

Halfway to the 2030 Agenda. How to further boost the efficiency of the statistical community?

Tuesday, 27th February 2024, 13:15-14:30

Room TBC

Open session

BACKGROUND

SDGs act as a trigger for data innovation, methodology advancement and up-skilling. However, at the same time they create additional strain on statistical systems whose resources (human, time, financial, etc.) are already limited.

The side event will offer an opportunity to both share success stories and discuss the long-term challenges in SDG statistics assessment and communication. It will try to find some balance between the two by offering concrete instruments facilitating statistical systems scene (Road Map 2.0., Self-Assessment Tool, Communication Fortnights, Matrix on Capacity Development). The outputs provided by the UNECE Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs could be used by NSOs regardless of the region they represent to enhance the proficiency of the statistical systems and to improve the 2030 Agenda follow-up.

The event will provide a good opportunity for a strategic overview prior to the 2025 Comprehensive Review.

OBJECTIVE

Halfway to the 2030 Agenda, the side event aims to:

- present lessons learnt from the complex SDG process through the regional and national lens,
- offer practical solutions for both strengthening and expanding the statistical capacity for SDGs,
- showcase best practices of applying the UNECE guidelines and tools to enhance the availability and communication of high quality, relevant and disaggregated data on SDG progress,
- provide inspiration to act “outside the box” and take up new and unconventional initiatives for SDGs.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The side event is dedicated to the members of statistical offices regardless of the region they represent and other stakeholders engaged in 2030 Agenda implementation.

AGENDA

13:15 – 13:20	Opening remarks	Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland
13:20 – 13:25	Mandate and role of the UNECE Steering Group on statistics for SDGs	Tiina Luige, UNECE
13:25 – 13:50	Main outcomes of the Steering Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Map on Statistics for SDGs – 2nd edition • Self-Assessment Tool for countries on the availability of global SDG indicators • Matrix on Capacity Development • Communication Fortnights 	Cara Williams, Statistics Canada Janne Therese Utkilen, Statistics Norway Vjollca Simoni, INSTAT-Albania Olga Świerkot-Strużewska, Statistics Poland
13:50 – 14:15	Learning the ropes of SDGs measurement – panel discussion	Tiina Luige, UNECE
14:15 – 14:25	Q&A	
14:25 – 14:30	Closing remarks	Renata Bielak, Statistics Poland