

## **Update on current activities of the Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress (FOC)**

7 November 2013

### **Consultation on High level panel report**

In July 2013 the FOC has been requested to comment on the Report of the High Level Panel<sup>1</sup>, especially on the proposal regarding statistics (p.23-24) and on the capability of the statistical system to measure the proposed targets (page 30-55). Multiple comments were received and a summary of the comments has been posted on FOC website at:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/broaderprogress/work.html>.

### **Issue briefs**

In July the FOC has been requested to contribute to the preparation of statistical notes (annexes) to the issue briefs which are prepared for the various thematic sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG) (see <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1549>).

Almost all issue briefs for the upcoming sessions of the OWG have become available throughout October. A work plan and other required information has been provided to the FOC on 23 October and the work on the preparation of the statistical notes is now ongoing. The statistical notes are expected to be posted next to the respective issue briefs on the above indicated UN website dedicated to the OWG.

### **Informal meeting of the Open Working Group on measuring progress, New York,**

#### **17 December**

As outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012, a 30-member Open Working Group (OWG) of the General Assembly has been tasked with preparing a proposal on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (see <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1549>).

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<sup>1</sup> *A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development* (HLP Report), High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, May 2013, available at: <http://www.un.org/sg/management/beyond2015.shtml>.

On 17 December the OWG will hold an informal meeting on measuring progress to consult with the official statistics community. The FOC is involved in the preparation of this event. An agenda will be available shortly.

#### **FOC Report for the upcoming Statistical Commission in 2014**

The FOC is preparing a programme review on broader measures of progress which will be presented to the forty-fifth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to be held from 4 to 7 March 2014. It will also serve as a first report on the work of the FOC.

The report is expected to provide a stocktaking exercise of current national, regional and international practices on broader measures of progress. Furthermore, the report will discuss the measuring and monitoring of the goals of the post-2015 development agenda. The report is expected to make proposals for the further involvement in the ongoing debate and processes towards a post-2015 development agenda and proposals to carry on the work program on broader measures of progress.

All members of the FOC have been consulted on the annotated draft outline of this report and many have and are providing inputs to the drafting.