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Disability-related SDG Indicators for Global monitoring – Reaction

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Background to SDGs

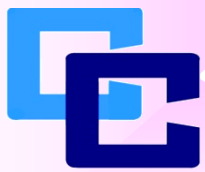
- ▶ The Post-2015 development Agenda was on the agenda of SCCS and AGS meetings in CARICOM dating back to 2013;
- ▶ In recognition of the the huge number of indicators that would impact the NSOs/NSS which were already challenged;
- ▶ In 2014 the CARICOM Second High Level Forum on Statistics had as the underlying theme – A data revolution for sustainable development which emanated from the OWG report on the Post 2015 development agenda

Background to SDGs

- ▶ Internal Think–Tank launched late 2014 within the CCS to support Member States with the negotiations during 2015
- ▶ Fifty–third meeting of COTED *mandated the Secretariat* to provide support thereby formalising the support and reinforcing the need for the Think–Tank;
- ▶ Two regional workshops were also held to enable the review of the SDC indicators by Member States which also assisted participation in activities at the international level

Background to SDGs

- ▶ SCCS prepared a statement on regarding activities pertaining to the production of a new set of goals, targets and indicators for the “beyond 2015 initiative”;
- ▶ It took into consideration the special circumstances of CARICOM Member States and Associate Members as Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the generally inadequately resourced and overstretched national statistical systems that would be further impacted by the need for a vast range and quantity of data and statistics to monitor the Post 2015 Agenda
- ▶ Essentially the SCCS urged the international Statistical Community to push for a dual set – the full set comprising all the goals, all the targets and all the indicators, and a core set, comprising all the goals, all the targets and a selection of indicators manageable by CARICOM SIDS



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SDG Indicators on Disability

- ▶ 4.5.1 Parity indices (female/male, urban/rural, bottom/top wealth quintile and others such as disability status, indigenous people and conflict affected as data become available]
- ▶ Comment by Member States:
- ▶ Disaggregation by age should be incorporated in the global indicator in order to fully address the target to include e.g children, elderly
- ▶ Proposed: Proportion of population who are (i) challenged (mentally or physically) or with mental or physical disabilities (ii) indigenous (iii) in vulnerable situations (iv) enrolled in special education programs by age and sex.

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- ▶ 4.a. 1 Proportion of schools with access to: (a) electricity; (b) the Internet for pedagogical purposes; (c) computers for pedagogical purposes; (d) adapted infrastructure and materials for students with disabilities; (e) single-sex basic sanitation facilities; and (f) basic handwashing facilities (as per the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All (WASH) indicator definitions)
- ▶ **Indicators Proposed By Member States:**
- ▶ Proposed 1: Proportion of schools with access to (i) electricity; (ii) drinking water; (iii) playing facilities; (iv) security (v) facilities for persons with disabilities
- ▶ Proposed 2: Proportion of schools with single-sex sanitation facilities
- ▶ Proposed 3: Proportion of schools with access to (i) sustainable energy services; (ii) drinking water; and (iii) suitable waste treatment or disposal systems

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- ▶ 11.2.1 Proportion of the population that has convenient access to public transport, by age, sex and persons with disabilities
- ▶ **Indicator Proposed By Member States:**
- ▶ Proposed: Proportion of the population living within 0.5 km of public transit in cities.

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- ▶ Target: 11.7. By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities
- ▶ August 11 list: 11.7.2* Proportion of women subjected to physical or sexual harassment, by perpetrator and place of occurrence (previous 12 months)
- ▶ Comment by Member State
- ▶ Indicator does not comprehensively address all aspects of the target.



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- ▶ Current Indicator 11.7.2 Proportion of persons victim of physical or sexual harassment, by sex, age, disability status and places of occurrence in the previous 12 months

- ▶ **Comment**
There is nothing in this indicator to show
 - (i) that these victims were as a result of the access to unsafe green and public spaces;

 - (ii) that the public spaces are accessible to persons with disabilities and older persons

- ▶ Indicator does not comprehensively address all aspects of the target.

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- ▶ 16.7.2* Proportion of countries that address young people's multisectoral needs with their national development plans and poverty reduction strategies
- ▶ Comment

Indicator not defined at country level

- ▶ Current Indicator: 16.7.2– Proportion of population who believe decision–making is inclusive and responsive by sex, age, disability and population group.
- ▶ (i) Comment– Indicator is based on perception

SOME CHALLENGES IN PRODUCING STATISTICS IN COUNTRIES

- ▶ Finance to providing staffing and services required to collect data
- ▶ Inadequate information technology (IT) infrastructure;
- ▶ Weak satellite units – line ministries often have inadequate statistical and IT capacity
- ▶ Need for increased statistical advocacy and interface with users, producers and suppliers;
- ▶ Result of all the above – Critical data gaps



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Thank You