Regional and Subregional Progress in Implementation of UNECE CES Road Map on Statistics for SDGs

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Approach to Analysis

- **Purpose:** Road Map indicates we will review regional work in six areas by 2018 CES Plenary.

- **Objectives:**
  - Describe progress on implementation of the Road Map
  - Identify regional and subregional gaps
  - Support discussion of regional and subregional priorities

- **Method:**
  - Use results from 2017 April and August UNECE CES information collections, ad hoc updates; IAEG analyses
  - Request country verification/correction
  - Focus this analysis on countries in UNECE region
EECCA Sub-Region Countries

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Republic of Moldova
- Russian Federation
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

SEE Sub-Region Countries

- Albania
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Serbia
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National Road Map (Work Plan) by Subregion: UNECE Countries

Road Maps: General Comments

- National road maps (that is, work plans) are more common among EECCA or SEE countries than other ECE countries.

- EECCA countries have generally written their road maps. SEE countries often are in the preparation stage of their road maps.

- National road maps written by other CES countries may be instructive. See [https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/National+Activities](https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/National+Activities)

- Preparing a template for national road maps may also be useful. The Task Group on Communication of SDG Statistics may consider including something like this in its work schedule.
Assessment: General Comment

- Most ECE countries have completed their national assessment, especially EECCA countries.
- SEE countries are progressing in their assessments.
- The CES self-assessment template for countries on availability of statistics for global indicators may be helpful. See: [http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/SFSDG/](http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/SFSDG/)
- Country national assessment results are posted on the wiki, which may be instructive. See [https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/National+Activities](https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/National+Activities)
National Indicators for the SDGs by ECE Subregion

National Indicators - General Comment

- Choosing to develop national indicators is more common in EECCA countries than SEE or other ECE.
- Understanding which national indicators are commonly proposed among EECCA countries may be instructive if regional indicators are pursued.
- Understanding the impact, if any, of national indicators on reporting of global indicators for global and regional aggregated statistics may be important.
NRPs - General Comment

- Most ECE countries will use an NRP or similar method for monitoring national SDG statistics. Implementation continues for EECCA countries; SEE countries tend to use other methods.

- Gathering information on reliance on existing data flows (with some NSO coordination) will be valuable.

- Papers from Task Force on Reporting SDG Indicators using National Reporting Platforms can facilitate these discussions given national context.

- Several NSO NRPs are on the ECE wiki. Many are open source (free) and can be altered to suit countries' needs. See [https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/National+Activities](https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/National+Activities)
**Voluntary National Reviews by ECE Subregion**

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**Voluntary National Reviews - General comment**

- Most countries in the region have completed or are preparing voluntary national reviews.
- SEE countries are particularly active in this area, and several are preparing reviews currently.
- Suggestions from shared experiences on the incorporation of statistical annexes in VNRs may be welcome.
Some activities tend to occur in "clusters." The most common cluster was VNR and national indicators, followed by national assessments and national indicators in any combination with other elements.

Overall Progress: General comment

- EECCA countries are active in achieving road map milestones; SEE may benefit from peer support

- Formulation of national assessment, national indicators and voluntary national reviews is the most common cluster of activities in ECE.
Tiers 1 and 2 Indicator Availability by UNECE Region and Subregion

No information: Tier 1: 10.4%; Tier 2: 47.2%

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SDG Indicator Availability by Region and Subregion ( >=50%)

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Capacity Development: General Comment

- Regional progress in capacity development requires focus on priorities.
- Identifying priorities begins with assessment of progress.
- From an implementation perspective, ECE has made good progress, although this varies by subregion.
- From an SDG indicator perspective, progress varies by SDG goal and subregion, which should be considered.
- Which gaps should be given priority to address?