2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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• Adopted in September 2015 as a “plan of action for people, planet and prosperity”, seeking to “strengthen universal peace”

• Takes into account lessons and experience of MDGs

• As was the case for the MDGs, most likely not all requested statistics and related information will be available from the statistical community.

• Contains 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets
Follow-up and Review

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

• Modalities currently discussed

• Include national reviews (22 countries have volunteered for 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

• Political level discussion on regional modalities
  – 1st regional forum on sustainable development on 10 May in Geneva
  – General support for a mechanism that focuses on voluntary learning among regional peers, exchange of best SDG practices and transboundary issues
Indicators for the 2030 Agenda

• Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDG) developed a framework and list

• UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) agreed on the list at its March 2016 session as

   “a practical starting point with the proposed global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development…subject to future technical refinement”
Indicators for the 2030 Agenda: Next Steps on the Global Level

• List to submitted for adoption to ECOSOC in June 2016 and to the UN General Assembly in September 2016

• IAEG-SDG to provide technical support for the implementation and review methodological developments and capacity-building activities in statistical areas relevant to SDGs

• IAEG-SDG currently discussing a tier system to assess availability of data and methodologies

• High-level Group on Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building to develop a global action plan for sustainable development data, to be presented to UNSC in March 2017
Statistics in the 2030 Agenda

• 2030 Agenda 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 in targets 17.18 and 17.19
Regional Indicators

• 2030 Agenda §75: “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, ..”

• UN Statistical Commission Decision 1(i): “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”
Role of Conference of European Statisticians (CES)

- June 2015 – work launched on a road map for the development of official statistics for monitoring SDGs
  - Living document – adapted frequently based on comments from CES and developments in other UN bodies

- October 2015 - Steering Group established by CES Bureau to provide guidance on the work on developing official statistics for SDGs under CES. Objectives:
  - to prepare a road map for developing official statistics for SDGs under CES which provides an implementation strategy for providing data on SDGs
  - to follow up on the implementation of the road map
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• April 2016 plenary session of CES - structure of the Road Map approved and further work recommended
  – assessing readiness of countries to report on SDG indicators
  – selecting regional indicators
  – clarifying the setup of reporting on SDG indicators
  – identifying needs for capacity building for SDG indicators
  – communicating and disseminating statistics for SDGs.
• Draft Road Map to be presented to the CES Bureau in October 2016
• First edition will be presented to the CES 2017 plenary session
Thank you for your attention