Inter-agency Meeting on Preparation for the 2018 SDG Reports
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Agenda item 6:
Review of data/metadata inputs for the database (UNSD)

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1. **Data requests:**
   - Pre-filled data templates for indicators for which data were reported in 2017 update, for better efficiency, accuracy and retention of certain information from 2017 round.
   - Data & metadata request package for indicators reporting data for the first time.
   - Deadline - county level, regional and global level data by 16 February 2018 to sdgindicators@un.org.

2. **Time periods to be covered:**
   - Data for global and regional aggregates should be provided for at least the following years (as much as possible): 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and the most recent year;
   - Country data should be provided for all years starting with the reporting year 2000;

3. **Regional groupings to be covered**
   - Please use [SDG regional groupings](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/our-work/) for this year’s regional data submission.
   - In addition, aggregates for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, plus any additional other groupings that is especially applicable for particular indicators such as OECD-DAC countries or the World Bank’s grouping of countries by income.
   - Aggregated data for MDG regional groupings are optional.

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### Indicator 9.5.2
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*Source: UIS database, December 2016, UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS).*

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6. Validation of data:
   - Pre-processing validations: (format & file structure/country & regional codes/series codes/year/disaggregation)
   - Consistency checks (e.g. plausible range, consistency at macro-level of two (or more) variables)
   - Cross-domain checks (comparison of 2017 vs 2018 data series)

7. Presentation of data: [https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/)
   - Data are currently presented in the SDG database website and also available for download through public API. Currently, selection by specific indicator or specific country/area.
   - New interface is developed, and will make it available shortly.
   - Slight changes in the presentation of the metadata repository which will become available shortly.
     - Metadata for all indicators with data are available;
     - Metadata for all, but 5, of Tier I and II indicators will become available;
     - Links to the Tier III workplan page are now provided for Tier III indicators.
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9. **Data availability 2017:**
   - data for 132 indicators with almost 460,000 data records (compared to 115 indicators with 330,000 records in 2016)
   - Many of the data series contain disaggregated data.
   - For 7 of the 132 global indicators, only regional and global aggregates are available.

10. **Received so far for 2018 (as of 27/02/2018 5:00PM EST)**
   - **Country and/or regional data:** 80 Indicators (late submission: 37; unaccounted for: 30)
   - **Metadata:** 40 Indicators (Updates on existing metadata + tier-reclassified indicators)

11. **Future updates**
   - Data collection to be ongoing throughout the year
   - Data release at specific intervals such as 2-4 times a year (to be discussed)
   - Similar data requests
Metadata and international guidelines

1. Verification of metadata that you submitted last year
   - contact Mr. Zin Lin (lin@un.org) if any changes or amendments are required

2. Request for additional metadata on
   - (a) available compilation guidance for countries
   - (b) quality assurance implemented by your agency (including the consultation process with countries)
   - Google Form: https://goo.gl/forms/2W8j2svfWT2mm7513
Global SDG Indicators database
https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/

SDG Indicators Metadata repository:
https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/
Thank you.