



**7th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on
Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)**

Agenda Item 10. Data Flow Guidelines

9-12 April 2018

Vienna, Austria

Decisions of 49th session of UN Statistical Commission – Data flows guidelines

- f) Welcomed efforts by the IAEG-SDGs to improve data flows and global reporting. Welcomed the draft guidelines on data flows and global data reporting for the SDGs as an initial step to improve coordination and harmonization of national and international data systems, and to ensure full transparency of data, metadata and data aggregates presented in the SDG global database;
- g) Requested the IAEG-SDGs to work jointly with custodian agencies and establish a fruitful dialogue between all parties, to further refine the guidelines by taking into account concerns raised at the Statistical Commission and prepare criteria for implementation of the guidelines based on best practices and on ways to limit the burden that the envisaged procedures may represent in terms of time and resources for both national and international statistical systems, and resolving outstanding issues;

Timeline for the development of implementation of the guidelines

- **April-August 2018:** The co-chairs of the IAEG-SDGs and CCSA (and the co-chairs of the HLG-PCCB, as observers) will lead the work on preparing implementation of the guidelines based on best practices.
 - ✓ incorporating best practices from a series of case studies on data flows and data reporting for seven representative global indicators carried out in 2017 upon the request of IAEG;
 - ✓ Incorporating best practices from the ECE data flow pilot studies; and
 - ✓ adding additional best practices.
- **Sept. 2018:** First draft ready for reviewing among IAEG-SDGs and CCSA members
- **Nov. 2018** Discussion at the 8th meeting of the IAEG-SDGs
- **Nov. – Dec. 2018** finalizing the draft
- **Jan 2019:** Submission to UNSC50 as a background document