

Meetings

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Between Nov 2017 and Apr 2018, the Working Group had a face-to-face meeting and an online meeting

- ❑ Fourth Meeting, UNHQ New York, 6 – 8 December 2017
 - Attended by 33 participants - 12 members, 14 invited experts and presenters, 4 observers, and 3 UN Secretariat staff
 - 3 days in-depth discussions and deliberations, aided by 29 presentations from participants (6 by UNSD staff engaged in SDGs)



- ❑ Fourth Meeting, UNHQ New York, 6 – 8 December 2017
 - Deliberated extensively on -
 - i. the issue of aggregation of geocoded unit level data alongside disaggregation
 - ii. country level presentations that demonstrated the inclusion of relevant and applicable international (global), and complementary data in the production of certain indicators
 - iii. space agencies readiness to support the production of indicators with “analysis or production ready” satellite earth observation time series.



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- Key outcomes -
 - establish two Task Streams to address -
 - disaggregation by geographic location and aggregation of geocoded unit level data; and
 - appropriate approaches and means to allow for NSOs to uptake appropriate analysis or production ready satellite earth observation time series contributed by space agencies that includes feasibility study, pilot projects, guidance on methodology and training.
 - request NSOs represented in the WG to carry out an assessment of its readiness to produce the indicators listed in the WG's initial short list (*comprising 24 indicators*)



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- ❑ 2nd Online Meeting, via WebEx, 28 March 2018
 - Attended by 22 participants - 15 members, 4 invited experts, and 3 UN Secretariat staff members.
 - Noted the importance to provide IAEG-SDGs and NSOs on broad issues such as geo-statistical process, disaggregation by geographic location, data availability and standards.
 - Deliberated on its Work Plan for 2018/19 that built upon the earlier work plan and outcomes of the 4th Meeting of the Working Group
 - Outlined the scope of activities for the two Task Streams



Work Plan for 2018/2019 will focus and seek to –

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| <p>a) Provide expert advice and guidance to IAEG-SDGs, and the larger statistical community as to how geospatial information, earth observation and other data sources can reliably and consistently contribute to the production of indicators;</p> | <p>b) Provide national and regional experiences and good practices including case studies in geospatial data generation to monitor “leaving no one behind”.</p> | <p>c) Propose strategies for undertaking methodological work on specific areas for improving disaggregation by geographic location. In particular with a focus on national and sub-national reporting, in this regard, to report to the High-Level Group, Statistical Commission and Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management</p> | <p>d) Review options and provide guidance to IAEG-SDGs on the role of National Statistical Offices in considering and applying geospatial information and earth observations primarily as a means to contribute to and validate data as part of official statistics.</p> |
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Task Stream #1 – Scope of Task

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- Guided by the Five Principles of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) that mainly gives guidance on how to aggregate statistical and geospatial data (a “bottom-up” approach) including geo-coding of unit record data;
- Consider disaggregation techniques involving different data sources including earth observations (a “top-down” approach).
- Also be guided by UN-GGIM adopted Minimum List of Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes.
- Seeks to develop and provide guidance on disaggregation by geographic location, by documenting and providing national experiences and identifying exemplars, develop good practices guides including referencing national exemplars and case studies.



Task Stream #2 – Scope of Task

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- Build broader understanding on the application of analysis-ready satellite earth observations (data processed to a minimum set of requirements and organized into a form that allows immediate uptake with minimum additional user effort)
- include feasibility studies, demonstration projects, pilot projects, guidance on methodology and training
- ❑ Leverage partnerships with space agencies to develop appropriate approaches for interested NSOs to uptake appropriate analysis or production ready satellite earth observation time series data.
- ❑ Seeks to develop expert advice and guidance to IAEG-SDGs and statistical community; document national experiences and good practices; and recommend on NSOs' role to uptake of analysis-ready satellite earth observations





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Working Group on Geospatial Information

7th Meeting of IAEG-SDGs
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