Second Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals

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Welcome and Opening of the Expert Meeting

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Session 1: Purpose and Objectives of the Meeting
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Latest developments at the global level

- 49th Session of the UN Statistical Commission;
- High-level Group on Partnership, Cooperation and Capacity Building (HLG-PCCB);
- Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

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Working Methods of the Steering Group and Goals of the Meeting

- The CES Steering Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals - objectives, structure and organisation of works
- Second Expert Meeting - setting the scene

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UNECE CES Steering Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals

- Established in February 2016 by the CES Bureau and approved by EXCOM in December 2017 with the following objectives:
  - to prepare a road map for developing official statistics for SDGs under CES
  - to follow up on the implementation of the road map
- Need for more flexible and efficient organisation of the Steering Group
Structure and organisation of the CES Steering Group

- Four task groups established under the SG:
  - Task Force on National Reporting Platforms (chaired by Sweden)
  - Task Team on Data Flows (France and Turkey)
  - Task Group on Capacity Development (Italy and Montenegro)
  - Task Group on Communication (Russian Federation and United Kingdom)

- Set-up to work on strategic issues identified in the Road Map
- Defined objectives to support implementation of the Road Map in the UNECE Region

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- Objectives:
  - review of progress and challenges in implementing measurement of SDGs
  - exchange experiences
  - share good practices

- Programme focused on strategic issues that countries are facing when developing statistics for SDGs