UN decisions relevant for statistics on SDGs and the regional dimension

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Statistics in Agenda 2030 for sustainable development

- Agenda 2030 recognises the role of “quality, accessible, timely and disaggregated data” to help with measurement of progress and to ensure that no one is left behind” (§48)

- Follow-up and review process “will be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data which is high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts” (§74(g))

- **Statistical capacity building:**
  - Targets 17.18 and 17.19
  - Capacity building in paras §48, 57, 74, 76
Follow-up and review (FUR)

• **Global level**: High-level Political Forum (HLPF) – regular reviews
  – First meeting on 11-20 July 2016 in New York “Ensuring that no-one is left behind”

• FUR modalities currently discussed

• Include national reviews (22 countries have volunteered in 2016)

• Proposed common reporting guidelines for national reviews
  – Includes a statistical annex
  – Global SDG list as a starting point, adding priority indicators at regional and national levels

• **Regional level**: UNECE discussing the modalities for regional FUR

• 1st regional forum on sustainable development on 10 May in Geneva

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Regional indicators

• Follow-up and review will operate at global, regional, subregional, national, subnational and thematic levels

• Reviews based on evidence, therefore regional and national indicators are needed:
  – “The Goals and targets will be followed up and reviewed using a set of global indicators. These will be complemented by indicators at the regional and national levels which will be developed by Member States, . . .” (Agenda 2030, para 75)
  – Global indicators proposed are intended for global follow-up and review, and are not necessarily applicable to all national contexts. Indicators for regional, national and subnational levels of monitoring will be developed at the regional and national levels (UNSC Decision 1(i))
IAEG-SDGs and HLG-PCCB

- **Interagency and Expert Group on SDG indicators** discussing a Tier system to assess availability of data and methodologies
  - 1 subgroup (disaggregation), 1 joint subgroup with HLG (capacity building) and 3 working groups (interlinkages, SDMX, geospatial)
  - IOs to send plans to develop Tier III indicators (by 29 April); Questionnaire on data flows and international standards for SDG indicators (by 6 May); IAEG member countries to provide scenarios on data flows from national to international level (by 30 April)

- **High-level Group on Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building**
  - Developing Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, to be presented to UNSC in March 2017

Thank you!