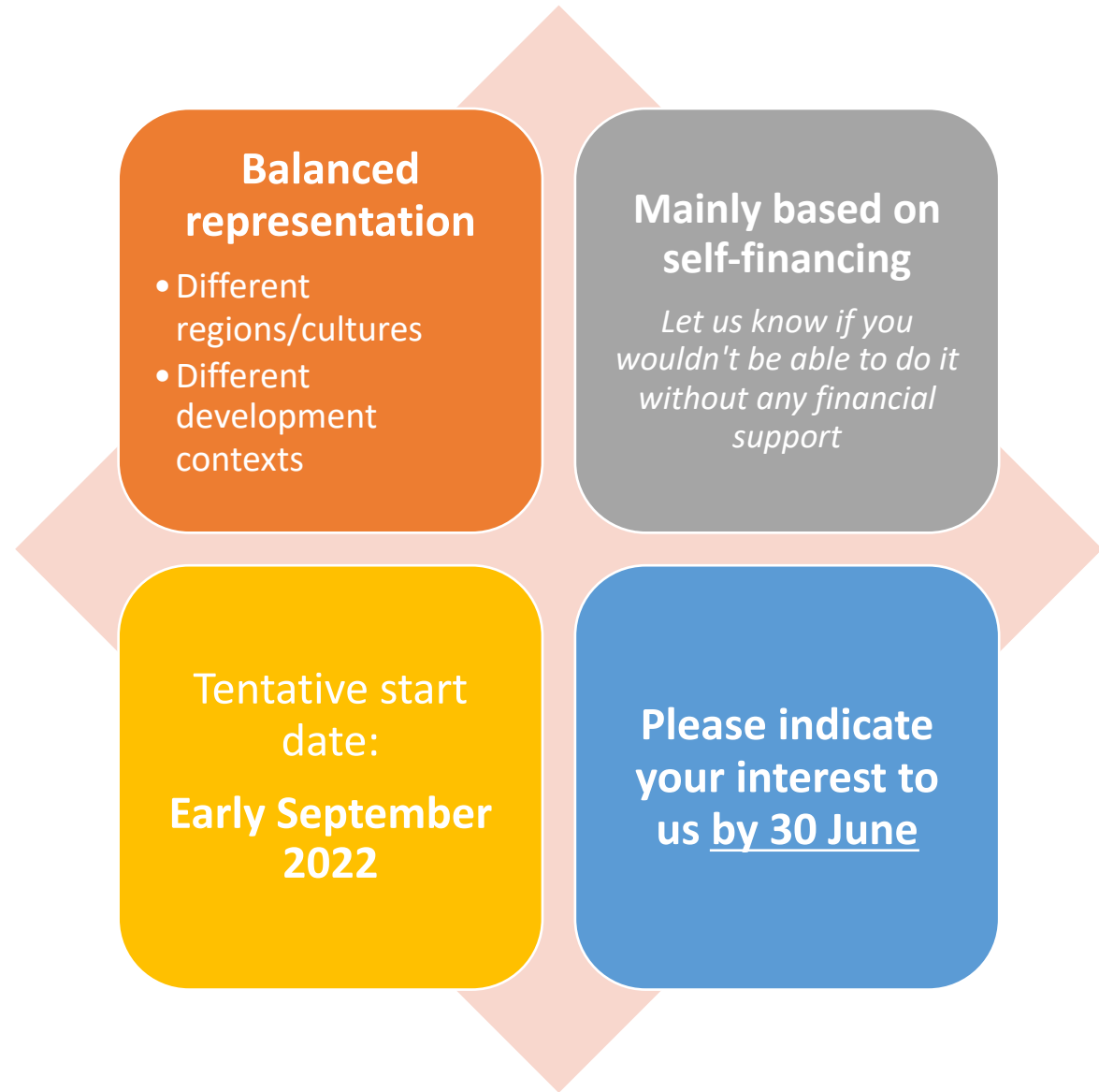
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## ■ Timeline:

Activity	Timeframe
Translation of the questionnaire	1 week
Recruitment and logistical preparations for the CI pretest	2 weeks
Conduct of the CI pretest: 1 <sup>st</sup> round	1 week
Preparation of report: 1 <sup>st</sup> round	1 week
Analysis of the 1 <sup>st</sup> round of CI pre-test and revisions to questionnaire/protocol	2 weeks
Conduct of the CI pretest: 2 <sup>nd</sup> round	1 week
Preparation of report: 2 <sup>nd</sup> round	1 week
Reporting and analysis (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> round)	3 weeks
<b>Total number of weeks</b>	<b>12 weeks</b>

Expressions  
of interest  
by NSOs  
willing to  
take part in  
cognitive  
interviewing



# Next steps

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- We will send you a **REVISED draft** of the proposed CORE module + optional questions, based on the feedback we received today.
- **Please review it** and tell us if anything would not work well in your country!
- **Please write to us** ([group.praia@gmail.com](mailto:group.praia@gmail.com)) **by 30 June** if your NSO would be interested in participating in the **cognitive testing** this fall.

