



Seventh Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group

on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

Vienna, 10 – 12 April 2018

Agenda item 6:

National Data Platforms

Development Data Dissemination Section
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Background: UNSD-DFID Project on SDGs Monitoring

- Among other activities, the project support:
 - ✓ Work on: national dissemination platforms, data and metadata; user engagement
 - ✓ Development of the SDG Data and Visualization Platform/Country Data Lab; setting up automated data exchange
- Financed by DFID, 20 Countries, Dec. 16 – Jun. 2021
- Requires national dissemination platforms to be in place

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Why are reporting platforms important:

Three main functions:

- Communication and dissemination: Communicating SDG data and indicators to policy makers and all stakeholders and making SDG data available as widely as possible to support of evidence-based policy making
- Compilation: Bringing together data and metadata from across the entire national statistical system and beyond, to produce statistical outputs and analyses that are fit for purpose and abide by the highest quality standards.
- Coordination: Providing an instrument for the coordination the statistical activities carried out by different members of the national statistical system.

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Conference aimed

- to learn about and bring together the currently disparate efforts of many countries, partners and solution providers (over 60 experts)
- to agree on principles and guidelines to guide countries, partners and solution providers to ensure coordinated efforts and interoperable as well as sustainable solutions;
- to discuss statistical and technical standards that enhance interoperability and help ensure that components can be integrated and platforms be linked;
- to discuss a way forward and possible next steps to support countries as they develop and implement country-owned and country-driven national reporting platforms.

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Outcome:

- Draft of Principles of SDG Indicator Reporting and Dissemination Platforms and guidelines for their application;
- Principles and guidelines were reviewed by UNSC49 and will be further discussed and finalized for UNSC50 for use by countries and partners.

Highlights of the discussion:

- Countries should establish their own path responding to their specific needs and context, create a community of collaboration among national data stakeholders;
- Countries should not be pushed towards specific solutions;
- International partners should seek an integration of their efforts.

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Principles and guidelines

Principles:

- Clear institutional arrangements and management
- Fitness for purpose
- Sustainability
- Interoperability and statistical standards

Guidelines:

National Ownership. Collaboration. Multilingualism and accessibility. User-centered Design. Data Communication. Data disaggregation. Modularity and extensibility. Standardized interfaces. Availability. Metadata. Open Data. Linked Data.

Meeting report and guidelines available at:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/documents/BG-Item3a-NRDP-E.pdf>

Event page: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/capacity-building/meetings/National_Platforms_for_SDGs



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