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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
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<p>Recognizing the outstanding work carried out by the IAEG-SDGs since its creation, Colombia seeks to highlight: 1) the development of the indicators framework and 2) their methodologies as some of the most relevant results of the Expert Group, Colombia supports the following issues proposed as part of the workplan for the upcoming year, to keep improving the methodological work: the continued revision of refinement requests and the comprehensive review of the metadata revision, in line with the proposed activities of the metadata subgroup.</p> <p>Recalling the cross-cutting strategy of the 2030 Agenda for leaving no one behind, SDG indicators framework should be analyzed in terms of data disaggregation, therefore we celebrate the work already conducted. Colombia looks forward to the release of the practical guidelines on SAE for SDGs, and we invite to other countries to enrich discussions and implement work in data disaggregation.</p> <p>Reaffirming the role of data to help measuring the progress towards sustainable Development, Colombia draws attention to the relevance of data availability for SDG indicators. The large amounts of data, that must be produced for the global, regional and, national frameworks (with their required disaggregation), has made evident the need to strengthen the National Statistics Systems worldwide. Currently, the number of countries achieving full availability for SDG indicators to date is 0.</p> <p>Thus, we encourage the IAEG-SDG to explore possible ways to connect and align the ongoing work with the efforts of other international working groups and bodies. Some potential groups with whom further collaboration could be explored are the regional commissions, the UN System Agencies- with whose collaboration the NSO of Colombia has been able to accelerate the production of SDG indicators; with other groups and initiatives of the UNSD to enhance the implementation of the work programme.</p>	
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