

## **Terms of reference for the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post-2015 monitoring**

1. The High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post-2015 monitoring (High-level Group for post-2015 monitoring) aims to establish a global partnership for sustainable development data and in this function will:
  - a. Provide strategic leadership for the SDG implementation process as it concerns statistical monitoring and reporting;
  - b. Promote national ownership of the post-2015 monitoring system and foster capacity-building, partnership and coordination for post-2015 monitoring, including to ensure consistency between national and global monitoring and reporting;
  - c. Address the need of funding statistical capacity-building, including by developing proposals and advocating for resource mobilization and their management and monitoring, and identifying ways to leverage the resources and creativity of the private sector;
  - d. Advise on how the opportunities of the data revolution can be harnessed to support the SDG implementation process, taking into account the levels of development of the countries;
  - e. Review and make recommendations, as appropriate, and in cooperation with the Inter-agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), on the issue of common (cross-country) data infrastructures to exploit the possibilities of new technologies;
  - f. Reach out and promote dialogue and partnerships between the statistical community and other stakeholders working on the implementation and monitoring of globally agreed sustainable development goals and targets.
2. In undertaking its work, the Group will consult closely with the co-chairs of the newly created IAEG-SDGs on issues related to statistical capacity-building and other issues as required and reach out to existing joint initiatives for statistical capacity and technical assistance such as the ones taking place under PARIS21, the Memorandum of Understanding of the Development Banks with the United Nations on cooperation on statistical activities and other coordination and cooperation agreements in order to avoid any duplication of work.
3. The Group will consist of 15 to 20 representatives of national statistical offices, with a balanced geographical representation following broadly the distribution in the IAEG-SDGs, and will include regional and international agencies as observers. Members of the group will be nominated through existing regional mechanisms<sup>1</sup> and should preferably not be members at the same time of the IAEG-SDGs. The United Nations

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<sup>1</sup> Statistical Commission for Africa, Conference of European Statisticians, Statistical Conference of the Americas, Committee on Statistics, ESCAP and Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Statistics Division will act as the secretariat of the Group. The members of the HLG will elect two Co-Chairs.

4. The Group will operate under the auspices of the Statistical Commission and will report to it annually, seeking its guidance.
5. The mandate and functioning of the High-level Group will be reviewed by the United Nations Statistical Commission in 2017 at its 48<sup>th</sup> session.