

**IAFN Statement  
IAEG-SDG meeting  
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Thank you Mr Co-Chair. I speak on behalf on the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN).

We appreciate the continued ability of the private sector to participate in this process.

We would like to echo the comments made earlier - we are already one year in a fifteen-year process so we must proceed with some urgency. As noted, many of the indicators are still in Tier 3 – including several on food security - and we hope that by the fall of 2017 at least interim measures will have been found to start reporting on those indicators.

We welcome the 'fast track' option presented today and hope several indicators will be ready to take advantage of this option. This may require choices be made between the ideal set of measures one may wish for, and what is practical and currently available.

The private sector has extensive experience in collecting data and we currently work in several of the areas that are Tier 3. We can help contribute information to complement official data sources. We hope the discussion on workplans this afternoon will enable us to have a clearer idea of where we can help and contribute in concrete ways to this effort.

Thank you.