

Key aspects of UNECE in-depth review of lessons from SDGs



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Methodology of the in-depth review of lessons learned from providing statistics on SDGs



41 countries

262 country examples

UNECE key lessons learned from providing statistics on SDGs

MEASUREMENT

- (1) Strengthening integrated data systems can significantly improve the availability of SDG.
- (2) Special skills and techniques are needed to produce good quality data on small or hard-to-reach subpopulations.
- (3) Global harmonization is essential to analyze and compare country progress.

COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

- (1) Importance of cooperation with all stakeholders from the outset.
- (2) Requiring high-quality data has strengthened the role of official statistics in the Agenda. Need of mobilizing human and financial resources.
- (3) SDGs have reinforced cooperation within NSS and with international organizations.

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COMMUNICATION

- (1) The use of infographics (and visualizations in general) can simplify SDG communication and give an overall picture of progress. National Reporting Platforms have made SDG data more accessible and identifiable for a wide range of users.
- (2) SDGs have increased the demand for statistical insight across multiple dimensions. Data communication should aim at a more holistic view.

INNOVATION

- (1) The 2030 Agenda global framework has boosted innovation within organizations, facilitating the development of statistical infrastructure for shared knowledge and best practices (e.g. Open SDG).
- (2) Integrating new data sources with traditional data can help fill the data gaps and reduce the burden on NSOs (e.g. use of mobile phone, Geospatial Information).

UNECE lessons learned – SDG benefits



EMPOWERMENT

NSOs' Unprecedented Mandate;
Cross-Sector Collaboration

MAXIMIZED DATA VALUE

Increased Awareness of Official Statistics;
Improved Data Coverage & Availability

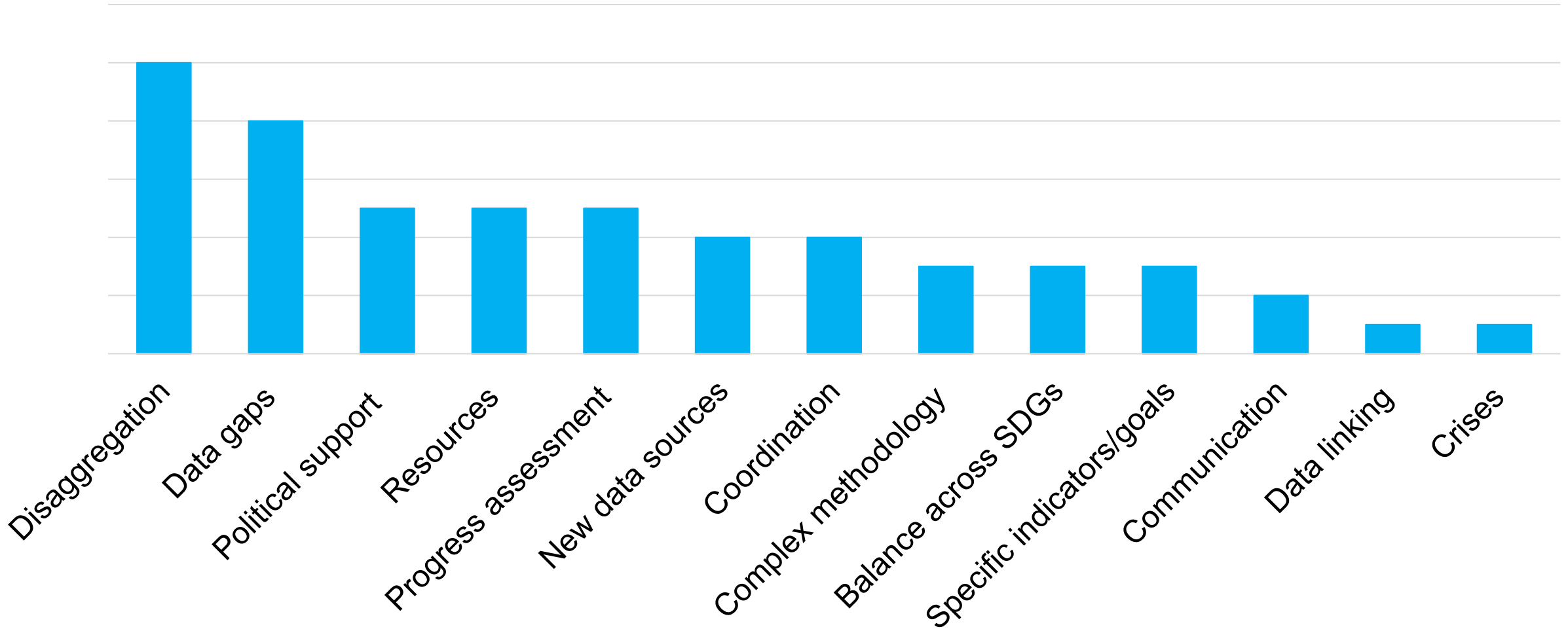
ENHANCED DATA COMMUNICATION

Tailored to Diverse Audiences;
Multidimensional Insight

INNOVATION

New Data Sources and Outputs;
Technology- & Crises-Driven Innovation;
Organizational Transformation;
Capacity Development

UNECE lessons learned – SDG challenges



Critical SDG insight from UNECE experience for 2030 and beyond



Limits **standardized & internationally comparable** tracking of SDG achievement

Creates **communication challenges**, with differing progress results depending on methodology

LACK OF HARMONIZED METHODOLOGY FOR SDG PROGRESS ASSESSMENT

Weakens **accountability & complicates effective policy intervention**

Reduces **policy relevance & use of official statistics**

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UNECE Guidance on SDG Progress Assessment for NSOs

- **Work in progress**

9th Expert Meeting on Statistics for SDGs



9–10 April 2026 | Geneva, Switzerland

<https://unece.org/statistics/events/EMSDGs2026>

Strategic & forward looking recommendations from UNECE



(1) continuing strong mandate for NSOs

(2) participating in international **discussion** on the future of SDGs and **new metrics after 2030**

(3) ensuring a "**monitorable**" agenda via **measurable policy targets** and identification of **data sources** early on

(4) leveraging **links** with other **indicator frameworks**

(5) integrating statistics into **post-2030 follow-up** and **review**

UNECE SDG lessons and recommendations on Knowledge Hub on SDGs



Teams of experts



Guidelines and tools



Country resources



Communication



Data



Progress in the region



<https://unece.org/statistics/sustainable-development>

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