

Second Meeting of Expert Group on Well-Being Measurement Online, 29 January 2025 Summary and Conclusions

The meeting started with a welcome address by Mohammad Hassan, co-chair of the Expert Group on Well-Being Measurement (EGWM). This was followed by an update on the high level expert group and progress reports by the housing, work, digital well-being, subjective well-being, composite indices and communications task teams.

Participants at the meeting:

1. Expressed their appreciation for the work done by the bureau in organizing the online meeting and preparing the agenda as well as the various updates.

Update on High Level Expert Group

2. Noted that the list of proposed members for the high level expert group (HLEG) has been submitted to the Secretary General for approval.
3. Noted the recent meeting with USG Guy Ryder which underscored the (a) potential key role of the statistical community in providing inputs to the work of the HLEG and (b) role of United Nations as the coordinating body in the current initiative to measure well-being, which would differentiate it from past well-being initiatives.

Progress reports by the housing, work, digital well-being, subjective well-being, composite indices and communications task teams

4. Agreed that the briefing note of the housing task team should include references to the UN principles and recommendations for housing censuses. Rev 4, which have been submitted for adoption at the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2025.
5. Agreed that the briefing note of the work task team should discuss the feasibility of developing an overarching framework to measure the impact of well-being at work and impact of work on well-being.
6. Noted the need for the task teams to consider including cross-cutting issues in their briefing notes.

9. Discussion on signing-off Briefing Notes

7. Agreed that (a) each task team should have a draft briefing note before 10 February 2025 for consultation, (b) prepare a set of questions for respondents to answer during the consultation, (c) the consultation for the briefing notes will have a deadline of 17 February 2025, and (d) the briefing notes and comments from the consultation will be discussed at the next EGWM meeting..

Next EGWM meeting

8. Agreed to organize the next EGWM meeting on 24 February 2025.

Any other business

9. Agreed, if time permits, to consider forming health and environment task teams to prepare briefing notes for the HLEG.
10. Noted the intention to organize a side event to promote the work of the EGWM at the Statistical Commission in March 2025.