

United Nations Statistical Commission

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

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Statement:

The Statistical Commission is invited to take note of the work carried out and to comment on the work progress and the proposed work programme.

Actions that the Statistical Commission needs to take and to report on the response to its activities, namely:

(a) To take note of the work carried out by the Statistics Division, in cooperation with the United Nations system, and of its proposed work programme, and to comment on the work progress;

The work carried out by the Statistics Division, in cooperation with the United Nations system, has been reviewed, namely:

- Progress reports towards achieving the 2021 SDGs.
- Database.
- Global Data Platform for SDG indicators.
- Metadata-related work.
- Work program of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs).
- Development cooperation and technical assistance activities undertaken by the Statistics

Division in relation to the SDG indicators.

The work program of the IAEG-SDGs was reviewed, and the efforts undertaken by the Statistics Division in cooperation with the United Nations were noted.

(b) To express its views on the Data for Now initiative;

We welcome this initiative while looking forward to increasing the areas of work in a way that takes into consideration the priorities of the specific regions and ensures that the work of this initiative does not overlap with the work of other related initiatives.

(c) To express its views on the work of the collaborative on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes⁴

- We emphasize the importance of the work of the collaborative, and we suggest to further benefit from modern sources and frame them within official frameworks to be relied upon in the integration of administrative data sources.

(d) To express its views on the continuation of the implementation of the Federated Information System for the SDGs;

We emphasize the continuation of the implementation of the Federated Information System for the SDGs, while bridging the gaps in developing the necessary capacities at state level to achieve the common vision. We further support the view that stresses the need to focus on technical capacity and core skills development in the SDG geospatial roadmap developed by the Geospatial Information Working Group of the IAEG-SDGs.

(e) To express its views on the progress of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training;

In response to the following topics related to Statistical Training:

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1. The aforementioned activities have been taken note of. We suggest increasing the exchange of experiences and success stories within the same regions, which contributes to increasing capacity building.
 2. The training activities mentioned in the report have been taken note of.
 3. The aforementioned training activities have also been taken note of, and the newsletter ensures that everyone is kept informed about the training activities and updates in this field.
- (f) To express its views on the progress of the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians; The progress of the activities mentioned in the report has been noted.
- (g) To express its views on the work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys; We highly value and appreciate the continuation of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys to support countries over the past year in three areas of work: coordination, methodological development and advocacy and communication.
- (h) To express its views on the work on better use of citizen-generated data for public policies. The citizen-generated data, when appropriately collected and used, contributes to:
1. Enhance feasibility, reduce the burden on responders, increase efficiency and produce more disaggregated and timely statistics.
 2. The official statistical community is increasingly aware of the value of citizen-generated data.

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