Independent system-wide evaluation of the UN System's contribution to strengthen national capacities for statistical analysis and data collection to support the achievement of the MDGs and other internationally-agreed development goals

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The *Policy for Independent System-wide evaluation of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System* (the ISWE Policy) was approved by the United Nations General Assembly in January 2014 (68/226). The resolution established a new partnership arrangement between the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and United Nations system organizations. Two evaluations were identified to pilot the new approaches including the one covered by this briefing.

As the world starts implementing the 2030 sustainable development agenda, and the need for timely and high quality information to support decision-making, accountability and learning becomes critical for success. This evaluation therefore seeks to develop a comprehensive understanding of where the United Nations system currently is and where it needs to be going in strengthening national capacities for statistics in the current context.

Data collection is now almost complete and the evaluation team would like to use the opportunity of the side-event to present the emerging findings and conclusions to the participants so that they can be part of a broader validation process. The side-event will also provide an opportunity for stakeholders to propose recommended actions to address the conclusions and take the UN system forward in this area.

Agenda

Chair (10 minutes)

Inspector Sukai Prom-Jackson, Chair of the Evaluation Management Group (EMG)

Moderators (5 minutes):

Jean-Francis Regis Zinsou, Permanent Representative for Benin

Presentation on the evaluation results (30 minutes)

- Michael Reynolds, Team Leader and Principal Evaluator. Introduction to the evaluation

- Mary Strode, Evaluation Senior Advisor. Emerging findings

- Jose Ramon Albert, Evaluation Senior Statistician. Emerging conclusions

Discussion and Validation with Audience (40 minutes)

Concluding Remarks (5 minutes)

Closing Remarks (5 minutes)

Mathew Varghese, Member of Evaluation Management Group, UNIECF Evaluation Office