Measuring Disability
to support the follow-up and review of SDGs

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Outline

• Disability in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development => SDGs indicators relevant for disability analysis

• Statistical challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the way forward
The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

• Adopted by all countries;

• Has at its core the integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development…

• … and the principle of “leaving no one behind” =>
  ➢ Inclusive development
  ➢ Reduction of inequality

• Identifies a roadmap for SD with goals and targets that are ambitious, integrated, indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable:
  – SDGs = 17 Goals and 169 Targets
Disability in the 2030 Agenda

• Although the word “disability” is not cited directly in the goals, disability is referenced in many parts of the GA resolution 70/1: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

• The principle of “leaving no one behind”, pledged by all MSs, urges Governments to empower the most vulnerable (including persons with disabilities) to ensure that the Goals and targets are met for all peoples.
Global SDGs indicators framework

• **Global Indicators** for “follow up and review” of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - ‘Agreed’ by the Statistical Commission in March 2016
  - Report of Commission adopted by ECOSOC in July 2016 -> GA

• Global indicators identified by the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs members=28 Member States)
  - Worked since June 2015; 3 plenary meetings; online consultations with all stakeholders for their comments/contributions;

• SDGs framework: 17 Goals, 169 Targets, 230 indicators
  - Around 1/3 of indicators are “people based”;
Disability and SDGs

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals

Sustainable Development Goals
### SDG Indicators and Disability

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Challenges/Opportunities

• Huge agenda!
  – 230 global indicators with many requiring data disaggregation by various population characteristics, including disability status
  => Better use of existing and additional data sources + Better linkages/integration among data sources (e.g. geospatial information; administrative records); Coordination among data producers...

• Measurability of some targets
  – Current indicators set selected to ensure “political balance, integration and ambition of Agenda” is preserved
  => Complexity of the agenda (multidimensional goals + targets) and indicators to monitor (technically sound) = refinement of some indicators
Challenges/Opportunities (cont.)

• Availability of data to establish baselines for SDG indicators
  – => assessment of data gaps + strategy/work plan to strengthen statistical country capacity and data availability

• Lack of statistical definitions, concepts/standards for new areas of concern
  – => Development of statistical methods

• Global monitoring vs. National monitoring
  – Potential source of discrepancies between the two sets of statistics
  – => improve reporting mechanisms within National Statistical Systems (NSS) and between NSSs and international level; use of country-level data for global estimates; clear metadata disseminated and explaining eventual discrepancies;
Conclusions

• Rights and empowerment of PwD “included” in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Agenda!

• Assessment of data requirements and data gaps to meet the 2030 Agenda from disability lens

• National, regional international statistical communities working together to ensure evidence is available to follow-up and review progress towards SDGs
Thank you!