Work on SDGs’ indicators in the CIS region

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Work on SDGs indicators

Since 2016 the Statistical Committee of the CIS (CIS-Stat) has been working on SDGs’ indicators in accordance with the decision of the Council of the Heads of Statistical Services of the CIS Member States

Basic steps by now :

- in 2016, a special survey of the opinions of CIS countries on the global list of SDGs’ indicators was conducted;
- a priority regional list of SDGs’ indicators was formed;
- at the end of 2016 on the website of the CIS-Stat the platform “Statistics for SDGs: CIS Region” was created;
- in 2017, a pilot publication of the results of monitoring of the SDGs’ indicators (without any additional burden for the NSS) is planned.
Survey of the Countries’ Opinions (1/2)

The purpose of the survey is the question of the availability of methodology and statistical information in the countries for monitoring progress of implementation of SDGs.

As a result:

- “gaps” in statistical data and in methodology for global list of indicators were identified;
- there are significant problems with the levels of data disaggregation ("completeness of coverage" vs. "level of details of data").

The survey is one of the tools for assessing countries' readiness to report on SDGs' indicators (the UNECE “Roadmap” on Statistics for SDGs, section IV).

Survey of the Countries’ Opinions (2/2)

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For the CIS region the priority list of indicators which contains 111 of the 230 global indicators of the SDGs has been formed.

The list is based on principle of relevance of global indicators for the CIS countries.

The list of indicators for the CIS countries in Russian and English is placed on the website of the CIS-Stat in the section “Statistics for SDGs: CIS region”.

About a third part of the list of 111 relevant indicators for the CIS countries requires additional clarification of the wording or the methodology for calculating them is not available in the countries.

The section “Statistics for SDGs: the CIS region” on the website of the CIS-Stat is a Russian-language information platform for the SDGs for the CIS.

Provides information on:
- the work on the implementation of the SDGs in the CIS region;
- the list of 111 SDGs' indicators for the CIS region;
- publications;
- links on international and national information resources on SDGs.

The interest in the creation of such a platform was expressed by countries and was confirmed at the meeting of experts on statistics for SDGs (Geneva, April 10-12, 2017).
In 2016, the CIS countries began the work on the implementation of the SDGs, in particular:

**Armenia**: The National Council for Sustainable Development was established under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and a special Interdepartmental Commission.

In the program of statistical works for 2016-2018 indicators of sustainable development are identified as a priority area of statistics.

A preliminary assessment of the availability of SDGs’ indicators was carried out.

**Belarus**: The Head of State appointed the Deputy Chairman of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus as the National Coordinator for the SDGs.

Belstat conducted a detailed analysis of each indicator in terms of the feasibility and the possibility of its formation at the national level, as well as the availability of information sources.

On the website of Belstat the statistical indicators of achievement of SDGs are published.

Until the end of 2017, a roadmap of monitoring of the SDGs’ indicators will be established. In the framework of the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2017 the national report of the Republic of Belarus "Eradication of poverty and the promotion of prosperity in a changing world" will be presented.
Work in the countries (3/5)

Russia: In 2017, under the chairmanship of Rosstat, the Expert Group on Information and Statistical Support for Monitoring of the SDGs was established under the Interdepartmental Working Group under the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation. This group included representatives of more than 20 ministries and departments.

Currently, the work on the creation of the section devoted to monitoring the achievement of the SDGs in the Russian Federation on the official website of the Federal State Statistics Service is underway.

Work in the countries (4/5)

Tajikistan: By the order of the Director of the Agency on Statistics, a Working Group on SDGs was established. The heads of all branch departments and departments of the central apparatus are the members of this group.

At the initiative of the CIS Statistical Committee, the Agency carried out the inventory of the statistical and methodological base of the SDGs’ indicators.

The Republic of Tajikistan has taken the initiative to conduct a Voluntary National Review of the implementation of SDGs and to present its results at the High-level Political Forum in 2017.
**Work in the countries (5/5)**

**Kazakhstan**: The Committee on Statistics of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan has analyzed the availability of information and data sources of SDGs’ indicators. It is planned to approve the National Action Plan (with the participation of interested parties).

**Kyrgyzstan**: The website of the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic contains a scheme of information cooperation for future work on SDGs’ indicators.

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**Next steps**

Directions of the nearest efforts:

1) Implementation of the UNECE Roadmap on the basis of national strategies for achieving SDGs of the CIS countries.

2) Obtaining the methodological assistance on SDGs’ indicators from international organizations (custodian agencies - WHO, ILO, FAO, World Bank).

We would like to count on the support of the UNECE Statistical Division in this context.
Thank you for your attention