

# Task Force on reporting SDG indicators using National Reporting Platforms

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## Task Force mandate



- Terms of Reference approved by the CES Bureau in October 2016
- Members: Poland (chair), Canada, Germany, Mexico, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States and UNECE (Secretariat)
- The objective – to facilitate the country decision about the national reporting mechanism on global SDG indicators, specifically about the development of National Reporting Platform (NRP)
- Created for 2016-2018 to work in two stages:
  - I. Documentation of NRPs key features and recognition of conditions for developing NRPs - by October 2017
  - II. Assisting CES countries in replicating best practices on NRPs – by October 2018

## Basic assumptions

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- TF work focused on national organisation of reporting mechanisms
  - ✓ implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the follow-up and review processes at all levels will be country-led and based on data provided by national statistical systems
- Countries choose the model of reporting indicators best suited to their conditions and capabilities
- Special attention given to NRPs (as one of several possible approaches towards reporting of SDG indicators)

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## Documenting key features of NRPs

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- Experience from countries having NRPs gathered (dedicated questionnaire completed by Germany, Mexico, Poland and US)
  - Different approaches for developing NRPs
  - Similar general framework (e.g. open source licences, presentation of data and metadata)
  - Differences in detailed solutions (e.g. specific facilities for users)
  - Considerable advantages of NRPs
- Description of NRPs – draft report
  - Assessment of the NRPs suitability
  - Inventory of the key features of existing NRPs
  - Pros and cons of NRPs

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## Preparing guidelines for countries

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- Guidelines for national SDG indicators reporting mechanisms
- Models for national reporting on global SDG indicators (from centralised to decentralised reporting model)
- Role of main actors in data flows (national data providers, UNSD, Regional Commissions, other IO)
- Considerations when selecting data reporting model
  - Quality assurance mechanisms
  - Countries' attitude towards SDG implementation
  - Existing models for reporting statistics

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## First conclusions from the TF works

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- Selecting a mechanism for national reporting model for SDG indicators of crucial importance
- Assessment of capabilities and limitations needed to choose the most suitable reporting model
- Practices on existing NRPs are helpful to decide about:
  - the need for NRP
  - type of NRP

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## Next steps

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- Further works on Guidelines
- Report from the 1st stage will be delivered to the CES Bureau in October 2017
- Work plan for the 2nd stage will be developed, considering outcomes from Expert Meeting
- Issues to be considered going forward:
  - Practices from international organisations using NRPs
  - Links between platforms (automatic reading mechanisms)