

Terms of reference for the Inter-agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

1. The Inter-agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) will:
 - (a) Develop an indicator framework and a list of indicators for the monitoring of the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda at the global level, taking into account existing efforts by different groups of countries and organizations, including regional and international agencies, regional commissions, academia, civil society and other relevant international organisations, to be adopted by the Statistical Commission at its 47th session in 2016;
 - (b) Provide technical support for the implementation of the approved indicator and monitoring framework over the 15-year period towards 2030; ensure the use of harmonized and agreed indicator definitions; share experiences on monitoring the sustainable development goals; and encourage good practices and innovations, including in the area of national capacity-building;
 - (c) Regularly review methodological developments and issues related to the indicators and their metadata;
 - (d) Report on progress towards the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda at the global level, based on global and regional aggregates, as mandated;
 - (e) Regularly review capacity-building activities in statistical areas relevant to sustainable development goal monitoring and make recommendations to be considered by the Statistical Commission, the High-level Group for post-2015 monitoring and the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities;
 - (f) Review and support work by the Secretariat for the development of a sustainable development goal data-user forum, tools for data analysis and an open dashboard on the state of sustainable development goals.
2. The group will consist of 28 representatives of national statistical offices and include, as observers, representatives of regional commissions and regional and international agencies, including those responsible for global reporting on the MDGs, to provide important technical advice and support as needed. Members of the group will be nominated through existing regional mechanisms¹ for an initial period of two years (after which some are expected to be rotated as agreed by the respective regional mechanisms) with a view to ensure equitable regional representation and technical expertise and including members of the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. Non-member

¹ Statistical Commission for Africa, Conference of European Statisticians, Statistical Conference of the Americas, Committee on Statistics, ESCAP and Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

countries may send their representatives to participate in the activities of the group as observers.

3. The United Nations Statistics Division will be the secretariat of the group. Member States that are part of the IAEG-SDGs will elect two Co-Chairs. The existing global monitoring groups, generally composed of representatives of national statistical systems and experts from international agencies, working on specific indicators, will contribute to the work of the Inter-agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators as deemed appropriate by the IAEG-SDGs. In addition, as deemed appropriate, global monitoring groups will be formed bringing together national and international experts that will support the IAEG-SDGs on the selection and definition of indicators and data compilation and reporting to monitor progress in new and emerging areas covered by the new goals and targets.
4. The group will conduct its work in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, and will invite experts, as appropriate, from civil society, academia and the private sector to contribute their expertise and experiences on indicators and innovative data compilation methods.
5. The group will meet physically twice a year, and otherwise conduct its work electronically. Participation in the physical meetings is self-funded. A limited number of developing countries that are members of the group may receive funding, if available and according to practices followed in the Inter-agency Expert Group on Millennium Development Goal indicators. In this connection, a trust fund is expected to be established to mobilize resources in support of the work of the IAEG-SDGs.
6. The group will report annually to the Statistical Commission and seek guidance from it. In its report the group will provide an annex listing the activities of various groups relevant for post-2015 monitoring.