Main Outcomes of the 6th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

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- Held from 11-14 November 2017
- Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
- Chaired by Mr. Enrique Ordaz of Mexico and Dr Albina Chuwa of Tanzania
Meeting Agenda (1)

• Reviewed the work of the three working groups

• Reviewed the updated tier classification
  ➢ Based on regional and global data availability
  ➢ Based on advancements in methodology development

• Reviewed progress made on the methodological development of tier III indicators
Meeting Agenda (2)

- Discussed the proposed guidelines on data flows and global data reporting
- Discussed progress made on the data reporting calendar and NSO SDG data
- Discussed issues related to the work stream on data disaggregation
- Presented SDG implementation and reporting at national, regional, global and thematic levels
Next Steps
Nov 2017-March 2018

• Finalization of the Guidelines on Data reporting:
  – Members submit any additional comments and revisions of paper – by 21 November
  – Updated draft circulated for open consultation (to both countries and custodian agencies) – December 2017 – 10 January 2018
  – Finalize background document for submission to UNSC49 – 15 February 2018

• Co-chairs of the disaggregation work stream will engage with custodian agencies and specialized groups to establish collaboration/consultation mechanisms – **December 2017**

• IAEG Members will review the current list of 37 possible additional indicators for 33 targets to decide which to include in an open consultation— **December 2017 – February 2018**
IAEG-SDG Work Programme

Work programme of the Expert Group to be presented to UNSC49

Activities between March 2018 and March 2019:

(a) Continue the review of workplans for tier III indicators and reclassify indicators when requirements are met at the two physical meetings and via Webex meetings every two months if needed;

(b) Conduct an open consultation and finalize the proposal for additional indicators to be presented as part of the comprehensive review for consideration by the Statistical Commission at its fifty-first session in 2020;

(c) Begin work on the comprehensive review by compiling a preliminary list of possible changes, refinements and deletions to the indicator framework for an open consultation in mid-2019;

(d) Continue the work of the joint subgroup of the IAEG-SDGs and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by reviewing data availability and capacity building needs for Tier I and II indicators;
IAEG-SDG Work Programme

Work programme of the Expert Group as presented to UNSC49 (continued)

(e) Establish a mechanism for discussion with specialized groups and custodian agencies in relation to the specific data disaggregation dimensions (ex. age, sex, disability, etc.) and finalize document for consideration at 50th session of UNSC in 2019;

(f) Continue the work of the three working groups, on statistical data and metadata exchange (SDMX), geospatial information and interlinkages;

(g) Develop a document on best practices for the data flows between countries and custodian agencies;

(h) Hold two meetings, in the first quarter and the fourth quarter of 2018, on dates to be determined, and continue to interact electronically and through teleconferences, as needed.
• Change related to the three task forces:
  – 6.6.1 Change in the extent of water-related ecosystems over time – custodian agencies are UN Environment and Ramsar
  – 9.1.1 Proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road – updated workplan received in Sep 2017
  – 15.3.1 Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area -- reclassified as Tier II indicator
Working Group’s Contributions to IAEG-SDGs

The IAEG-SDGs work group on geospatial information can

- Provide guidance and advice on disaggregation by geographic location
- Contribute to the guidelines and best practices on data flow and SDG data reporting from lens of geospatial information
- Provide expertise and advice to the IAEG-SDGs on how geospatial information contribute to improve data availability and methodological development of the indicators;
- Contribute to statistical capacity building
Thank You!