7th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Agenda Item 2. **Update on the outcomes of the 49th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission**

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Vienna, Austria

Decisions on data for the SDGs

- IAEG-SDGs
- HLG-PCCB
- UN Secretariat and partner agencies
- Inter-secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys

Development of indicators

b) Agreed on the proposed annual refinements, and the proposed timeline for the 2020 comprehensive review;

c) ….stressed that the further development of Tier III indicators will need to continue to advance with urgency, with particular attention to SDG indicators that are critical to SIDS

d) Requested the IAEG-SDGs to consider the feasibility of using tentative existing indicators as proxies for immediate use to monitor targets, while Tier III indicators are finalized;

Data Disaggregation

e) Asked the IAEG-SDGs to clearly determine the dimensions and categories of data disaggregation .., keeping in mind the resources needed and the key principle of the 2030 agenda of no one left behind;

Data flows guidelines

f)   Welcomed efforts by the IAEG-SDGs to improve data flows and global reporting. Welcomed the <u>draft guidelines</u> …as an <u>initial step</u> to improve coordination and harmonization of national and international data systems, and to ensure full transparency of data, metadata and data aggregates presented in the SDG global database;

g)   Requested the <u>IAEG-SDGs to work jointly with custodian agencies</u> and establish a fruitful dialogue between all parties, to <u>further refine the guidelines</u> by taking into account concerns raised at the Statistical Commission and <u>prepare criteria for implementation</u> of the guidelines based on best practices and on ways to limit the burden that the envisaged procedures may represent in terms of time and resources for both national and international statistical systems, and resolving outstanding issues;

Work programme

h) Reiterated the urgent need for statistical capacity building for countries to be able to fully implement the SDG indicators;

k) Approved the proposed work programme of the IAEG-SDGs, as described in section V of its report.

Work by the Secretariat and UN system

- S-G's Report, 2017 SDG Report and update of the global SDG database

- Adequate and complete metadata and compilation guidance on SDG indicators

- National Reporting Platforms

- Federated System of data hubs

- Establishment of GIST

Work by the HLG

- Survey and the preliminary results on assessing capacity building needs jointly conducted by the HLG-PCCB and PARIS21

- Collaborative global effort to mobilize sufficient resources

- Contribution of the commission to the High- Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as requested in GA Resolution 71/313

- Implementation of the CT GAP

- 2nd UN World Data Forum

ISWG on Household Surveys

- Importance of household surveys as a source of data for the 2030 Agenda
- Mapping of SDG indicators that can be derived from household surveys
- Development of modules that the countries can integrate into existing surveys
- Development of methodological guidance on sampling, data disaggregation, multi-mode data collection

IAEG-SDG Work Programme of 2018

V. 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 throughout the rest of the year based on a calendar to be developed by the group;

(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 of 2018

V. 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, the first in March 2018 and the second in the fourth quarter of 2018, on dates to be determined, and continue to interact electronically and through teleconferences, as needed.