Proposed Strategic Framework for the biennium 2018-2019

Prepared by the United Nations Statistics Division

The following is the proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019 for Subprogramme 4, "Statistics" of programme 7, "Economic and social affairs". The Commission is invited to review this document and to provide its comments.

The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-sixth session in June 2016. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted in the fall of 2016 to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session when it considers the proposed strategic framework of the entire UN Secretariat for the biennium 2018-2019.

Subprogramme 4

Statistics

Objective of the Organization: To ensure the use by policymakers and other users at the national and international levels of high-quality, comparable, nationally produced statistics and geospatial information

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened global statistical and geospatial information systems, with more active participation by Member States and increased collaboration among international organizations	(a) (i) Increase in the number of participants from Member States and international organizations attending the sessions of the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
	Performance measures:
	2014-2015: 560 participants
	Estimate: 2016-2017: 565 participants
	Target 2018-2019: 570 participants
	(ii) Increase in the number of joint events carried out with international organizations on SDG indicators
	Performance measures:
	2014-2015: 12 events
	Estimate: 2016-2017: 14 events
	Target 2018-2019: 16 events
(b) Better and broader use by Governments, international organizations, research institutes, the private sector and the general public of statistical data and technical guidelines produced by the subprogramme	(b) (i) Increase in the number of requests for statistical data satisfied by the subprogramme
	Performance measures:
	(Percentage of increase in requests satisfied)
	2014-2015: 4 per cent
	Estimate: 2016-2017: 5 per cent
	Target 2018-2019: 3 per cent
	(ii) Increase in the number of visits, page views and unique users of the subprogramme website
	Performance measures:
	(Percentage of increase in the number of visits, etc.)

(iii) Increase in the number of followers, mentions and impressions of the subprogramme twitter account

Performance measures:

(Percentage of increase in the number of followers, etc.)

2014-2015: Not applicable

Estimate: 2016-2017: 2 per cent

Target 2018-2019: 3 per cent

(c)   Increased production by Member States of high-quality statistics and geospatial information for policymakers and the public in general

(c)   (i) Increase in the number of national statistical staff who have been effectively utilizing knowledge and skills acquired at training and capacity development activities delivered by the subprogramme

Performance measures:

(Percentage of participants that utilized knowledge)

2014-2015: 74 per cent

Estimate: 2016-2017: 75 per cent

Target 2018-2019: 76 per cent

(ii)   Increased number of countries that have developed and implemented sustainable national statistical and geospatial information systems using guidelines and capacity development support provided by the subprogramme

Performance measures:

2014-2015: Not applicable

Estimate: 2016-2017: 50 countries

Target 2018-2019: 60 countries

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the national statistical offices will have the necessary national resources and capacity.

Strategy

The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Statistics Division. The strategy will include:

(a)　　Expanding the normative role of the subprogramme in the development and enhancement of statistical standards, the collection and dissemination of statistical data by Member States and the coordination of international statistical activities, especially those related to the SDGs and other new and emerging policy issues;

(b)　　Assisting countries in building and managing sustainable national statistical systems with appropriate governance structures and in utilizing modern data capture, processing and dissemination technologies, in order to enhance the quality of and accessibility to policy-relevant statistical information;

(c)　　Developing statistical concepts, definitions, classifications and methods for the collection, compilation, storage, analysis and dissemination of statistics and indicators, for use by statistical authorities at the national level;

(d)　　Compiling and disseminating global statistical information in the areas of economic, social, demographic and environmental statistics, including data disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national context, increasingly using modern information and communications technologies to facilitate data exchange and to enhance accessibility to comparable national statistics for policymakers and other national and international users;

(e)　　Strengthening national statistical and geospatial information systems of developing countries by disseminating methodological information, conducting training, supporting their participation in the regional and international exchange of experiences and providing other appropriate forms of capacity development support, including technical advisory services upon request;

(f)　　Facilitating the coordination of international activities in the area of geospatial information management, in order to share experiences and harmonize tools, promoting the use of mapping and geographical information systems for modern surveying, promoting the harmonization and standardization of geographical names, and facilitating better integration of statistical and geospatial information;

(g)　　Coordinating international statistical activities by cooperating with other international organizations and, in particular, enhancing coherence in the statistical data work of the entire United Nations system.