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"Leaving no one behind"
How human rights guidance can help solve the SDG data disaggregation puzzle

Side event organised by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), 47th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, United Nations New York Headquarters, Conference Room B (CB), Wednesday, 9 March 2016, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by Heads of State and Government at the United Nations Summit in September 2015 pledged to leave no one behind, to reach those furthest behind first, to reduce inequality and eliminate discrimination. As we cannot fix what we cannot see, the 2030 Agenda has consistently called for an extensive disaggregation of data.

The 2030 Agenda also affirms that its implementation has to be in line with the rights and obligations of States under international law. In this regard, it is important to recall that countries have also committed to disaggregate their data in terms of the grounds of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law. Moreover, one should be mindful that producing (or not) disaggregated indicators is neither a purely technical nor value-neutral exercise, and that it can bear substantial risks for the protection of the rights of the concerned populations. It becomes therefore imperative to address both data disaggregation and human rights issues together. To maximise the benefits of data disaggregation and limit its risks, OHCHR, with the help of human rights and statistics experts and practitioners, has developed **Human Rights Based Approach to Data: Leaving No One Behind in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda** www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/HRIndicators/GuidanceNoteonApproachtoData.pdf

At the side event we will
- discuss main elements of a HRBA and illustrate its implementation through national statistical systems
- identify steps to support a HRBA to the development of the SDG indicator framework at country level

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