

Civil Society statement on the first day of the 3rd meeting of the Inter Agency and Expert Group on SDGs indicators in Mexico city from 30 March to 1st April, 2016.

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Thank you Madam Co-Chair:

I am delivering this statement on behalf of many Civil Society organisations attending this 3rd meeting of the IAEG. Most of our organisations have been closely engaged not only on the development of the global indicators process but also in the entire process of development of what today is the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this context, we first would like to refer to the tiering of global indicators. We wish to urge this Inter-Agency group to: ***Establish transparent and open procedures for tiering of indicators and compilation of metadata going forward.***

It should be recognised that even tier 1 and tier 2 indicators will have tier 3 elements, for example when data is not available through official statistics for whole population groups such as older persons or indigenous persons. This is the case across the framework and goes beyond a discussion on disaggregation - you cannot disaggregate what does not exist.

We also wish to urge the expert group to broaden its support to the ***Recognition of "Third-Party" or "Non-official" Data.***

We urge the expert group to be thorough and inclusive of a wide range of data sources in addition to official statistical systems when undertaking this work.

This data comes from a range of sources, including *inter alia*, the UN, other multilateral institutions, civil society organisations, subnational and local governments, research institutions, academia, the private sector and citizens themselves. It ranges from global surveys and indices to personal, qualitative data generated by some of the world's most marginalized people at the local level, including children, young people and women.

This data can help support measurement and monitoring of the SDGs at all levels by complementing official statistical data from NSOs to provide a complete and more accurate snapshot of progress. This data can also help fill data and capacity gaps and also help spur innovation and partnerships. We believe inclusion of these other data sources is also a prerequisite for fulfilling the 2030 Agenda's commitment to "leave no one behind", and will only strengthen the credibility and ownership of the IAEG-SDGs outputs going forward.

Finally, we welcome the feedback from the closed meeting this morning that members of the IAEG are open to refining and even adding indicators where it is recognised that the current formulation does not meet the target as this is a concern shared by civil society. We ask that the IAEG-SDGs is transparent and inclusive of civil society inputs through this work stream going forward.

Thank you for your time and we very much look forward to working with you all more closely going forward.