

# UN Committee of Experts on Geospatial Information Management

IAEG SDGs Working Group on Geospatial Information  
“Disaggregation”

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# Disaggregation Team Scope

- Address cross-cutting issues related to geographical disaggregation, including urban/rural
- Improve relevance of indicators to the indicator framework by applying disaggregation through geospatial information from national to subnational, including Tier 1
  - Provide enabling methodologies and processes for disaggregation
  - Apply the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework



# Disaggregation Team Status

- Prepared draft paper on disaggregation
  - Not published yet...
  - Determine next steps (if any)
- UN Habitat efforts on urban/rural
  - Planning a proposal to UN Statistical Commission in 2019



# Questions and Points of Discussion

- Data are needed to monitor and achieve the SDGs. Does the same geospatial data meet both needs?
- Determine if examples of disaggregated statistical data work with existing geospatial data.
- When disaggregating geography, is it acceptable to interpolate statistical data or must it disaggregate equally to the geospatial data?



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# Questions and Points of Discussion (continued)

- What part do partnerships with other lower levels (subnational) play in meeting the demands of geographic disaggregation?
- Popularize examples of where statistical grids meet local area needs.
- Identify concepts requiring definition such as recent efforts on urban/rural
  - The Stockholm Workshop emphasized the need for ontologies



# Questions and Points of Discussion (continued)

- Initial focus on Tier III to prove in the value of geospatial to the indicator framework.]
  - (successfully accomplished that effort with the recognition of the WGGI)
- Expand the focus to Tier I and Tier II to advance outcomes on SDG reporting.
  - How do we proceed?
- Popularize examples and good practices on geographic disaggregation for use with statistical data



# Questions and Points of Discussion (continued)

- To address Greg's orbit of participation in geospatial interest for SDGs...consider...
  - Identifying/categorizing data types, for example...
    - Standard socio-economic geographies
      - Impact of changing boundaries
      - Temporal reporting of statistical data with changing boundaries
    - Environmental areas/zones
    - Water vs. land – UN Environment efforts
  - Next steps? Can we provide guidance and direction?



# Progress on Disaggregation

- Draft paper
- Successfully engaged with UN Habitat's efforts to advance development on urban/rural
  - Proposal planned for the 2019 Statistical Commission Meeting
- Other?



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