

# Conference call on Advisory Group on Emerging Issues

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## **Discussion on:**

1. Review and evaluate the list of emerging issues in the TOR and prioritize the work plan
2. Review membership
3. Discuss the organization of work

### **1. Review and evaluate the list of emerging issues in the TOR and prioritize the work plan**

It was agreed that the work priority at current stage will focus on guiding the work on Tier 2 and Tier 3 indicators in the minimum set. For issues where no indicators were identified, the work will be carried out at a later stage. It was agreed that “Gender gap in wages” should be added to the second group of issues where methodological work is needed. It was also agreed to add the topic of “Food Security and intra-household resources allocation” to the list of additional emerging issue in the TOR.

On “access to credit” and “entrepreneurship” issues, it was suggested that the group should consult with the World Bank on their “Global Financial Inclusion Index” project and entrepreneurship work. However, there were concerns about the fact that the data are not produced by national statistical systems, but through a private company and therefore are not to be considered official statistics.

### **2. Membership**

Mexico informed the group that Brazil was interested to become a member. The group agreed to invite them to join. UNESCO-UIS requested to be removed from the membership list. It was agreed that UNODC should be invited to be part of the group because of their work on crime and victimization.

### **3. Organization of work**

It was agreed that the group will consult with the leading agencies and experts for each indicator in Tier 2 and 3 of the minimum set. The group can use and analyse the results of the global survey, especially the results from Questions 13-15. The

chairpersons will work closely with the secretariat, UNSD, to propose strategies to undertake methodological work on Tier 2 and 3 indicators.

**Agreed next steps:**

- ✓ UNSD to contact the Regional Commissions to request the preliminary results of survey questions 13-15.
- ✓ UNSD to prepare the list of indicators with the leading agencies
- ✓ UNSD to circulate the revised TOR.
- ✓ Mexico, Philippines and UNSD will work closely to discuss the next steps.