56^{th} Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission 3^{rd} High-Level Webinar

The 2025 SDG Indicator Review: Enhancing the Global Monitoring Framework for Greater Impact

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Concept Note

The <u>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</u> underscores the importance of robust monitoring frameworks to track progress toward the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets. Underpinning the 2030 Agenda, the global SDG indicator framework plays a critical role in providing the data necessary for evidence-based policymaking, promotes transparency, and fosters accountability across local, national, and global levels. As part of its mandate under General Assembly resolution <u>A/RES/71/313</u>, the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) recently completed the <u>2025 Comprehensive Review</u> to ensure the framework remains relevant, adaptive, and aligned with evolving global priorities.

A key focus of the event will be the outcomes of the 2025 Comprehensive Review, presenting major updates to the framework, insights from the review process, and new indicators that address emerging global priorities and challenges. These major changes reflect the global community's commitment to improve the indicator framework to better monitor the 2030 Agenda's ambitious goals.

The webinar will also feature an "Indicator Spotlight" session, highlighting efforts to enhance data coverage and utilize innovative approaches. Country-led initiatives and global efforts will be showcased and discussed, offering practical insights into addressing data gaps and ensuring robust reporting on the SDGs.

Participants will also hear how these experiences can help shape the future framework that will underpin the post-2030 Agenda, highlighting lessons learned along the way by the IAEG-SDGs in maintaining the global SDG indicator framework. The event provides an opportunity for sharing insights, fostering peer learning, and driving forward a data-driven approach to sustainable development.

Event page: https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-side-event-UNSC56/

Registration: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/IZ-romUoSRihtcDBngj4MA#/registration

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks [5 min.]
 - Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD
 - Denise Kronemberger, IAEG-SDGs co-chair, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (Moderator)
- 2. Outcomes of the 2025 Comprehensive Review [25 min.]
 - i. Insights and outcomes from the 2025 Comprehensive Review process, *Yongyi Min, UNSD* [10 min.]
 - ii. Selected indicator changes to the global framework [15 min]
 - Additional indicator for target 2.2 Prevalence of minimum dietary diversity, *João Pedro Azevedo, Chief Statistician, UNICEF*
 - Additional indicator for target 8.9 Employed persons in the tourism industries, Clara van der Pol, Director a.i. Statistics Department, World Tourism Organization
 - Revised education indicators, Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics
- 3. Indicator spotlight: Enhancing data coverage and reporting on global SDG indicators [25 min.]
 - i. Country-led innovations to address low data challenges [10 min]
 - Ghana's experience Prof. Samuel Kobina Annim, Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service
 - ii. Agency efforts to enhance data coverage and reporting [15 min]
 - Measuring South-South cooperation for SDG indicator 17.3.1, *Anu Peltola, Director of Statistics, UNCTAD*
 - SDG 16 survey, Angela Me, Chief Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC
- 4. Looking ahead- lessons from the global SDG indicator framework for the post-2030 Agenda: [20 min.]
 - i. Getting ready for whatever comes next Lessons learned from the development of the Global Indicator Framework for SDGs, Cara Williams, IAEG-SDGs co-chair, Statistics Canada [7 *min*]
 - ii. Empowering NSOs Key lessons from SDGs in UNECE Region, Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland [5 *min*]
 - iii. India's role in implementing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and its vision beyond 2030, S.C. Malik and Ashutosh Ojha, India Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation [8 min]
- 5. Q&A and discussion: Cara Williams, IAEG-SDGs co-chair [15 min.]