

United Nations Statistical Commission

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Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda

Items for discussion and decision: data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Statement:

Actions to be taken by the Statistical Commission under the Work Programme described in item V (Work Programme of the Expert Group), where the Expert Group recommends that the following activities be carried out in the period between March 2022 - March 2023 and the comments related to the Department of Statistics.

(a) Focus on the implementation of the indicator framework, including integrating geospatial information and statistics; sharing experiences and best practices on monitoring the Goals, including on national Sustainable Development Goal platforms, dashboards and portals;

- We support and approve activity (a) of the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022 and its adoption.

(b) Review regularly methodological developments and issues related to the indicators and their metadata, based on the new metadata template, and improve the overall quality of metadata for the indicators through the work programme of the metadata subgroup;

- We support and adopt activity (b) of the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022, while emphasizing the need for a regular reference time frame for the updating process (for example, annually, every second year, ... etc.) to avoid confusion among statistical and reporting agencies.

(c) Continue the work stream on data disaggregation in order to provide further guidelines and liaise with the other working groups and existing mechanisms for data disaggregation work;

- We support and adopt activity (c) of the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022, while emphasizing the need for a regular reference time frame for the updating process (for example, annually, every second year, ... etc.) to avoid confusion among statistical and reporting agencies.

(d) Continue the work of the Expert Group working groups on SDMX and geospatial information, and review the workplans of the working groups to ensure that they are in line with the work of the Expert Group;

- We support and adopt activity (d) of the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022.

(e) Continue dialogues with custodian agencies to enhance the data flow process for global reporting on the Goals;

- We support and adopt activity (e) of the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022, with the need for continuous updating of countries data on the data portals of custodian agencies.

(f) Hold quarterly open meetings and the thirteenth meeting of the Expert Group in the fourth quarter of 2022 and continue to interact through monthly meetings.

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- We support and adopt activity (f) of the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022.

Actions to be taken by the Statistical Commission and related comments:

(a) To take note of the work conducted by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators in response to the decisions of the Commission;

- The work conducted by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators in response to the decisions of the Commission has been noted.

(b) To express its views on and adopt the annual refinements (as contained in annex I to the present report);

- We propose to approve and adopt the proposed annual refinements to the global indicator framework.

(c) To take note of the background documents on the report of the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support on its work and the indicator proposal for target 17.3 and on the toolkit for using small area estimation for the Goals;

- The background documents on the report of the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support on its work and the indicator proposal have been noted.

(d) To express its views and adopt the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap (as contained in a background document);

- We support the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap.

(e) To express its views on and adopt new indicator 17.3.1 and request to have OECD and UNCTAD be the co-custodians of the indicator; and to agree to dissolve the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support as it has completed its mandate;

- We propose to adopt the indicator. The proposed new indicator 17.3.1 contains sub-indicators for each developing country's gross receipts of the financing flows itemized in (annex II, p. 17 of the report), but in some cases on conditions, or with reservations. It is also possible to refer to the Economic Statistics Sections for further consultation.

(f) To express its views and approve the proposed way forward on a further review of the issue of measurement of the global and regional efforts in support of the Goals, as outlined in paragraph 39 above, and provide suggestions on how to address it;

We approve and adopt the following proposed way:

- We recommend that the Working Group carry out a further review of the issue of measurement of the global and regional efforts in support of the Goals.

- We suggest that one or more Member States review the issue as outlined in the recommendation of the Working Group and report to the Commission at its next meeting.

(g) To express its views and adopt the proposed Work Programme of the Expert Group for 2022.

- We support and adopt the 6 proposed Work Programme points of the Expert Group for 2022, with reference to the statement below regarding the observations on each point separately

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