SDMX Working Group

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

9-12 April, 2018, Vienna, Austria
SDMX-SDGs Working Group

- 12 countries
  - Brazil, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, Egypt, France, Mexico, Russian Federation, United States
  - 2 vacant slots
- 10 international agencies
  - AfDB, Eurostat, FAO, ILO, OECD, PARIS21, UNEP, UNICEF, World Bank, WHO
- Chaired by Colombia
- UNSD acts as the Secretariat
TIMELINE

- 2016 April: IAEG-SDGs approves tentative ToR of the Working Group on SDMX for SDG Indicators
- 2016 October: First physical meeting
- 2017 Jan-May: Collection of information on prospective series/breakdown availability
- 2017 May – Dec: Development of pilot Data Structure Definition (DSD) for SDG Indicators
- 2018 Feb: First draft pilot DSD released, work begins on Metadata Structure Definition (MSD)
- 2018 Mar: Finalized pilot DSD
- 2018 Mar – May: Pilot SDG Data Exchange
- 2018 Dec: Production DSD and draft MSD released
OBJECTIVES

- Develop global Data Structure Definition(s) and Metadata Structure Definition(s) for SDG Indicators
  - Standards for the packaging of SDGs data and metadata including concepts, codes, structures
- Develop, pilot, and establish data exchange mechanisms for SDG indicators
  - Reporting from international agencies to UNSD and dissemination at UNSD
  - Dissemination and reporting at national level
Pilot DSD

- First draft pilot DSD released on 16 Feb 2018
- Final draft pilot DSD released on 21 Mar 2018
- Pilot data exchange started in March 2018
- UNSD is building data exchange facilities which enable the import of SDMX indicator data submitted by members of the Working Group
Pilot DSD

- A prototype type has been developed and is being tested with data from Cambodia.
- The web site will facilitate easy comparison between the global and national datasets.
- Several members of the SDMX working group (both countries and agencies) have confirmed their participation in the pilot.
- The participants are expected to submit SDMX data in May-June 2018.
OTHER ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GROUP

- Produced a Lessons Learnt document on SDMX exchange of MDG indicators
- Analyzed approach to reference area encoding
- Analyzed options for accommodating disaggregation in the data model including the use of Custom Breakdown.
Thank you!