Activity of the High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development (HLG)

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HLG Briefly

- HLG was established on March 6, 2015 during the 46th Session of the UN Statistical Commission
- HLG members include 22 countries (rotation will be every 2 years), and regional and international agencies participate as the observers as well
- UN Statistics Division acts as the HLG Secretariat, two Co-Chairs are elected
- Annually, the reports on HLG activities are submitted to the Statistical Commission
**List of HLG Members**

- Chair of the UN Statistical Commission*  
- Brazil  
- East Africa:  
  - Mozambique  
  - Rwanda  
- Central and Southern Africa:  
  - South Africa  
- West Africa:  
  - Cote d'Ivoire  
- North Africa:  
  - Tunisia  
- Western Asia:  
  - State of Palestine  
  - Yemen  
- Central, East, South and South-East Asia:  
  - Mongolia  
  - Pakistan  
  - Malaysia  
  - Kazakhstan  
- Oceania:  
  - Vanuatu  
- Caribbean:  
  - Bahama Islands  
  - Saint Lucia  
- Central and South America:  
  - Argentina  
  - Ecuador  
  - Salvador  
- Eastern Europe:  
  - Hungary  
- Southern Europe:  
  - Italy  
- North America and North and Western Europe:  
  - Denmark  
  - Switzerland  
  - USA  

*Chair of the UN Statistical Commission is the HLG member ex officio*

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**HLG Purpose**

- establishment of a global partnership for sustainable development data

**HLG Main Objectives**

1. Ensure a strategic management of a process of SDG achievement with respect to statistical monitoring and reporting, as per the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

2. Promote a strengthening of the national responsibility for operation of the review system of progress of implementation of the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development, and ensure its capacity building, partnering and coordination of its operation, including ensure a harmonization of monitoring and reporting at the national and global levels.

3. Make recommendations on priority areas of the target financing for capacity building for statistics and support the efforts on resources mobilization, management and implementation monitoring.
HLG Main Objectives

1. Review and if necessary make recommendations, in cooperation with the Interagency Expert Group on SDG indicators, for purposes of assistance in modernization and improvement of information infrastructure and detection of ways of resource involvement and potential contribution of a private sector

2. Make recommendations on involvement of opportunities related to data revolution in the support of SDG achievement as per the recommendations contained in the report prepared by the Independent Consultative Expert Group established by the Secretary General on data revolution for sustainable development goals and entitled “World which thinks: information revolution for sustainable development” with considering the different levels of country development

HLG Main Objectives

1. Encourage cooperation between statistical community and other stakeholders involved in monitoring of implementation of the sustainable development goals and targets coordinated at the global level

2. Provide the guidelines on content and arrangement of the UN World Forum on Sustainable Development Data, and manage the global efforts of statistical community to involve the relevant stakeholders, including civil society, academic community and private sector, and closer cooperation with them
Events Implemented by the HLG

✓ since HLG establishment, 8 meetings have been conducted

✓ the first UN World/Global Forum on Data Use took place on January 15-18, 2017, Cape Town

✓ a draft Global Action Plan for SDG data has been developed

Global Action Plan for SDG Data: Main Areas

Strategic area 1: Coordination and strategic leadership on sustainable development data

• Target 1.1: Strengthen the national statistical systems and coordinating role of the national statistical offices

• Target 1.2: Strengthen a coordination by the international statistical systems and regional and international organizations for production of data and statistics for sustainable development
Global Action Plan for SDG Data: **Main Areas**

**Strategic area 2:** Innovation and modernization of the national statistical systems

- **Target 2.1:** Modernize public management and institutional mechanisms enabling the national statistical systems to meet the needs and opportunities of ever-changing data ecosystems
- **Target 2.2:** Modernize the statistical standards, particularly aimed at promotion of data integration and automation of data exchange at different stages of statistics production process
- **Target 2.3:** Promote the use of new technologies and new data sources in main statistical activities

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**Strategic area 3:** Strengthening of main statistical activities and programs with a particular focus on meeting the monitoring needs of the Agenda 2030

- **Target 3.3:** Strengthen and extend the system of national accounts and system of economic and environmental accounts
- **Target 3.4:** Integrate the geospatial data into statistical production programs at all levels
- **Target 3.5:** Strengthen and extend data by areas which are currently undeveloped as part of official statistics
Global Action Plan for SDG Data: **Main Areas**

**Strategic area 4**: Dissemination and use of sustainable development data

- **Target 4.1**: Develop and promote the innovative strategies for adequate dissemination and use of sustainable development data

**Strategic area 5**: Multiple partnerships for sustainable development data

- **Target 5.1**: Develop and strengthen partnerships of the national and international statistical systems with governments, academic community, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders involved in preparation and use of sustainable development data

**Strategic area 6**: Mobilize resources and coordinate the efforts on statistical capacity building

- **Target 6.1**: Provide resources for implementation of necessary programs and actions specified in the Global Action Plan (both within domestic and international cooperation)
Global Action Plan for SDG Data

- **January 16, 2017** — presentation of the Global Action Plan during the UN World Forum on Data Use, Cape Town

- **March 2017** — presentation of the Global Action Plan to the Statistical Commission for approval by its members

- **May/June 2017** — approval of the Global Action Plan by members of the Economic and Social Council

- **July 2017** — High-Level Policy Forum on Sustainable Development: a side event for submission of updated information about the Global Action Plan

- **September 2017** — approval by the General Assembly

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Thank you for your attention!