

Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable  
Development Goal Indicators

Working Group on Geospatial Information

Report of the Working  
Group on Geo-spatial  
Information  
**WWGI**

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The IAEG SDGs welcomes and recognizes the work progress of the WWGI.

However, at the 50th session of the Statistical Commission, the IEG SDGs report expressed

the concern that *the activities* of the WGGI were not sufficiently connected those of the IAEG SDGs

REPORT  
TO THE  
UNSC

## DEMAND

The IAEG SDGs wants to fully exploit the potential of geo-spatial information to support the development, production and dissemination of SDGs indicators

## KEY QUESTION

How to best give guidance and clearly articulate the value-add to SDG monitoring from the Geo-spatial and Earth Observation communities?

- Where is the data?
- How do countries use it?
- What are the principles and guides?
- What's the role of GI and EO in disaggregation by geographic location?



## SO, WHAT DO WE DO?

- Recalibrate and align to the needs of the IAEG-SDGs
- Increase interaction with the statistical community
- Provide expertise and advice to the IAEG-SDGs and the statistical community

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REDEFINE THE  
TERMS  
OF  
REFERENCE

- Focus on meeting *the objective*

- To ensure from a statistical and geographic location perspective that the key principle of the 2030 Agenda “to leave no one behind”, is reflected in the Global Indicator Framework

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- How should GI and EO be used in order *to meet the objective?*
  - What actions should the WG engage in *to meet the objective?*

## ACTIONS:

- a) IAEG SDGs should review the objectives, time frame and deliverables to the working group.
- b) WGGI: focus on the requirements of the IAEG SDGs
- c) Increase the participation of IAEG-SDGs members
- d) Invite members of the HLG-PCCB
- e) Involve members of international organizations who have considerable experience in the work of the group and are able and willing to contribute to advance the objectives
- f) UN-GGIM, GWG-Big Data, EG-Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information and GEO

*to ensure broad expertise and effectiveness,  
from the GI and EO communities*

- Thank you