

SDG Data Alliance HLG presentation

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The SDG Data Alliance as a Partnering Implementer of the IGIF

- Funding is needed for any professional and ongoing support in assisting countries in creating and implementing CAPs.
 - Resources are needed to make this happen.
 - The Alliance has a great deal of experience based on the multi-year work of the SDG Data Alliance Resource Team.
 - This team can lead and guide other resource experts, stakeholders, and partners in this endeavor.
 - A strategically planned multi-stakeholder partnership is needed for the UN-IGIF, particularly for CAP development and implementation.
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Current status

- The SDG Data Alliance can assist but more commitment is needed as part of an intergovernmental process. This is a call for strategic action by the HLG.
 - Assistance to developing countries on IGIF CAP development and implementation ceased at end of December 2024 due to dedicated donor funds being exhausted.
 - Current funding and focus of SDG Data Alliance for 2025 includes:
 - Accelerate the development and deployment of at least 6 ‘SDG Data Hubs’ for Alliance countries
 - Lead the establishment of the SIDS Global Data Hub and content with the Government of Antigua & Barbuda, AOSIS, and key stakeholders.
 - Establish the first cohort of 10 SIDS Country Data Hubs distributed across the 3 SIDS regions.
 - Develop Country Map Portfolios, individual collections of curated country data containing standardized information compiled into specific thematic maps across development pillars and deploy online as part of the Data Hub service.
 - The above activities are ‘data and technology’ capabilities being provided to countries. Does not include governance issues as the SDG Data Alliance does not have the same mandate, impact and influence as that of the United Nations.
 - The SDG Data Alliance Resource Team is not involved in the above efforts.
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2025 SDG Data Alliance Planned Activities for SIDS

- Based on the adopted Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) endorsed by the UN General Assembly in July 2024
 - The focus is on ABAS thematic area: ‘Improving data collection, analysis, and use’ for SIDS countries
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Improving Data Collection, Analysis and Use

- Investing in States' ability to ensure quality, accessible, timely and reliable, disaggregated data, according to national contexts
 - Strengthening and modernizing national data infrastructure and systems.
 - Enhancing science-based and innovative approaches for the collection, storage, analysis, disaggregation, dissemination and use of demographic data in SIDS, including the use of geospatial technologies
 - Enhancing partnerships to facilitate peer-to-peer learning, including through the SIDS Centre of Excellence and existing statistical initiatives, including through regional organizations
 - Providing high-quality spatial data and working to downscale global datasets to provide accurate information for SIDS.
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But, the HLG has a problem...

Observations, Thoughts and Questions...

- The UN Development Account project and the UN's partnering with the SDG Data Alliance made it possible for developing countries to pursue Country-level Action Plan development. This was a new body of work for the UN-IGIF and is proving highly successful.
 - The direct support initially from the UN, and, continued and expanded by the SDG Data Alliance has stopped, leaving developing countries with few options for continuing and building on the success of their prior efforts.
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Questions to stimulate discussion for the HLG

- What strategic plans and actions are needed by the HLG to address this timely deficiency? A thought...and questions for discussion...
 - Donors to fund continuation of the support could “right the ship” and allow progress to continue with little impact.
 - Does the HLG alert potential donors? If so, what is the strategic approach for alerting potential donors?
 - A communication campaign to highlight positive outcomes thus far by partnering developing countries?
 - Communicating goals and objectives formulated by developing countries and the benefits they have already realized and are working toward in implementing their Country-level Action Plan?
 - Communicating impacts on developing countries if geospatial information management is not realized?
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