

UNSC 51 DECISIONS AND IAEG-SDGS 2020 WORK PROGRAMME

**Inter-Agency and Expert Group on
Sustainable Development Goal
Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)**

Open Virtual Meeting | Tuesday, 2 June 2020





UNSC 51 Decisions regarding IAEG-SDGs (1)

[Decision 51/101](#), The Statistical Commission:

b) Expressed its appreciation for the progress made on the methodological development and upgrading of many tier III indicators ...

(c) Expressed its appreciation for the open and transparent process conducted for the 2020 comprehensive review ..., including for the guiding principles of the review process itself;

(d) Agreed to and adopted the proposed major changes and minor refinements put forward in the 2020 comprehensive review, ..., and asked the Group to continue its annual refinement, research and methodological work to improve the global indicator framework, ...;





UNSC 51 Decisions regarding IAEG-SDGs (2)

(e) **Reiterated that the application of the global indicator framework is a voluntary and country-led process** and that alternative or complementary indicators for national and subnational levels of monitoring will be developed at the national level ...;

(f) **Expressed support for the establishment of a United Nations working group to further develop and refine the measurement of development support** in line with the 2030 Agenda...;

(g) **Welcomed the background document on interlinkages and the release of the data structure definition for Sustainable Development Goal indicators**, which facilitates the automation of data exchange and improves data validation and dissemination, ...;





UNSC 51 Decisions regarding IAEG-SDGs (3)

(h) **Welcomed the identification of data disaggregation as one of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group's main areas of work for 2020** and agreed that the Group should develop guidelines and build capacity on disaggregated data to measure progress for those who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situations;

(i) **Encouraged further work on a better integration of geospatial and statistical information to better monitor the 2030 Agenda** through the working group on geospatial information;

(j) **Highlighted the need for methodology guidelines to strengthen national statistical systems** in order to be able to produce the required indicators, and also highlighted the need to continue to strengthen cooperation between countries and custodian agencies;





IAEG-SDG 2020 Work Programme (1)

The Expert Group will carry out the following activities between March 2020 and March 2021:

- (a) **Focus on the implementation of the indicator framework, including the disaggregation of data**, reporting on vulnerable groups and the integration of geospatial information and statistics; share experiences and best practices relating to the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, including with the use of national platforms and dashboards; and encourage good practices and innovations, including in the area of national capacity-building;
- (b) **Regularly review methodological developments and issues related to the indicators and their metadata;**



IAEG-SDG 2020 Work Programme (2)

- (c) **Continue the work stream relating to data disaggregation** in order to provide further guidelines and liaise with other working groups and with existing mechanisms for the data disaggregation work;

- (d) **Continue the work of the Working Group on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange for Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the Working Group on Geospatial Information** and review the workplans of those working groups to ensure that they are in line with the work of the Expert Group;

- (e) **Hold quarterly virtual open meetings, in June and September, and possible in November** (if physical meeting is cancelled), and continue to interact electronically and through teleconferences among members of the Group.





Work Stream on Data Disaggregation

- **Stocking taking questionnaire:** taking stock of existing methodologies, guidelines, best practices for data disaggregation.
 - Questionnaire sent to over 25 UNSC city groups, inter-agency and expert groups, agencies and stakeholders
 - Responses received from majority of those invited (closing on 5 June)
 - Compilation of existing methodologies to be developed in coming weeks
- **Small Area Estimation (in collaboration with the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys)**
 - Draft outline on SME was shared with IAEG members
 - Form a technical group composed of experts from countries, regional and international agencies, and academia, building on existing methodological works.
 - Capacity building
- **Geospatial disaggregation:** working with the Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI)





IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Measurement of Development Support (1)

- The working group was formally established on 27 May at its first meeting.
- Objectives include:
 - Further develop and refine the measurement of development support in line with the 2030 Agenda under target 17.3;
 - Consider different components of development support;
 - Provide some guidance for case studies and pilots to be conducted and assessed in an effort to test the validity and feasibility of the proposed methodology;
 - Develop a final proposal for consideration by the UN Statistical Commission at its 53rd Session in 2022;
 - Develop recommendations for the implementation of the measurement in line with the needs for global, regional and national monitoring;





IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Measurement of Development Support (2)

- **Process:** a country-led and county-owned process.
- **Members:** 21 countries with balanced regional representation. Each country has two representatives: one from NSO and one from the agency dealing with development assistance measurement.
- **Chairs:** Norway and Colombia
- **Observers:** 10 countries. Requests need to be directed to the Secretariat and then forwarded to the Co-chairs for decision, taking into account a balanced regional representation.
- **Secretariat:** UNDESA
- **Substantial support:** UNDESA, UNCTAD and OECD. Other international agencies and entities will be consulted on an ad hoc basis and on specific technical aspects, as agreed and requested by the Working Group.



Thank you for your attention!



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