Outcome of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

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• First time organized in the region;
• 24 and 25 April 2017 in Geneva;
• Held back-to-back with the 70th Anniversary session of UNECE (26-27 April 2017);
• 24 April: Civil society consultation and regional preparatory workshop for the countries from the UNECE region conducting Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2017 High-Level Political Forum.
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• Two segments:
  • **Policy segment**: The second year of the SDGs in the region - knowing where we stand and moving on to prosperity and well-being for all;
  • **Peer learning segment**: Parallel regional round tables:
    • Round Table I. National and local adaptation of SDGs;
    • Round Table II. Subregional cooperation for SDG implementation;
    • Round Table III. Data and monitoring;

• All **documents and summaries** available under: [https://www.unece.org/rfsd2017.html#/](https://www.unece.org/rfsd2017.html#/)

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I. The 2030 Agenda underscores the importance of quality, accessible, timely and reliable **disaggregated data** to ensure that no one is left behind;

II. The **statistical community has taken up this challenge** and initiated SDG-related activities at national, regional and global levels;

III. Other elements mentioned:
  a. Data needs to be based on **Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics**;
  b. National statistical offices have a **key coordinating role**;
  c. Support should also come from donors, through **South-South cooperation and partnerships**;
  d. Link to the **Regional Road Map**;
  e. It needs **data from outside the official statistical system** are needed;

IV. No country or organization could succeed on its own – **collaboration and cooperation** were needed at all levels and with all relevant stakeholders to achieve the SDGs.
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The conversation with the political community at the regional forum and the HLPF is necessary (see resolution pertaining to the work of the UN Statistical Commission – paragraph 10)!

Thanks for your attention!