Plenary Session

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

Update on the work of the Interlinkages working group

9-12 April 2018
Vienna, Austria
Composition of Group

• The Interlinkages working group was initially composed of 11 members of the IAEG-SDGs

• 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.
  – 22 responses in addition to previous work on interlinkages
  – Canada is completing compilation and summary of all responses
  – Drafting group has been established – Canada, Sweden, France, European Commission
  – Draft outline is being discussed amongst group
Next steps

• A report will be drafted and provided to the IAEG-SDGs for discussion at the next meeting in October that:
  – outlines a summary of the consultations on interlinkages
  – provides examples of best practices and country experiences with respect to interlinkages
  – provides guidance for the use of interlinkages to aid in integrated analysis for SDG monitoring