Follow-up Work on Manual on Principal Indicators, Vol. 1

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• Decision 52/107 in 2021: the Statistical Commission "endorsed the proposed workplan [of UNCEBTS] for 2021 and 2022, including the preparation of a manual on the global core set of principal business"
2022 UN Statistical Commission

- Draft Prepared by the task teams on Business Dynamics, Demography & Entrepreneurship; Well-being and Sustainability and Globalization & Digitalization

- Global Consultation in January 2022 and presented as background document at 2022 Statistical Commission

- The Commission took note of volume 1 of the manual, encouraged the preparation of volume 2 to further elaborate on the international trade indicators, and encouraged the Committee to prioritize the indicators and to assess the possibility of developing global databases for the indicators building on existing initiatives and based on the capacity of countries in producing this information”
Results of Global Consultation

- Received **66** responses from 59 countries (including 3 statistical organizations from one country) and 5 international organizations
- Overall, the Manual was well received and does not need major revisions
- 64 of 66 respondents agreed with the structure of the Manual
- 62 of 64 agreed the Manual provides useful and practical information on the reference list of indicators
- 57 of 64 agree that the Manual covers all relevant aspects related to the indicators
- 60 of 64 consider the draft Manual ready for publication, subject to the incorporation of the global consultation comments
Types of comments received

- Many indicators with many detailed breakdowns
- Strengthen the description of the integration of business and trade statistics
- Further elaborate on choice of enterprise-centered approach
- Comments on technical sheets of some indicators – (e.g. clarifying algorithms and definitions)
- Adding terms to the Glossary
- Some comments on potential new indicators for consideration by the task teams
Finalization of the Manual Vol. 1

➢ For the smaller editorial comments, UNSD is addressing them in the text in track changes.

➢ UNSD is facilitating the formation of editorial teams to work on addressing the comments in the manual.

➢ The editorial group will provide guidance on how to address the more substantive comments and on the wording/rewording of the text.

➢ Will be finalized by end of this year.
Prioritization

The task teams propose to prioritize the BREAKDOWNS for each indicator based on:

✓ data availability
✓ an understanding of global policy relevance and user demand

- 2-digit ISIC division
- enterprise size
  - legal form
  - trading status
- type of ownership
  - by sex
  - etc.
Proposals for the implementation of the Manual

• **Raise awareness** of the indicators and implementation of indicators in Manual Vol. 1
  - e.g., Promotion material based on case studies

• **Develop supporting training materials**
  - e.g., Organize webinars, develop training courses on the collection, dissemination and use of these indicators

• **Make an assessment** of which principal indicators from the Manual are published by international and regional organizations and **identify gaps**

• **Develop a global database** for these indicators building on existing initiatives and based on the capacity of countries in producing this information
Thank you!