

CCSA joint statement on agenda item 3 (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; document E/CN.3/2016/2 Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals (lead agency: FAO in cooperation with AfDB and UNEP)

The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA):

- WELCOMES and SUPPORTS the report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators;
- COMMENDS the IAEG-SDGs for the remarkable progress made in less than one year in the development of the global indicator framework and REITERATES the commitment by the CCSA members to continue to provide technical inputs to the work of IAEG-SDGs so that the Group can benefit from the expertise accumulated in global monitoring over the years;
- SUPPORTS the priorities of the programme of work of the IAEG-SDGs and EXPRESSES the commitment of the CCSA members to support the work of the IAEG-SDGs in the methodological refinement of the global indicator framework with the objective of producing policy relevant indicators which are based on the best quality statistical standards;
- RECALLS that the statistical work of CCSA members is driven by the ‘Principles Governing International Statistical Activities’ and that statistical activities within the UN system will additionally comply with the forthcoming ‘Unified Quality Assurance Framework’ to ensure that statistical products will meet common standards of data quality and integrity;
- REAFFIRMS that the CCSA and the UN system are ready to play an active role in ensuring a strong coordination across global statistical programmes in the implementation of the global indicator framework, as mandated by the Commission;
- CALLS for a coordinated approach towards global SDG data collection, monitoring and reporting in order to avoid duplications, minimize response burden on countries and ensure consistency of data disseminated at the international level;
- STANDS READY to work closely with the IAEG-SDGs to identify the needs for statistical capacity development of countries and EXPRESSES the commitment of the CCSA members to provide technical support for the implementation of the approved indicators on the basis of their respective existing mandates and/or expertise.