Strengthening National Statistical Capacity for Monitoring the SDGs

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What are the main challenges for national SDG monitoring?

- **Broad and complex agenda with many new areas**
- **Limited resources of national statistical systems**
- **Limited technical capacity**
- **Data disaggregation**

⟹ **Large data gaps, poor data quality, lack of timely data and unavailability of disaggregated data are among the major challenges.**

Lessons Learned from MDGs

- **Integrate the agenda into national development plan: national ownership and political support**
- **Participation of all governmental agencies and cross-sectoral and cross-ministerial engagement:**
  - **Establishment of coordination bodies and central repository of data at the national level**
  - **Increased coordination among all members of NSS**
- **Increased national and international resources and investment**
- **Prioritization and localization**

... and some recommendations:

- **An integrated statistical system: need transformation of NSOs and NSSs**

- **Use of international standards**

- **"Big data" and new technology**

- **Integration of Geospatial information**

- **New partnerships: Private sector, civil society, academia and other organizations**

Support at international level

- **The High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG)**

- **A joint sub-group composed of members of both the HLG and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDGs), with the purpose of developing a plan to address the immediate priorities for the implementation of the global SDG indicators.**

Global Action Plan developed by the HLG

Six Strategic areas:

1. Improving coordination and strengthening strategic leadership on data for sustainable development
2. Promoting innovation and modernization of national statistical systems
3. Strengthening basic statistical activities and programmes
4. Ensuring proper dissemination and use of sustainable development data
5. Establishing multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development data
6. Promoting the Mobilization resources and coordinate efforts for statistical capacity building

Support from the UN system

- **Capacity development programmes by UN agencies and related organizations**
- **A joint $10 Million Programme on Statistics and Data under the 10th Tranche of the Development Account**
- **Additional development account projects and training projects carried out by UNSD**
- **SDG Country Reporting Guidelines**
- **Capacity building and coordination work on the integration of statistical and geospatial information**
- **Training workshops and material**

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