

159th Session of the FAO Council (CL 159)

Side Event: Tracking Sustainable Development Goals on the road to 2030

Wednesday, 6th June 2018 from 12.45 to 14.00, Sheikh Zayed Centre

About the event: The event will present the recent initiatives undertaken by FAO to track progress towards the SDGs.

FAO has been identified by the UN Statistical Commission as the custodian agency for 21 of the over 230 global indicators selected to monitor the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). In response to this challenge, the Organization has stepped up its efforts to support countries in collecting, analyzing and reporting data for the SDG indicators.

In this connection, representatives of member countries will be informed about the comprehensive array of statistical capacity development and dissemination initiatives deployed by FAO, which include:

- [E-learning courses](#)
- Regional training workshops
- Hands-on technical assistance
- [SDG Data Portal](#)

Participants will also be briefed on future plans and will be engaged in a discussion aimed at identifying further needs and gaps at national level.

Purpose: The purpose of the event is twofold. On the one hand, it aims to raise awareness of the importance of producing and using high quality and disaggregated data to track progress towards the SDGs. The tools and services offered by FAO will

help broaden the pool of national experts on SDG monitoring, thus ensuring large-scale uptake and impact.

On the other hand, FAO experts will actively seek opportunities for strengthening cooperation with countries on the road to 2030.

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Responsible office: Office of Chief Statistician

Panellists:

- **Maria Helena Semedo** Deputy Director-General Climate and Natural Resources
- **Pietro Gennari**, FAO Chief Statistician
- **Marcela Villarreal**, Director Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division
- **Cristina Petracchi** FAO e-learning Team Leader, Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DDN)

Related links:

- More information on SDG indicators: <http://www.fao.org/sustainable-development-goals/indicators/en/>
- E-learning courses on SDG Indicators: <https://elearning.fao.org/>

Languages: English, French, Spanish

Webcast link: <http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/4751/icode/>

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Moderator **Marcela Villarreal**, Director Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division

OPENING REMARKS

12:45 - 12:50 **Opening Remarks**

Maria Helena Semedo
Deputy Director-General
Climate and Natural
Resources (DDN)

SUPPORT COUNTRIES IN TRACKING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SDGs

12:50 - 13:10 **FAO statistical assistance for
SDG indicators monitoring**

Pietro Gennari
Chief Statistician

13:10 - 13:20 **Free and universally accessible,
the FAO e-learning courses on
SDG Indicators**

Cristina Petracchi
FAO e-learning Team Leader,
Partnerships and
South-South
Cooperation Division

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

13:20 - 13:55 **Questions & Answers**

Countries & Presenters

CLOSING REMARKS

13:55 - 14:00 **Closing Remarks**

Marcela Villarreal
Director
Partnerships and
South-South
Cooperation Division

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish

The event will be **webcast**

