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Workshop on statistics for Sustainable Development Goals

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Workshop on statistics for Sustainable Development Goals will be held in room IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 12 (p.m.)-13 April 2017. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be provided.

The Workshop will be held back-to-back with an Expert Meeting on Statistics for SDGs that will take place on 10-12 April 2017.

Meeting documents will be available at the UNECE website:

<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45250>

Introduction

The Workshop on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals is organised jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), under the 10th tranche of the United Nations Development Account Programme on Statistics and Data.

The Workshop targets the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-East Europe (SEE): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Objective and target audience

The aim of the Workshop is to share practical experiences and discuss the common challenges related to the implementation of statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals. The meeting will provide a sub-regional overview of progress and challenges in implementing measurement of SDGs in EECCA and SEE countries, based on a survey of national strategies and plans in this area that UNECE carried out in January-February 2017.

The Workshop is linked with the Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs (10-12 April 2017)¹, and participants from the EECCA and SEE countries are expected to attend both meetings. The Expert Meeting will provide a forum for all countries to exchange experience and discuss strategic issues in implementing an SDG measurement system. Participation of the EECCA and SEE countries in this meeting will enable these countries to learn from the experience of the more advanced countries and ensure that they are not left behind in developing statistics for

¹ <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45249>

SDGs. The Workshop will build on the outcomes of the Expert Meeting and focus on the specific challenges and priorities for the EECCA and SEE region.

The target audience of the meeting are senior experts in charge of organising the production and communication of SDG indicators, and coordinating the reporting of SDG indicators in countries. The workshop will be open to all South-East European and EECCA countries, and international organizations dealing with statistics for SDGs in the region, including their regional and country offices.

The Workshop is expected to kick off or accelerate national statistical offices' work on statistics for SDGs by providing practical guidance and sharing of experiences. The expected outcome of the workshop is an increased knowledge of the participating countries concerning the available international guidance on statistics for SDGs and the coordinating role of the national statistical offices in providing statistics for SDGs. The intention is that, as a result, countries would set up national road maps or action plans in this area.

Workshop agenda

The Workshop will build on the global and regional guidance documents, such as the *Global action Plan for Sustainable Development Data* and the *CES Road Map on Statistics for SDGs*, and an analysis of the replies from EECCA and SEE countries to the UNECE survey of countries strategies and plans related to statistics for SDGs. These documents will be presented in the opening of the workshop to set the stage for the discussion. In addition, participating countries who are members of the Inter-Agency Expert Group (IAEG-SDGs) and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building (HLG-PCCB), will be invited to share their experience and provide more detail on the work of these groups.

The workshop will be divided in 3 sessions: (i) sharing experiences and challenges on setting up a system for measurement of SDGs; (ii) SDG indicators tailored to national contexts; and (iii) capacity building.

The first session, “**SDG indicators at global, regional and national frameworks**”, will discuss the link between national, regional and global SDG indicators, and provide practical guidance on developing national SDG indicators. Country member(s) of IAEG-SDG will be invited to explain the setup of the global SDG indicator framework. Selected countries will present their experience in developing and implementing national SDG indicators, including coordination with national stakeholders.

The second session, “**Sharing experiences and challenges on setting up a system for measurement of SDGs**” will focus on setting up the national SDG reporting and reviews, including issues concerning partnership and coordination mechanisms and data flows. Countries will be invited to exchange their experiences on setting up a system for measurement of SDGs, particularly on establishing the coordinating role of the National Statistical Offices, and communicating with other stakeholders in the country.

Lastly, in the third session will focus on the how to translate global and regional action plans in statistics into national strategies and assess the **capacity building** needs of countries. The session will consider how to identify the capacity gaps, and how to organise, prioritise and coordinate capacity building in countries.