



IDWG on Statistics sub-group on SDG indicators relevant to FAO Terms of Reference - 15/04/2016

Scope of Work

The sub-group will act as a forum for coordinating the activities of different groups working on SDG indicators and advancing the harmonization of data collection tools and standards for methodological development. The goal is to constitute a streamlined network where information is shared, discussed and coordinated with the aim of ensuring a coherent and effective tutelage of the SDG indicators under FAO custodianship.

Output 1: Ensure coordination of SDG-indicator related work at FAO

Activities:

- Share timely information on decisions by the IAEG-SDG, the HLG and the UN Statistical Commission insofar as they affect the work of FAO;
- Share timely information on requests and deadlines transmitted to FAO by UNSD;
- Share timely information on decisions by FAO senior management insofar as they affect SDG implementation and particularly the work on SDG-indicators;
- Ensure that different groups working on SDG indicators receive appropriate technical support from the Chief Statistician in the development of methodologies and standards;
- Ensure that FAO speaks with one voice in its exchanges with UNSD and the IAEG-SDG by coordinating all inputs through the Chief Statistician.

Output 2: Ensure an effective custodianship of SDG indicators under FAO's responsibility

Individually and collectively, the sub-group and its members will be responsible for:

- Collecting data from national sources, in accordance with the *FAO Guidelines and Principles* for data collection;
- Providing the storyline for the annual global SDG progress reports;
- Providing and updating metadata;
- Working on further methodological development, including international standards;
- Contributing to statistical capacity building;
- Developing the SDMX data structure when necessary;
- Coordinating with other agencies and stakeholders interested in the indicator development.

Organization of work

- The sub-group is composed of focal points of SDG indicators under FAO custodianship, who have been ratified at ADG/Division Director level (see table of FAO-led SDG indicators).
- The sub-group will mostly communicate via e-mail and will meet under the chairmanship of the Chief Statistician when required and at least once every two months.
- Focal point alternates, as well as officers working on SDG indicators to which FAO is only a contributor, may participate in extended meetings when appropriate.
- Other FAO units can be consulted and involved in specific matters as needed.