

Joint statement on agenda item 3 (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; document E/CN.3/2017/2 Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals

“I am providing a joint statement on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), which consists of 45 international and supranational organizations promoting the inter-agency coordination and cooperation on statistics.

The Committee:

- WELCOMES the report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and SUPPORTS the revised global indicator framework for monitoring the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda;
- REITERATES the commitment by the CCSA members to continue to provide technical inputs to the work of IAEG-SDGs and support the methodological refinement of the global indicator framework.
- REAFFIRMS that the CCSA members will use national official statistics for the compilation of global indicators to the greatest extent possible; and consult national statistical authorities in a transparent manner, when other sources and methodologies are used
- COMMITS to a coordinated approach towards global SDG data collection, monitoring and reporting in order to avoid duplication, minimize the response burden on countries and ensure consistency of data between sources. To this end, the CCSA is currently developing a set of principles and practices for global data reporting;
- RECALLS that the statistical work of CCSA members follows the ‘Principles Governing International Statistical Activities’ that ensure that statistical products meet high standards of data quality and integrity;
- STANDS READY to work closely with the IAEG-SDGs to identify countries’ needs for statistical capacity development support for implementation of the approved indicators at the country level on the basis of their respective existing mandates and/or expertise.”

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The Committee:

- COMMENDS the HLG for the organization and launch of the first UN World Data Forum and stands ready to contribute to the organization of the next Forum;
- REAFFIRMS its willingness to actively participate in the activities of the HLG, when relevant topics are considered, as one of the Issue Partners;
- SUPPORTS the adoption of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for sustainable development data.
- WELCOMES the recognition by policy leaders and the international community that funding the modernization of National Statistical Systems is vital for the full realization of the 2030 Agenda;
- CALLS for a prompt development of implementation plans in the 6 Strategic Areas of the Global Action Plan, supported by regional action plans and sectoral plans in key statistical domains;
- REAFFIRMS its commitment to actively contribute to the implementation of the key actions at global, regional and sectoral level.”