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):

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