



## **WRITTEN STATEMENTS by Switzerland**

# **Item 3a: Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

### **Element IAEG-SDGs and work for the review of progress**

Switzerland welcomes the work accomplished by the IAEG-SDGs regarding Tier classification updates and the methodological development of Tier III indicators during virtual and physical meetings in 2018. Also the review of work plans for Tier III indicators and their related data flows is appreciated.

Switzerland also agrees on the Criteria for the Implementation of the Guidelines on Data Flows and Global Data Reporting for Sustainable Development Goals and best practices. Great importance is given to international and supranational statistical agencies (ISSAs), commitment to minimize data reporting by national statistical offices (NSOs) and coordination of data collection work in order to avoid duplication. Switzerland is looking forward to receiving the list of national data providers from ISSAs. The six annual refinements in the global indicator framework are appreciated and considered useful. Switzerland welcomes the proposed work programme of the Expert Group and looks forward to the publication of the document “Best practices for data flows between countries and custodian agencies”.

Additionally, Switzerland welcomes the report on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and welcomes the work accomplished by the Statistics Division. It especially appreciates the effort made to enhance statistical capacity building that is crucial for the monitoring of the SDGs and the achievement of evidence-based decision-making in both developing and in developed countries. In this sense the work of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training is particularly relevant. Switzerland also acknowledges the effort undertaken to provide more timely data but underlines the necessity of ensuring good coordination with national focal points and avoiding any unnecessary burden on data producers.

Switzerland endorses the Principles of SDG Indicator Reporting and Dissemination Platforms and guidelines and notes the progress made on the implementation of the federated system of national and global SDG data hubs.