

## United Nations Statistical Commission

### Fifty-second session

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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

### Document E/CN.3/2022/3 – Report of the Secretary-General on work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

*Statement provided by: StatsNZ*

#### **Overview:**

The present report, which was prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2021/224 and past practices, provides a description of the work carried out by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, in cooperation with other entities of the United Nations system, in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It contains a description of:

- (a) the preparation of the annual report of the Secretary -General on the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/2021/58);
- (b) the work to update the database on the global Goal indicators; and
- (c) the launch of the Global Sustainable Development Goal Indicators Data Platform.
- (d) In addition, the present report contains updates on:
- (e) the Data for Now initiative, jointly convened by the United Nations, the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, the World Bank and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network; (b) the project of the Statistics Division funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to support countries on Goal monitoring;
- (f) the collaborative on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes;
- (g) the work on the Federated Information System for the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (h) the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training;
- (i) the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians;
- (j) the work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys; and
- (k) the work on better use of citizen-generated data for public policy

#### **The Commission is invited:**

- (a) To take note of the work carried out by the Statistics Division in cooperation with the United Nations system and its proposed programme of work, and to comment on the progress of work;
- (b) To express its views on the Data for Now initiative; E/CN.3/2022/3 14/14 21-17867
- (c) To express its views on the work of the collaborative on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes;
- (d) To express its views on the continuation of the implementation of the Federated Information System for the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (e) To express its views on the progress of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training;
- (f) To express its views on the progress of the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians;

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***Statement:***

Stats NZ once again acknowledges the work of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on the SDGs, including the maintenance of the database of global indicators, statistical capacity building initiatives, and the establishment of a federated system of data hubs to facilitate improved interaction and mobilisation of resources.

It commends the Division for the quick and effective way in which it responded to COVID-19 with the roll out of e-learning courses and other remote activities to strengthen the capacity of countries in the compilation and use of indicators.

Stats NZ wants to praise “the use of administrative data for statistical purposes” and the ‘Data for Now initiative’ projects. These two initiatives are particularly significant in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic which has contributed to an increased demand for more timely and frequent data to monitor the impacts of, and recovery from, the global pandemic. The development of innovative ways to produce more timely and frequent measures of the impacts of the pandemic continues to be an important focus of Stats NZ.

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