The role of INSTAT in National Reporting on SDGs

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Background info on the MDGs

- Albania participated in the adoption process and was a signatory of the Millennium Declaration.
- In 2003 the Parliament adopted a resolution in support of the Millennium Declaration.
- MDGs were core part of the NSDI and other strategic policy documents.
- Albanian Government fully committed to achieve MDG targets.
- Regular reporting integrated in NSDI reporting.

From MDGs to SDGs

The post-2015 development agenda:

- 2010 MDG Summit
- 2012 Rio + 20 Sustainable Development Conference
- NSDI 2014-2020 Sector strategies and policy documents
- EU integration process
Commitment of the government

- In 2015 Albanian Government committed itself to the achievement of the SDGs.

- At the national level, the commitment for agenda 2030 is development through the Integrated Policy Management Groups (IPMG) mechanism.

- Albania has an active role in the work related in mainstreaming of SDGs in national planning, through a UN-Government of Albania (GoA).

NSS in Albania

Official statistics are produced by National Statistical System, composed by three statistical agencies:

- Albanian Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) - Coordinator of the NSS
- Bank of Albania
- Ministry of Finance
INSTAT and ONAs

- INSTAT is preparing 18 MoUs with line ministries and agencies.
- These MoUs will refer to SDGs and inter alia consider the relationship between SDGs and EU Integration related indicators.
- The EU and GoA specified a total of 34 indicators related to the 'Country Strategy Paper' (CSP) for the period 2014-2020 (IPA-II) and 25 sector indicators (for the eight CSP sectors).

Coordination of the SDG in Albania

- The main coordinator of SDGs in Albania is the Department of Development, Financing and Foreign Aid within the Prime Minister’s Office.
- INSTAT will collect, measure and report on SDGs indicators as the main producer of the SDGs indicator.
SDG 16 - Pilot initiative

- Albania, Indonesia, Rwanda, Tunisia and UK participated in a pilot initiative organized by UNDP during 2014 – 2015.
- The aim was to enhance the readiness of participating countries to integrate such goals and related targets into national planning process.
- The Pilot work showed the importance of initiative to help localize Goal 16 targets, with regional and local Institutions.

SDGs and INSTAT

- **SDG 17** has two targets specifically dedicated to statistics:
  - the availability of high-quality
  - timely and reliable disaggregated data
- The process of interaction with GoA ministries and agencies assuring that SDGs are entered into amended versions of current strategies.
- New or follow-up strategies, have the proper local disaggregation of data, targets and indicators.
# SDG and responsible institutions in Albania

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Assessment on the SDG-s

Level of indicators produced by INSTAT in percentage

SDG-s to be produced

Level of indicators to be produced by INSTAT in percentage
Preparation process

• Regular meetings with Prime minister office and INSTAT for coordinating the process.
• Screening of the list of SDG indicators with INSTAT and line ministries and agencies.
• Discussion on the methodology of the baseline report.
• Appointment of the focal points within line ministries and agencies.

Challenges

• Lack of human and financial resources.
• Coordination with the line ministries and agencies.
• Awareness on the importance of the process.
Next steps

• Establishment of a unit at INSTAT for SDGs and monitoring of National Strategies;
  
  *This unit will collect all the indicators from line ministries and agencies provide trainings to the line ministries for data collection, data processing and storage of the data*

• Adoption of the Baseline report

• Establishment of a High Level Committee

• Work on the Action plan

• Workshops on raising awareness for the SDGs

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