



UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION SIDE-EVENT

“Perception and Experiential Data: Measuring Goal 16 and Leaving No One Behind”

When: Thursday, 10 March 2016, 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM (TBC)

Where: TBC

Organized by the Instituto Nacional de Estatística de Cabo Verde (INECV), UNDP, Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network, Open Society Foundations, Transparency International and others TBC

Background

As the focus of the discussions around the 2030 Agenda and SDGs moves towards implementation, measurement and monitoring, the global community has an opportunity to innovate and build upon the lessons learned from experiences with MDG measurement and data. With the “people-centered” nature of the 2030 Agenda, and its strong commitment that “no one will be left behind,” survey, perception and experiential data and indicators are a critical means for ensuring that sustainable development policies and implementation are not just outcome-oriented, but people-oriented as well. These kinds of data are critical to help identify areas for improvement for policy-makers at all levels, as they measure the needs, priorities, perceptions and experiences of citizens, and help maximize development gains by providing a more comprehensive snapshot of progress towards the SDGs – and particularly towards Goal 16.

These data, currently available from a wide range of reliable sources, will also help to improve awareness, understanding and participation of citizens in the SDG monitoring process, and serve to magnify the voices of citizens in governance and decision-making processes. Including peoples’ participation in monitoring progress towards the SDGs is also a crucial element of broader accountability for the Agenda, to ensure that monitoring processes are based on people’s own assessments of progress, and not just governments or intergovernmental data.

This side-event will convene experts from around the world with decades of experience with survey, perception and experiential data to share some key lessons learned from data sets that are already contributing to measuring development issues, and will explore practical applications for these kinds of data and indicators for SDG measurement and monitoring.

Speakers

- **António dos Reis Duarte**, *President of Cabo Verde National Institute of Statistics*
- **François Roubaud**, *IRD Research Director, DIAL (TBC)*
- **Martin Gramatikov**, *Senior Justice Sector Advisor, Hill*
- **Alejandro Ponce**, *Chief Research Officer, World Justice Project*
- **Representative from Transparency International**