Sixth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI) of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

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Provisional Agenda – 4 March 2020

MONDAY, 9 MARCH

Day 1 welcomes participants, introduces the agenda and details the organisation of work for the sixth expert meeting of the Working Group. Items to be discussed on Day 1 include reviewing the Working Group’s terms of reference, working modalities and working methods with the IAEG-SDGs and custodian agencies, to set the scene for participants.

8:30-9:00 Registration of meeting participants
Members of the Working Group and invited experts register their participation

9:00-10:30 Agenda item #1
Welcome, Introductions and Overview
This segment includes welcome messages, announcements and provides a general introduction.

- Welcome remarks
- Announcements and introductions
- Provisional agenda and organisation of the meeting
- Providing the context for the sixth meeting, reviewing the objectives of the Working Group and towards addressing the needs of the IAEG-SDGs

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Agenda item #2
Setting the scene: The Working Group on Geospatial Information from 2016 to today
Reviews the work achieved by the WGGI since its inception in 2016, highlights the Working Group’s achievements and opportunities, and considers the other substantive work of the IAEG-SDGs to further strengthen the bridge between the Working Group and the IAEG-SDGs.

- The Needs of the IAEG-SDGs
- The First Four Years of the Working Group on Geospatial Information
- The reconstitution and achievements of the Working Group (10min)

Followed by discussion amongst participants

12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30  Agenda item #3
Setting the scene: Progress and results of current activities
Sets the scene for the Working Group going forward. Includes reviewing the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs and other relevant meetings, including the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI), Earth Observation for the SDGs (EO4SDGs) and the 51st Statistical Commission.

Followed by discussion amongst participants

15:30-16:00  Break

16:00-17:30  Agenda item #4
Setting the scene: Perspectives from the Custodian Agencies / IAEG-SDG co-Chairs / Secretariat
This segment seeks to discuss mechanisms for the Working Group to deepen engagement, and contribute to, the working methods of the custodian agencies of the IAEG-SDGs.

Followed by discussion amongst participants

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH

Day 2 focuses on considering the factors relevant reviewing the shortlist of SDG indicators and determining focus indicators. Activities include reviewing the methodology, data sources and application of geospatial information for the production of SDG indicators to inform the Working Group on proven practices and experiences in the application of geospatial information for visualisation, dissemination and monitoring of the SDGs, integration of statistical and geospatial information, and data disaggregation. This foundation will enable the Working Group to plan how to develop storytelling documents and guidance on the use of existing frameworks and standards which apply geospatial information for the production of indicators and also for statistics.

8:30-9:00  Reconvening of the meeting

9:00-10:30  Agenda item #5: Part 1
National experiences and good practice in visualising, disseminating and monitoring SDGs
This segment reviews national and regional level experiences, guidelines and best practices in geospatial data production and analysis to measure leaving no one behind.

- Reviewing the tasks in the draft Work Plan and recalling the 10th meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

Group photograph (10:10am)

10:30-11:00  Break
11:00-12:30  Agenda item #5: Part 2
National experiences and good practice in visualising, disseminating and monitoring SDGs (cont)

12:30-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:30  Agenda item #6
Developing guidance for the IAEG-SDGs, custodian agencies and the broader statistical community
This segment begins by considering the implications of the 2020 Comprehensive Review to the ongoing relevance of the “Shortlist of SDG indicators and metadata through a ‘geographic location’ lens” report of the Working Group. From this point, the segment will enable the Working Group to consider issues such as disaggregation, visualisation and dissemination; whilst also considering how to implement the agreed methodologies developed by Custodian Agencies to produce indicators in countries with data or capacity challenges.

Followed by discussion amongst participants, the Working Group will have the opportunity to identify potential tasks, task leads, timelines and milestones for its future work. The ensuing discussion should provide a platform for participants to develop guidance and recommendations regarding the use of geospatial information for the production of indicators and to determine 2-3 SDG indicators. These guidelines are to be presented to the IAEG-SDGs for their consideration and adoption and then presented for endorsement by the 52nd Statistical Commission.

15:30-16:00  Break

16:00-17:30  Agenda item #6
Developing guidance for the IAEG-SDGs, custodian agencies and the broader statistical community (cont)

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH

Day 3 focuses on developing and providing guidance and advice for the IAEG-SDGs, custodian agencies and the broader statistical community to use which demonstrates how to use geospatial information, earth observations and other new data sources to contribute to the production and dissemination of the indicators in a reliable and consistent manner. Activities include discussing revisions to the Work Plan which considers the outcomes of this meeting, updating it with agreed tasks, deliverables, task leads, timelines and milestones.

08:30-09:00  Reconvening of the meeting

09:00-10:30  Agenda item #7
Revising the Work Plan
This segment revises the Work Plan and produces a set of agreed-upon tasks, task leads, timelines and milestones.
10:30-11:00   Break

11:00-12:30  Agenda item #7
             Revising the Work Plan (cont)

12:30-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:30  Agenda item #7
             Revising the Work Plan (cont)

15:30-16:00  Break

16:00-17:30  Agenda item #8
             Wrap up, next steps and close
             This segment seeks to review the outcomes, conclusions and agreements achieved at the sixth expert meeting of the Working Group, confirm deliverables and milestones of the Work Plan, as well as to receive the draft summary for the meeting. The segment will have participants sharing their observations and summaries.