Forum Guide

Session 1 - What are the data needs for measuring and monitoring the SDGs?
4 December 2017

**Topic:**
The session will discuss where countries stand vis-à-vis to the SDGs and what their needs are in terms of data for measuring and monitoring the SDGs.

**Objectives of the session:**
The session aims to showcase the experiences of selected countries on the process and tools (OECD’s distance to target method, PARIS21’s ADAPT tool, etc.) they have used to identify where they are currently positioned vis-a-vis the SDG targets. Presenters will discuss the stakeholders they involved (NSO, Ministry of Planning, development partners, etc.), the resources and time needed to complete the exercise and the process of prioritising SDG indicators and decisions on data needed for the measurement of the SDG indicators.

The session will start with a presentation by the OECD Statistics Directorate on their approach and the results of their study on where the OECD countries stand vis-à-vis the SDG targets. This will be followed by presentations from 4 countries, two OECD countries and two developing countries, on their experiences to establish where they currently are vis-a-vis the SDG targets and how they prioritise their statistical work related to the SDGs.

**Presentations and discussion:**

Chair: Philomen Harrison (Caricom)

1. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**OECD countries distance (with respect to the ‘target values’) to SDG targets:** The approach and the results of the OECD study will be presented on where countries stand vis-à-vis the SDG targets, as well as challenges for countries when adapting the measurement framework to national settings, and setting targets accordingly.

**Country experiences:** How countries establish where they currently are vis-a-vis the SDG targets and how they prioritise their statistical work related to the SDGs. The countries will highlight the process and tools used during the exercise.

2. Mr. Hugo G. Von Meijenfeldt, Coordinator National Implementation SDGs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
3. Mrs. Aneta Haimannová, Sustainable Development Unit, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

4. Mr. Candido Astrologo, Assistant National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority


Discussion set-up: The presenters and Chair will be seated at the head of the round table with other Forum participants.

Stage management: The Session will begin with the Chair’s brief introduction of Session 1 and its objectives, immediately followed by the introduction of the different presenters and their respective topics. There will be a total of 4 presentations that will run for 60 minutes. An open forum with questions and comments from the other participants will follow.

- Each presenter will be invited to give a maximum of 15 minutes to present the pre-identified topics indicated above. The questions reflected above as well as the guiding questions below are meant to guide the discussion. Presenters are given flexibility to focus their presentation on what they perceive as best practice in their country keeping in mind the topic proposed above.

- After the presentations, other Forum participants will have the opportunity to share further examples of best practices, draw in new ideas, or ask questions to presenters. 30 minutes will be allocated for the open forum and questions. The Chair may pose some questions to facilitate the discussion.

- The session will close with a brief summary of the session.

Reminder: To ensure effective management of the session, presenters are kindly reminded to observe the following:

- PowerPoint presentation should be limited to a maximum of 10 slides.

- Be conscious of the maximum time allocation for each presentation – 15 minutes.

- Provide PARIS21 with advance copy of your presentation by 27 November 2017.

Guiding questions:

1. What are the tools used by your country to establish the distance vis-à-vis the SDGs? How have targets been set for this purpose?

2. What types of data sources is your country planning to use for measuring and monitoring the SDGs?

3. What kind of capacity is needed to help identify data gaps in the SDG context?

4. How is your country mainstreaming the NSDS/National Statistical Plan into the national development process?

5. How is your country mainstreaming the NSDS/National Statistical plan to allow data collection to produce all the data needed for the SDGs?
6. What can donors do to help developing countries’ data generation activities in the SDGs context?