Plenary Session

9th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Update on the work of the Interlinkages working group

25-28 March 2019

Beirut, Lebanon

Composition of Group

- At the 8th IAEG-SDG meeting, the Interlinkages working group noted the need to refresh membership

- A call went out to current members to determine if they were still interested in participating

- The group decided they would open membership to those expressing interest in becoming members and playing an active role in the group.

- As of March 15, membership consists of:
  - 4 from academia
  - 1 civil society
  - 1 private sector
  - 5 international/regional organizations
  - 13 NSOs (11 IAEG-SDG members)

- The group is co-chaired by Canada and China

Work to date

- Global Consultation on interlinkages (2017)

- Incorporation on previous work related to interlinkages (2018)

- Examination of various of frameworks considered interlinked to the 2030 Agenda (2018)

- Examination of interlinkages within the 2030 Agenda (at the goal, target and indicator level) (2018)

- Preparation of background report on interlinkages to the 50th session of the UNSC

Work plan 2019

- Update the Terms of Reference (Spring 2019)
- Second report to be drafted will include:
  - In-depth review of the SEEA and the SDGs
  - Interlinkages of legislation related to SDGs
  - Interlinkages at the regional level
  - Practical guidance / examples for integrated analysis in support of integrated analysis
- Draft to be submitted to fall IAEG-SDG meeting with a final document to be submitted to the 51st Statistical Commission.

Interesting note

- During the Friday Seminar prior to the start of the UN Statistical Commission – Elliot Harris – Chief Economist for the UN noted the importance of interlinkages.
  - Noted that policy makers needed to understand the importance of interlinkages and that the development of policy in one domain can have significant impact in another domain. Thus for policy to be effective it cannot created in a vacuum.