


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IAEG-SDGs
Inter-agency Expert Group on SDG Indicators

Working Group on Geospatial Information

First Expert Group Meeting
Mexico City
12 – 14 December 2016



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Protect our planet's natural resources and climate for future generations


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End poverty and hunger in all forms and ensure dignity and equality

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Ensure prosperous and fulfilling lives in harmony with nature

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Terms of Reference:

The Working Group will

- (i) identify its main milestones;
- (ii) conduct its activities until completion of its tasks; and
- (iii) provide a time frame for their completion.

(Regular review of the work of the group will be undertaken by the IAEG-SDGs and the HLG).

The Working Group will decide on its detailed work plan and organization of work, its communication and coordination with other groups and countries


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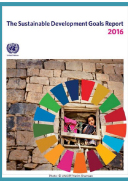
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IAEG-SDGs Work Plan from Nov. 2016 – March 2017

- Nov. 2016: Finalization of the indicator refinements and preparation of the report to the Statistical Commission;
- Dec. 2016 – Jan. 2017: Further development of work plans for Tier III indicators and preparation of a background document to the Statistical Commission;
- Dec. 2016 – Feb. 2017: Harmonization of categories for data disaggregation for the global indicators
- Dec. 2016 – March 2017: Review of Tier III possible fast track indicators to be discussed at the 5th IAEG-SDGs meeting





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IAEG-SDGs Work Programme for March 2017- March 2018

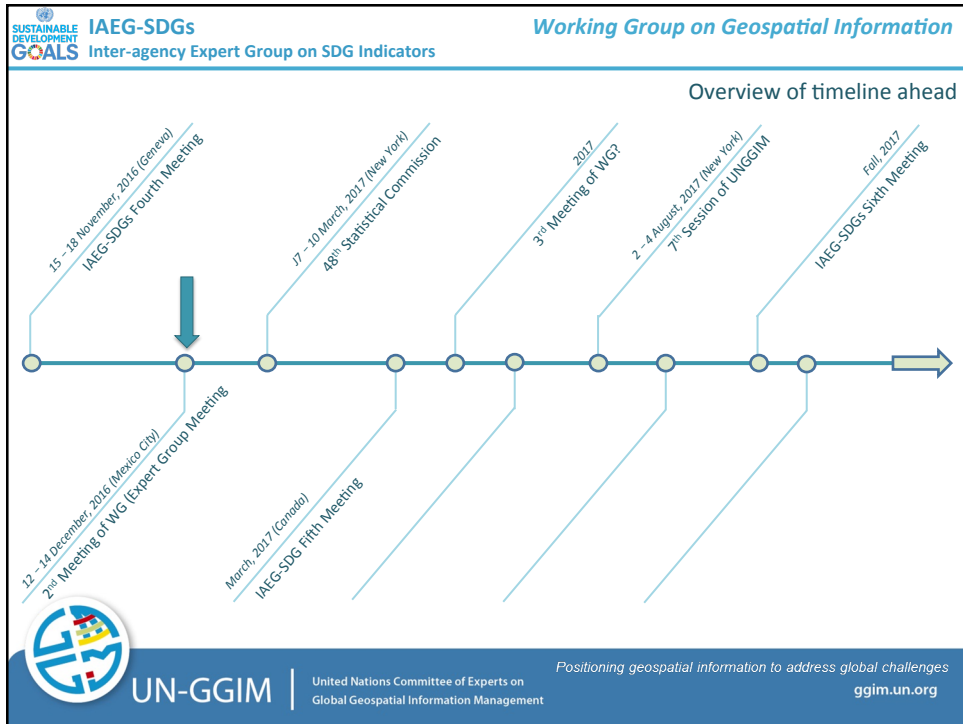
- Regularly update the work plans for Tier III indicators;
- Review indicators for Tier reclassification when needed;
- Initiate consultation on possible additional indicators, review inputs and finalize a list of proposed additional indicators to present to the 49th session of the Statistical Commission in March 2018;
- Joint working group of IAEG-SDGs and the HLG will review the data availability for Tier I and Tier II indicators and make recommendation for increasing the data coverage of Tier II indicators;
- Harmonize the categories for data disaggregation and review the indicators based on the data disaggregation categories;
- Continue the work of the three working groupings on SDMX, Geospatial information and interlinkages;
- Hold two physical meetings, the first in March 2017 and the second in the fall of 2017, at dates to be determined, and also continue to interact electronically and via teleconferences, as needed.



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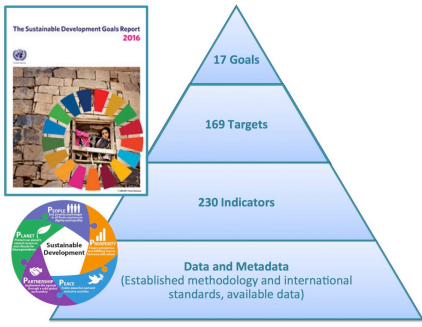
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TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/1


MANDATE FOR UNSC AND IAEG-SDGs (Para. 75):

The global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators, will be agreed by the UN Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted thereafter by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in line with existing mandates.

The proposed global indicator framework for the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as a practical starting point

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Global Indicator Framework: Tier System for the Indicators

The indicators were classified into three tiers based on their level of methodological development and overall data availability.

Classifications


Tier 1: Indicator conceptually clear, established methodology and standards available and data regularly produced by countries.

Tier 2: Indicator conceptually clear, established methodology and standards available but data are not regularly produced by countries.


Tier 3: Indicator for which there are no established methodology and standards or methodology/standards are being developed/tested.

Tier classification contains:

- 83 Tier I indicators,
- 58 Tier II indicators,
- 84 Tier III indicators,
- 5 indicators that have multiple tiers (different components of the indicator are classified into different tiers).


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Global Indicator Framework: Tier System for the Indicators

Mechanism for updating the tier system

- IAEG-SDG will conduct a review of a set of indicators for reclassification at the Fall physical meeting, once per year
- Agencies (custodian) would be invited to provide updated information (i.e. results of initiatives in work plans, etc., metadata and data) at least 1 month before the meeting for review by members
- IAEG-SDGs will review any possible re-classifications, further discuss and agree during its physical meeting
- A revised Tier classification will only be published once a year following the IAEG-SDG Meeting

However –

- For the first year, a fast track review of some Tier III indicators on which the plans are already well developed was agreed.
- Necessary to receive all affected Tier III work plans by mid-January 2017.
- IAEG-SDG will agree on the re-classification only for this year at their Spring meeting


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Global Indicator Framework: Reviews

- Indicator reviews could imply substantive changes to the indicator framework. These changes could include addition, deletion, refinement or adjustment of indicators
- The review process would commence 12 months prior to any proposals being submitted to the Statistical Commission (as an example, for the proposed 2020 revision, the process would start in the fall of 2018 so that IAEG-SDGs can finalized any proposal by the end of 2019)
- Type of changes to be considered during the 2020 and 2025 reviews –
 - Indicator does not map well to the target
 - Additional indicator needed to cover all aspects of the target
 - New data sources available
 - Methodological development of Tier III indicators has stalled/did not produced expected results
 - Indicator not measuring progress towards target



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Global Indicator Framework: Reviews


- IAEG-SDGs reviews the framework in consultation with custodian agencies and identifies indicators where possible revisions are needed. An open consultation on the proposed changes will be held.
- IAEG-SDGs finalizes the proposed changes to the indicator framework and submits for consideration and approval of the Statistical Commission



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Global Indicator Framework: Additional Indicators

- IAEG-SDGs identified a total of 36 possible additional indicators and decided to postpone work on these additional indicators to focus their work on presenting a proposal for refinements to the Statistical Commission
- List of Targets where additional Indicators may possibly be desirable
 - 1.a • 2.2 • 2.a • 3.4 • 3.5 • 3.6 • 3.9 (3)
 - 3.b • 3.c • 4.1 (2) • 4.b • 6.4 • 7.1 • 8.5
 - 8.7 • 8.9 • 8.10 • 9.2 • 10.2 • 10.3 • 10.4
 - 10.7 • 12.4 • 12.6 • 14.4 • 14.7 • 15.a • 16.3
 - 16.6 • 16.10 • 17.6 • 17.8 • 17.19
- Work on the additional indicators is expected to take place in 2017 for presentation at the 49th Session of the Statistical Commission.
 - IAEG-SDGs may give preference to those proposals with an established methodology and with data available.

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MANDATE for Annual Global Progress Report on the Sustainable Development Goals

- General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/1 –
83. Follow-up and review at the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals to be prepared by the Secretary-General in cooperation with the United Nations system, based on the global indicator framework and data produced by national statistical systems and information collected at the regional level
- General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/299 –
13. Reaffirms that the meetings of the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals





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Role of National Data in Global Reporting

- 47th Statistical Commission “Agreed that the compilation of global indicators will be based to the greatest extent possible on comparable and standardized national official statistics, provided by countries to the international statistical systems and that when other sources and methodologies are used, these will be reviewed and agreed by national statistical authorities and presented in a transparent manner;”






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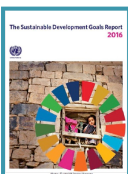

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- National statistical systems: collect data according to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and provide data and metadata for global reporting
- Regional mechanisms: facilitate, as appropriate, the data and metadata transmission process from national to the global level
- International agencies: provide internationally comparable data in the different statistical domains, calculate global and regional aggregates, and provide data and accompany data to UN Statistical Division
- UN Statistical Division: make available internationally comparable country data on each of the indicators alongside the regional and global aggregates in the SDG Indicator Global Database.



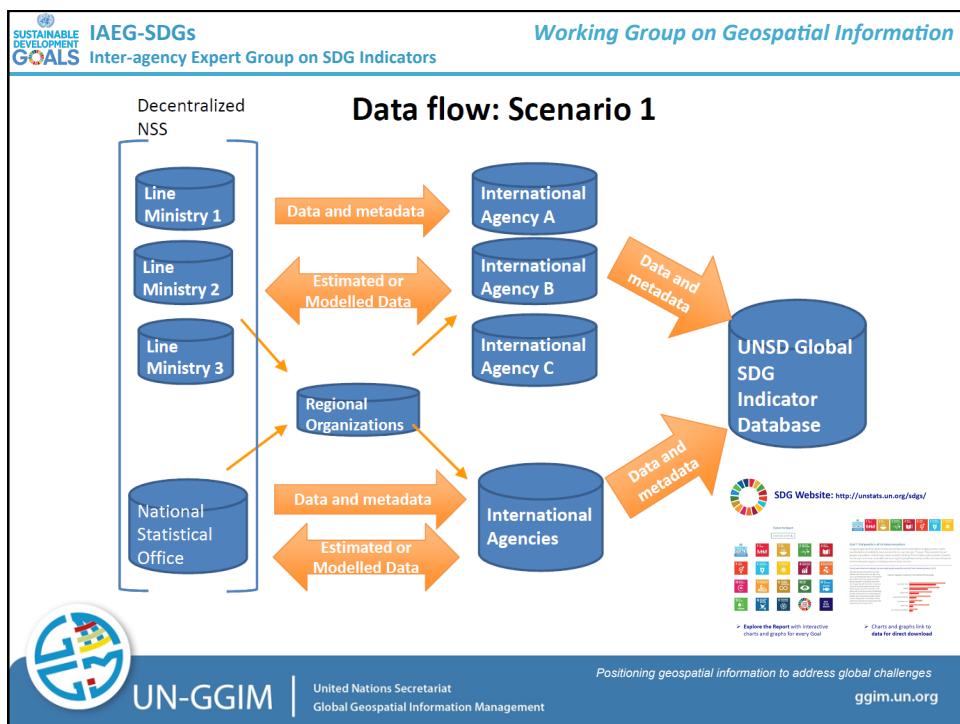
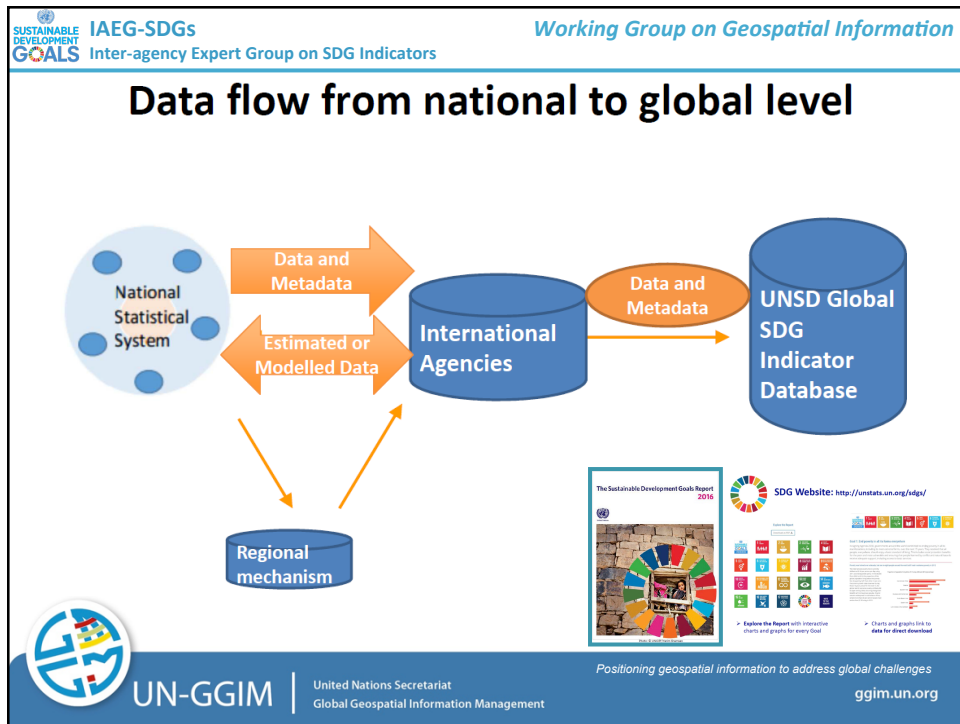
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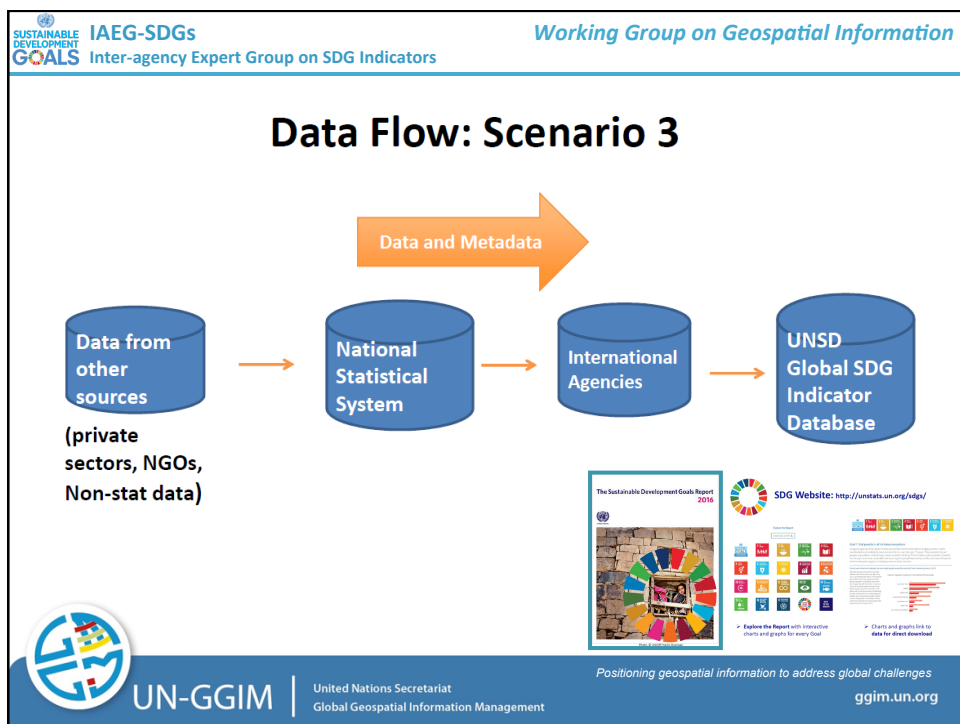
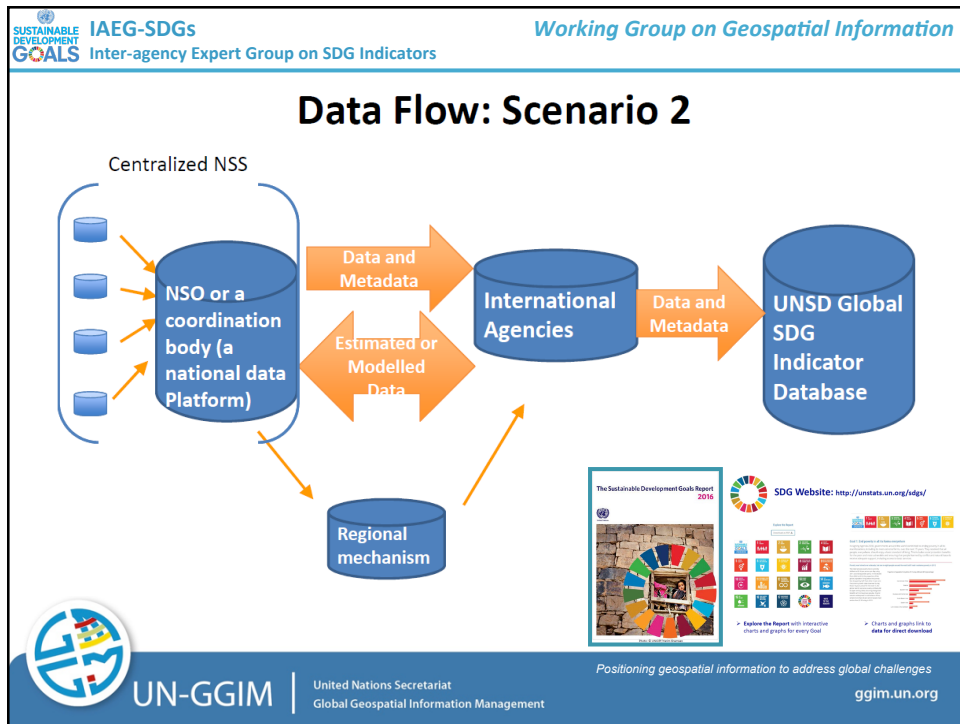
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- ❑ Some important issues -
 - International and regional entities should harmonize their data collection to reduce reporting burden of countries (data for a particular indicator should be collected by one international agency)
 - ECOSOC Resolution 2006/6 contains reference to the fact that estimates should always be carried out in full consultation with concerned countries and through transparent methodologies
 - Quality assurance procedures at national and international levels should be followed
- ❑ National vs international -
 - To the extent possible, use national official data



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Data Disaggregation

- ❑ The IAEG-SDGs also ensured that indicators cover specific population groups and other disaggregation elements specified in the targets
 - Improved understanding of sub-national geographic variation (and inequalities) is increasingly recognised as central to meeting development goals
 - Requires a consistent, comparable and current understanding of not just the “what” and the “who” but also the “where”.

“**Comprehensive location-based information** is helping governments to develop strategic priorities, make decisions, and measure and monitor outcomes. Once geospatial data are created, they can be used many times to support a multiplicity of applications” (MDG Report 2015, p12)



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Data Disaggregation

☐ The IAEG agreed that they would address data disaggregation as follows -

- Review each type of disaggregation (sex, age, location, income, etc.) separately in order to achieve a consistent terminology across the framework.
- Work on Tier I indicators first, as they are those indicators that already have the widest data coverage and on which work on data disaggregation can begin.
- Drafting a more detailed work plan for the work stream on data disaggregation and will present it for comment in the near future in advance of its 5th Meeting



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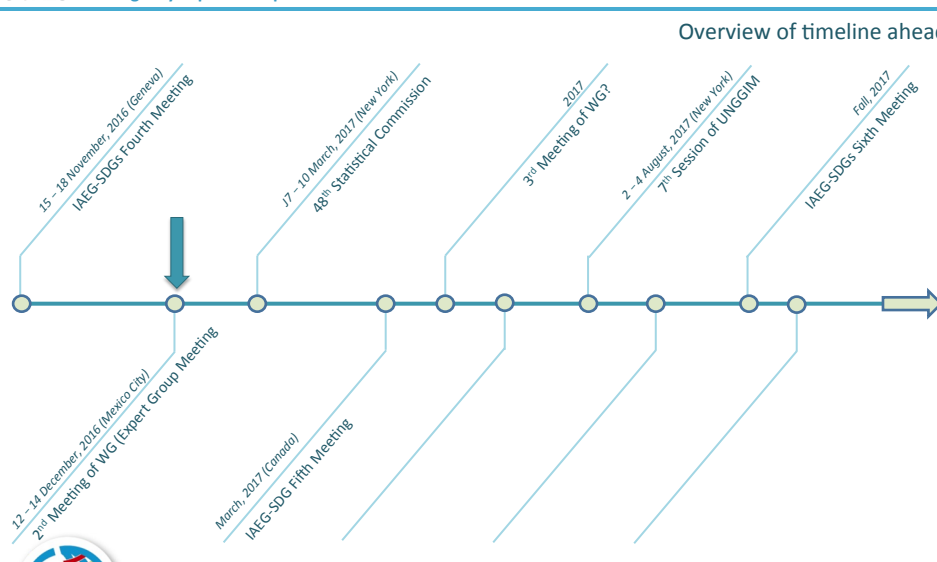
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Overview of timeline ahead



Timeline events:

- 12 - 14 December, 2016 (Mexico City) 2nd Meeting of WG (Expert Group Meeting)
- 15 - 18 November, 2016 (Geneva) IAEG-SDGs Fourth Meeting
- March, 2017 (Concord) IAEG-SDG Fifth Meeting
- 17 - 10 March, 2017 (New York) 48th Statistical Commission
- 2017 3rd Meeting of WG?
- 2 - 4 August, 2017 (New York) 7th Session of UNGGIM
- Fall, 2017 IAEG-SDGs Sixth Meeting

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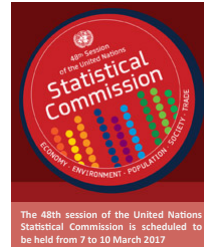
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The 48th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission is scheduled to be held from 7 to 10 March 2017



The 7th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management is scheduled to be held from 2 to 4 August 2017



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