



## **Plenary Meeting**

### **5th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)**

**Agenda Item 2. Update on the outcomes of the 48th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, including the draft resolution adopted by the Statistical Commission and decisions related to the IAEG-SDGs**

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## Decisions of 48<sup>th</sup> session of UN Statistical Commission

- b) Agreed with the revised global indicator framework, including refinements on several indicators (Annex III of report)
- c) Global indicator framework is intended for global follow-up and review; alternative or complementary indicators for regional, national and subnational levels;
- d) Agreed with the proposed plan for annual refinements of the indicators and the two comprehensive reviews to be presented to the Commission in 2020 and 2025;

# Refinements as in work plan agreed by UNSC48 (Section III.C, par 21)

- Annual refinements would be initiated by members of the Expert Group and would address the following issues:
  - a. Specifying or correcting a unit of measurement;
  - b. Clarification of terms used in the indicator;
  - c. Spelling or other editorial changes;
  - d. Any other minor issues that do not substantively change the meaning of the indicator.

## Comprehensive reviews as agreed by UNSC48 (Section III.C, para 22)

- Two comprehensive reviews submitted to the Statistical Commission at its 2020 and 2025 sessions. They could include the addition, deletion, refinement or adjustment of indicators on the basis of the following:
  - a. Indicator does not map well to the target;
  - b. Additional indicator(s) is needed to cover all aspects of the target;
  - c. New data sources are available;
  - d. Methodological development of tier III indicator has stalled or has not produced expected results;
  - e. Indicator is not measuring progress towards meeting the target.

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- e) Agreed that the plan for possible additional indicators has to be part of the comprehensive review and that it should be mindful of potential additional reporting burden on countries;
- f) Support for Tier III plans and stressed need for a continuous review of methodologies and tier reclassification;

# Tier reclassification as agreed by UNSC48 (Section IV.A, Paras 26, 27)

- Reclassification of the indicators based on updated information:
  - A first review for tier III indicators in their final stages of methodological development in March 2017 (“fast track”)
  - A second review in the fourth quarter of 2017.
  - Starting in 2018, a review process for tier reclassification will take place once a year at the fall meeting based on information provided by the Agencies (results of initiatives in workplans, international standards and methodologies, metadata and data).

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- g) Agreed on the revised terms of reference, including a mechanism for the rotation of membership and chairmanship;
- h) Work needs to be accelerated for Tier III indicators;
- i) Recommended increased capacity building;
- j) Welcomed the work stream on data disaggregation;
- k) Requested custodian agencies to provide a list of national agencies providing the data to the international system and share data collection calendars;

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- k) Recommended use of national data and that adjustments/estimates of country data be undertaken in full consultation with countries and through fully transparent mechanisms;
- l) Requested the IAEG-SDGs to develop guidelines on the data flows;
- m) Expressed support for the UNSD country data lab project where national and international data are presented side by side;
- n) Agreed on the proposed work programme of the IAEG-SDGs



## Draft Resolution for adoption by ECOSOC and General Assembly

- Resolution 70/1, by which the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, states that the global indicator framework, to be developed by IAEG-SDGs, will be agreed by the Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted thereafter by ECOSOC and the GA, in line with existing mandates.
- At its 48<sup>th</sup> session the Statistical Commission agreed on a draft resolution pertaining to data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and recommended its adoption by ECOSOC

## **Draft Resolution for ECOSOC and General Assembly**

1. Adopts the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
2. Requests the UN Statistical Commission to coordinate the substantive and technical work necessary to fully implement the global indicator framework;

## **Draft Resolution for ECOSOC and General Assembly (2)**

3. Requests UNSC, through the IAEG-SDGs, to further refine and improve the global indicator framework to address coverage, alignment with targets, definition of terms, and development of metadata;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue maintaining the SDG global indicator data base;

## **Draft Resolution for ECOSOC and General Assembly (3)**

5. Requests S-G to facilitate collaboration between national statistical systems and international and regional organizations to enhance data reporting channels and ensure the harmonization and consistency of data;
6. Stresses that official statistics and data from national statistical systems constitute the basis needed for the global indicator framework and role of national statistical offices as the coordinator of NSS;

## **Draft Resolution for ECOSOC and General Assembly (4)**

7. Urges international organizations to base the global review on data produced by national statistical systems. The international organization shall consult with concerned countries to produce and validate modeled estimates, before publication;
8. Stresses that all activities of the global statistical system must be in full adherence with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and ECOSOC Resolution 2006/6;

## **Draft Resolution for ECOSOC and General Assembly (5)**

9. Welcomes the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Statistics for Sustainable Development Data (CTGAP)
10. Stresses the need for UNSC to inform discussions at HLPF;
11. Urges countries, international and regional organisations, and bilateral and regional funding agencies to intensify their support for strengthening data collection and statistical capacity building.

# Timeline for Draft Resolution for ECOSOC and General Assembly

## Timeline:

- Draft resolution will be taken up by ECOSOC at its Coordination and Management meeting in early June
- If resolution is adopted by ECOSOC, it would move to the General Assembly, where it would be taken up at the 72<sup>nd</sup> session sometime between September and December 2017