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Concept Note

Data availability to measure progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and inclusive institutions continues to lag far behind data availability on other SDG Goals. Better data on Goal 16 are needed to inform policies that uphold human rights and ensure just and inclusive governance. Better data on Goal 16 are also needed to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda overall, as Goal 16 is a key enabler and a pre-condition of progress on all other development goals. To address the data gaps on Goal 16 and to support countries in making progress towards the 2030 Agenda, the UN system has come together to develop innovative tools and resources for countries to improve their measurement on Goal 16. The SDG 16 Survey and the Regional Trainings on SDG 16, which cover the dimensions of **access to justice, corruption, discrimination, governance, human trafficking, and violence**, are a testament to the appetite and interest among countries to work on issues covered under SDG 16. UNDP, UNODC and OHCHR are working together with national partners to meet this urgent need to strengthen the link between data, analysis and policy making on SDG 16.

The side event provides a space for participants to understand and discuss the opportunities presented by the **SDG 16 Survey** to accelerate data availability on critical areas that are affecting countries' progress towards sustainable development. The side event also provides participants with **insights from national experiences in implementing surveys** related to Goal 16 and how findings can be used to inform policy making.

Interlinkages with

Agenda item 4(d) - Report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) on corruption measurement

E/CN.3/2023/6: Report of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys

E/CN.3/2023/13: Report of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications

Agenda

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Overview of agency efforts to support SDG 16 measurement: (survey development, regional trainings, analytical products)
3. Roundtable discussion on SDG 16 measurement initiatives – lessons learned and next steps

Following a brief overview of how their work pertains to SDG 16 measurement, the panellists will be asked to reflect upon the following main questions:

- *What are some of the emerging issues in your country/region in the field of peace, justice and inclusion (SDG 16) that the indicators could inform?*
- *What are some of the success stories in relation to your work on measuring SDG 16 indicators?*
- *How are data on SDG 16 indicators being used to inform national policy making? And how can we (as a statistical community) support this process?*
- *What are the challenges in coordination, data collection and reporting on SDG 16 indicators?*
- *Recommendations for strengthening country's data systems to measure SDG 16 indicators?*

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