



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**Third Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on
Sustainable Development Goal Indicators**

**Work of the High-level group for
partnership, coordination and capacity-
building for statistics**

30 March – 1 April 2016

Mexico City, Mexico

Background

- Created by UNSC in 2015 to provide strategic leadership for the SDG implementation process as it concerns statistical monitoring and reporting
- The HLG has met 4 times so far:
 - 7 October 2015 (Teleconference)
 - 1 November 2015 (Teleconference)
 - 14-15 January 2016 (New York)
 - 6 March 2016 (New York)
- Its next meeting will take place in Budapest on 25-26 May 2016

HLG Mandate

- Establishment of a **Global action plan for data** for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda
- **Strategic leadership for SDG implementation** as it concerns statistical monitoring and reporting **within framework of FPOS** and **in close consultation with IAEG-SDGs and existing initiatives**
 - National ownership
 - Capacity building
 - Partnership and coordination
 - Consistency between national and global monitoring and reporting
- Advisory and advocacy roles for **resource mobilization** and harnessing **Data Revolution** for sustainable development
- Guidance on the content and organization of a **UN World Forum on Sustainable Development Data**

HLG Membership

- *UNSC Chair (ex-officio):*
Brazil
- *Eastern Africa:*
Mozambique, Rwanda
- *Middle and Southern Africa:*
South Africa
- *Western Africa:*
Cote d'Ivoire*
- *Northern Africa:*
Tunisia
- *Western Asia:*
State of Palestine, Yemen
- *Central, Eastern, Southern, and South-Eastern Asia:*
Mongolia, Pakistan, Malaysia, Kazakhstan
- *Oceania:*
Vanuatu
- *The Caribbean:*
Bahamas, St. Lucia
- *Central and South America:*
Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador
- *Eastern Europe:*
Hungary*
- *Southern Europe:*
Italy
- *North America and Northern and Western Europe:*
Denmark, Switzerland

* Co-chairs

UNSC decisions regarding HLG

- Implementation of indicator framework will require appropriate efforts to strengthen national statistical capacities and ensuring **coordination between the IAEG-SDGs and HLG** [*Decision 1(k)*]
- Revised terms of reference will introduce rotation system for members and clarify **role of HLG as UN focal point** for coordinating with partnerships and other agencies of the UN system to address SDG data and statistical gaps [*Decision 2(b)*]

UNSC decisions regarding HLG

- Draft concept note for **UN World Data Forum** will be finalized by the HLG in full consultation with all relevant stakeholders and in line with UN Secretary-General's synthesis report "The Road to Dignity" [*Decision 2(d)*]
- Outline of **Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data** will be developed further in consultation with all relevant stakeholders and taking into account existing regional roadmaps [*Decision 2(e)*]

UN World Data Forum

- An HLG subgroup prepared a draft concept note for the UN World Data Forum, which was submitted to the Statistical Commission at its forty-seventh session
 - *National Statistical Offices and International Organisations have been invited to provide their comments and feedback*
- On 8 March, DESA invited countries to submit expressions of interest for hosting the UN World Data Forum
 - *Letters were received from 4 countries, and are currently being reviewed and followed up by the Secretariat*
- The HLG subgroup will further refine the Concept Note and develop a detailed plan for the organization of the UN World Data Forum, to be formalized in May

Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data

- The HLG presented an initial outline at the forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission
 - *Aims to provide both a long-term vision and short-term guidance on statistical capacity for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda*
 - *Its current structure consists of a preamble and key strategic areas and objectives*
- The draft is a work in progress and will continue to be developed taking into account feedback from the global statistical community
 - *At its next meeting, the HLG will discuss further refinements of the draft, as well as possible timeframe for the Action Plan*

Other activities of the HLG

- The HLG has established a sub-group tasked with the development of a **communication strategy** and the establishment of mechanisms for the involvement of observers and issue partners in its activities
- Following a decision of the Statistical Commission at its 47th session, a **joint IAEG-SDGs/HLG subgroup** is being established to address **statistical capacity-building priorities** for the implementation of the global SDG indicator framework

Further information

HLG Website:

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/hlg/>

HLG report to the Statistical Commission (including revised TORs):

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/2016-3-HLG-for-post-2015-monitoring-E.pdf>

Initial outline for Global Action Plan and concept note on the UN World Data Forum:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/BG-2016-3-update-high-level-group-for-partnership-E.pdf>