

Friends of the Chair Group on broader measures of progress

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Outline of the FOC Group presentation

Friends of the Chair (FOC) Group's mandate

First elements regarding its organization

Contributions of the UNCEEA to the Foc group

The FOC group's mandate

- To follow up the decision taken by the Statistical Commission in response to the RIO+20 mandate for broader measures of progress
 - 1- To build a work programme to develop broader measures of progress based on a stocktaking exercise of practices in this field
 - 2- to ensure that a robust statistical approach is incorporated from the outset in preparation for the post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals
 - 3- To report to next year's Statistical Commission its preliminary results

Composition of the FOC Group and modes of operation

- 17 countries are members of the group
Argentina, Bahamas, Botswana, Cameroon, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Jamaica, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Surinam, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda
- Co-chaired by France and India
- A deliverable for each of the two next Statistical Commissions
- Functioning on a virtual basis;
- Only physical meetings back to back with other conferences

An informal meeting in Geneva on the 11th of June 2013

- Back to back with the Conference of European Statisticians for the Europe Commission for Europe
- Purpose of this informal meeting
 - To start talking about the terms of reference of the group, its organisation and its deliverables
 - To propose an agenda
 - To begin to outline a work programme
- The minutes are still awaiting validation

Four points particularly stressed

- In order to develop broader measures of progress, significant work has already been done
- The FOC group should very closely monitor the evolving SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda
- Statisticiens should strive to be actively involved in the process formulating targets and indicators for these two processes.
Should offer professional advice on the existing data and their quality and on the ability to provide it
- To be fully transparent and open inside the group and outside.

Following this principles, what could be the programme of the FOC group?

- To focus on working with the Open Working Group (OWG)
- To propose including information on the state of the art indicators for measuring progress to the notes prepared after each of the OWG thematic meetings
- To ask the Chairwoman of the UN Statistical Commission to contact the Ecosoc Secretariat and the Hungarian Co-facilitators of the OWG
- A UN web page dedicated to sharing information and fostering discussion

Work of the FOC Group in practice

- **Accompanying the OWG**
 - Providing notes on statistics to the OWG in advance to feed its reflexions on target setting
 - Looking for volunteers in the FOC Group to lead thematic subgroups (health, education, climate..)
- **Examining the Report of High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post 2015-Development agenda**
- **Expression of interest in specific themes interest are welcome**

What could be the contribution of the UNCEEA expert group to the FOC Group?

- Concerning the theme of the environment, the UNCEEA expert group could propose indicators to the FOC Group, and inform of the state of the art indicators measuring environment
- The SEEA central framework represents an international standard
- It provides harmonisation of concepts and definitions, the joint development of standards and guidelines

Thank you for your attention !

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