

# Sanitation chain monitoring for the SDGs: to protect public health, environment as well as to address inequalities in access and impacts

A multi country perspective, 49<sup>th</sup> Statistical Commission

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## Co-conveners

CBS Netherlands (TBC), IBGE Brazil, Philippines Statistics Authority, Ugandan Bureau of Statistics, WHO and UN Statistical Division

## Purpose

Sanitation target was one of the most off track ones during the MDGs. At the end of the MDG period, over 2.5 billion people lacked basic sanitation, and 1 billion people practiced open defecation. With the much expanded framework for the SDGs, now we have to focus not only on access to basic sanitation, such as elimination of open defecation, but also safe management of sanitation facilities, safe treatment of excreta and wastewater, as well as other wastewater and excreta management issues for public health and environmental protection purposes. Evidently far more people are now without safely managed sanitation services. According to the WHO/UNICEF report, almost 4.5 billion people now don't have access to safely managed sanitation services, based on their access to sanitation facilities at home. Considering the downstream of sanitation chain, the excreta and wastewater management and safe treatment or reuse are key considerations to protect public health and environmental issues, such as water pollution. Given the novelty of these issues at the global level, countries are only getting prepared to build a national monitoring systems which is compatible with national frameworks, priorities, as well as aligned with global norms, standards which are both for global SDG monitoring, as well as in line with the aspirations of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets.

This meeting aims to gather most recent updates from selected countries on their efforts in monitoring the wastewater and its safe treatment, as well as how they are linked to sanitation monitoring within the SDG framework. The meeting will also highlight methodological and data issues discussed at the recent Experts Group Meeting in Geneva 1-2 March, as well as recommendations for effective monitoring of wastewater for the SDGs. The event aims to address water accounting issues that could be key to not only wastewater but can be effectively extended to other areas of SDG monitoring.

## Draft programme (chair CBS, Netherlands)

13:15 – 13:20 Welcome messages from co-conveners

13:20 – 13:30 Introductions: Rifat Hossain, WHO and Alessandra Alfieri, UN Statistics Division

13:30 – 14:00 Country perspectives: Bert Kroese (Netherlands), Roberto Olinto (Brazil), Lisa Bersales (Philippines)

14:00 – 14:15 Conclusions and recommendations from the SDG6.3.1 Experts Group Meeting and future directions including SEEA/CEEA, as well as country perspective: Ben Paul Mungyereza (Uganda)

14:15 – 14:30 Discussions and conclusions (Including short statements from selected countries such as Palestine, Saudi Arabia and South Africa) – facilitated by Netherlands