



Plenary Session

6th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Update on the work of the Interlinkages working group

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Manama, Bahrain

Composition of Group

- The Interlinkages working group was initially composed of 11 members of the IAEG-SDGs
- The group decided to expand its membership and held a call for expressions of interest in December 2016
- The group added 8 additional members to the group:
 - 3 from academia
 - 3 from international and regional organisations
 - 2 from civil society organisations
- The group is co-chaired by Canada and China

Work Plan (1)

- Objectives of the Working Group:
 - Identify possible interlinkages in the statistics underlying the global SDG indicators
 - Research and identify ways in which these interlinkages can be harnessed to facilitate global, regional and national SDG monitoring and analysis
 - Propose strategies for using interlinkages to start a discussion on how the statistical system can help with bridging policy fields and to support a more integrated analysis of the economic, social and environmental developments in SDG monitoring

Work plan (2)

- Consultations – the group held internal and open global consultations are underway to identify the following:
 - Interlinkages between the goals and targets and within the statistics underlying the indicators included in the global SDG indicator framework
 - Areas and frameworks that can facilitate the monitoring of those goals, targets and indicators identified as being interlinked
 - Best practices of integrated data collection and its transfer to other countries to assist in the development of integrated statistical systems
 - Integrated analyses that have been tested on national or international level to show examples of such integrated analysis (this has been delayed until after initial interlinkages consultation has been completed).

Next steps

- The group will report back to the full IAEG in the spring on the results of these consultations and its plan for using the information obtained from these consultations for developing best practices and strategies for harnessing these interlinkages between indicators, frameworks and integrated analyses to monitor progress of the SDGs