



Plenary Session

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

Update on the work of the Interlinkages working group

9-12 April 2018

Vienna, Austria

Composition of Group

- The Interlinkages working group was initially composed of 11 members of the IAEG-SDGs
- The group added 8 additional members to the group:
 - 3 from academia
 - 3 from international and regional organisations
 - 2 from civil society organisations
- The group is co-chaired by Canada and China

Work Plan (1)

- Objectives of the Working Group:
 - Identify possible interlinkages in the statistics underlying the global SDG indicators
 - Research and identify ways in which these interlinkages can be harnessed to facilitate global, regional and national SDG monitoring and analysis
 - Propose strategies for using interlinkages to start a discussion on how the statistical system can help with bridging policy fields and to support a more integrated analysis of the economic, social and environmental developments in SDG monitoring

Work plan (2)

- Consultations – the group held internal and open global consultations.
 - 22 responses in addition to previous work on interlinkages
 - Canada is completing compilation and summary of all responses
 - Drafting group has been established – Canada, Sweden, France, European Commission
 - Draft outline is being discussed amongst group

Next steps

- A report will be drafted and provided to the IAEG-SDGs for discussion at the next meeting in October that:
 - outlines a summary of the consultations on interlinkages
 - provides examples of best practices and country experiences with respect to interlinkages
 - provides guidance for the use of interlinkages to aid in integrated analysis for SDG monitoring