

# Report of the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators

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# Introduction

- The IAEG-SDGs has been tasked to develop and implement the global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.
- Focus on globally agreed methodology and where to find data on national level.
- National Statistical Organisations often coordinate the national reporting, need support on how to include geospatial data and access to relevant geospatial data sources.
- WGGI established in April 2016, three meetings so far (New York, Mexico City and Kunming).
- WGGI report both to the IAEG-SDGs and to the GGIM Committee.



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## The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2017



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### Overview

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2017 reviews progress made towards the 17 Goals in the second year of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report is based on the latest available data. It highlights both gains and challenges as the international community moves towards full realization of the ambitions and principles espoused in the 2030 Agenda. While considerable progress has been made over the past



# Issues, considerations and conclusions

- Data **availability** and **accessibility** remains one of the biggest challenges.
- Data from international agencies may differ from national data, but could be applied to validate and augment national data, used in models, and provide estimates e.g. to improve existing data sets, or produce regional and global aggregates.
- The geospatial community will need to contribute to ensure data interoperability and comparability between such international and national data.



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- Producing indicators based on geospatial information require **specialist capacities** and **expertise** that Member States may not have.
- The Committee of Experts may wish to consider if its Academic Network could help in setting up “centers of excellence” where data is processed and made available for Member States.
- The Expert Group on Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information will need to support the Member States in implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework.



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- The Working Group will continue to engage with the **UN Custodian Agencies** to support and contribute to the development of methodology, metadata and data availability.
- The Working Group would benefit from more geospatial expertise from **Africa, Americas, Arab States and Asia-Pacific**. The Committee may wish to encourage the regional committees to nominate an additional expert representative into the Working Group to increase its capacity.



# Points for discussion

## *The Committee of Experts is invited to:*

- (a) Take note of the report of the IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Geospatial Information, including the updates and the background document provided;
- (b) Express its views on the contribution of geospatial information to the sustainable development agenda generally, and global indicator framework of the SDGs specifically; and
- (c) Provide guidance to the Working Group on the way forward, so as to ensure that contributions remain rigorous and relevant.

