Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

Working Group on Geospatial Information

Report of the Working Group on Geo-spatial Information

WWGI

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The IAEG SDGs welcomes and recognizes the work progress of the WWGI.

However, at the 50th session of the Statistical Commission, the IEG SDGs report expressed the concern that the activities of the WGGI were not sufficiently connected those of the IAEG SDGs.
The IAEG SDGs wants to fully exploit the potential of geo-spatial information to support the development, production and dissemination of SDGs indicators.

**KEY QUESTION**

How to best give guidance and clearly articulate the value-add to SDG monitoring from the Geo-spatial and Earth Observation communities?

- Where is the data?
- How do countries use it?
- What are the principles and guides?
- What's the role of GI and EO in disaggregation by geographic location?
SO, WHAT DO WE DO?

- *Recalibrate* and align to the needs of the IAEG-SDGs

- *Increase interaction* with the statistical community

- *Provide expertise* and advice to the IAEG-SDGs and the statistical community
Focus on meeting the objective

To ensure from a statistical and geographic location perspective that the key principle of the 2030 Agenda “to leave no one behind”, is reflected in the Global Indicator Framework

How should GI and EO be used in order to meet the objective?

What actions should the WG engage in to meet the objective?
a) IAEG SDGs should review the objectives, time frame and deliverables to the working group.
b) WGGI: focus on the requirements of the IAEG SDGs
c) Increase the participation of IAEG-SDGs members
d) Invite members of the HLG-PCCB
e) Involve members of international organizations who have considerable experience in the work of the group and are able and willing to contribute to advance the objectives
f) UN-GGIM, GWG-Big Data, EG-Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information and GEO

*to ensure broad expertise and effectiveness, from the GI and EO communities*
Thank you