Setting the stage

A. Global indicators that have possibility to be produced
B. Complementary national indicators to be decided with other policy making institutions
C. National conditions prior to the discussions

- Better proxies that already exist
- Already produced and potential specific national indicators
- Using global estimates option is not excluded
- Technical & organizational capacity development needs

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A little bit of detail

A. Global indicators
(reclassified, according to national gap assessment)

- Some indicators need to be filtered:
- Irrelevant indicators
- Inoperative indicators
- Country tracking & only aggregated numbers exist
- Country data exist but can only be obtained from CA estimates/calculations
- Absence of metadata makes relevancy vague in some cases

To sum up we have ~195 relevant indicators filtered accordingly

Released/Expected TurkStat press release covers ~ 85 indicators*

But even globally aggregated indicators and 'out of the scope' indicators were listed (=216) in the Official Statistics Programme, 2017-2021

B. Complementary national indicators

Policy makers’ own mandates, goals, contributions
Will be enriched by

a) Policy inventory assessment already conducted by Ministry of Development

b) As well as the 11th Development Plan 2019-2023 being written at the moment

Striking and closely related complementary thematic indicators
(E.g. Labor force participation rate of women in Turkey)

External inputs to the national discussion platform
(EU SDG indicators, old EU/TurkStat SDI set, other national best practices, other thematic sets: circular economy indicators, macroeconomic dashboards, etc.)
C. National conditions prior to the discussions

3 examples:

1. Better proxies that already exist  
   E.g. EU / TurkStat SILC indicators

2. (Not proxy but) Already produced and potential specific national indicators  
   E.g. subjective wellbeing indicators

3. Made huge progress on receiving and utilizing administrative registers but still there are sources to access

Technical & organizational capacity development needs

Organizational needs
These discussions will take place basically in thematic workshops and bilateral meetings this year after the news bulletin and following year

Organizational needs
Communication channels with institutions need to be strengthened (compared to status quo)

Technical needs
Sufficient / Efficient human resources should be assessed for new indicators (rather qualitative need regarding the administrative registers)

Organizational needs
Institutional setting will be complemented specific to SDGs by Ministry of Development, but TurkStat's law is binding to a level as well (coordination mechanism under Ministry of Development)

Financial needs
Financial resources to develop new indicators is a whole different stage
Strategic Choices common to Regional Capacity Development:

- The results of national gap analysis and future anticipation of indicator production of different countries can be clustered
  - New regional / international surveys?

- Also cluster of decisions on not producing specific national level indicators, can be presented to the attention of international agencies

- Long term national projects and / or big events like 2021 Census should be considered with regard to capacity development of SDGs

Expected Outputs and Possible Scenarios as a Result

Best possible increase in the coverage of the global set

- However some indicators are likely to stay in proxy status

- Global estimates to be taken into account?

- What will and won’t be developed on national level should be communicated and coordinated, at least on regional level

- National inputs for the Tier III (and possibly II as well) metadata to be developed will be decisive on the new indicators => Also feedback to the IAEG for major revision suggestions
Expected Outputs and Possible Scenarios as a Result

Best possible coverage of complementary national indicators

- On what level possible national indicators will serve further to the global statistical community (comparability)?
- Other than best practices (Eurostat etc.), is there a way to bring newly adopted methodologies to the table?
- More inputs to EU SDGs indicator sets as well
- Mainstreaming SDGs in the goal setting and in own mandates of other national institutions

Wrap up

- National mechanisms:
  - Policy inventory analysis by Ministry of Development
  - 11th Development Plan that the SDGs will be accommodated in
  - Ministerial coordination of policy makers (expected)
  - Official Statistics Programme and its mechanisms
  - TurkStat centered communication network for discussions

- Steps ahead
  - Workshops and bilateral meetings (current and following year)

- Other inputs:
  - Regional / national best practices
  - Accompanying thematic indicator sets
Thank you for your kind attention

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