Developing a national Road Map on statistics for SDGs

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– preparing a road map with key stakeholders
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Strengthening national mechanisms for coordination, collaboration and partnerships in relation to statistics

National Coordination Mechanisms

- National Council on Sustainable Development of Armenia, Prime-Minister of RA
- Interagency Commission coordinating the Sustainable Development Process in Armenia, Deputy Chief of Government Staff

Road Map to Nationalize *the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Armenia*

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Thematic working groups to Interagency Commission

1. Social - Goals 1, 2, 3 and 17
2. Economic - Goals 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 17
3. Environmental - Goals 6, 13, 14, 15 and 17
4. Legal and Democratic Equality - Goals 4, 5, 10, 16 and 17

The work of all working groups is carried out with the participation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **the National Statistical Service** and the UN Office

NSSRA is represented in all groups and actively participates in all the meetings of the groups

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Nationalization of SDGs

Stage 1. Priority definition

Stage 2. Integration

Stage 3. Localization

Stage 4. Monitoring

Stage 5. Results reporting

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The role of the NSSRA

- **Plays a key role within the national coordination system**
- Contributes to strengthening inter-agency cooperation to meet the challenges of SDGs
- Supports on measuring SDGs to achieve consistency in the work of national stakeholders, information exchange and discussion and implementation of international methodology and standards
- Coordinates the production of data and metadata, development of SDGs indicators tailored to the national context, and new data sources when appropriate, dissemination and communication and reporting
- Ensures appropriate mechanisms for data validation and quality
- Closely collaborates with the policy-makers to identify the roles and responsibilities

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National Strategy for Development of Statistics

- Three-year State Statistical Work Program of the Republic of Armenia for 2016-2018, Law, 1 January 2016.

  - Post-2015 Development Agenda. Sustainable Development Goals indicators, indicated as a priority statistics area, Sub-item 14, Item 24, PART 4. INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL COOPERATION

  (http://www.armstat.am/file/doc/99498783.pdf)

On Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals

- establishing mechanisms for national collaboration,
- assessing the readiness of Armenia to report on global SDG indicators,
- developing national and sub-national indicators,
- reporting of SDG indicators,
- capacity building, and
- communicating statistics for SDGs.

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Gap analysis

Self-assessment

- ❖ 105 (42.9 %) indicators, fully compliant with the definition
- ❖ 94 (38.4 %) indicators, mostly compliant with the definition
- ❖ 34 (13.8 %) indicators, partly compliant with the definition
- ❖ 12 (4.9 %) indicators, problematic

Data availability

78% available data, of which
➢ 44% available and published
➢ 7% available and published,
  but definition differs
➢ 20% available, but requires additional
  database development
➢ 14% could be collected, but requires new
  mechanisms and tools
➢ 15% needs to be checked for the
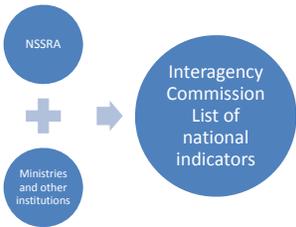 methodological correspondence

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Developing national SDG indicators

• The process of developing national and sub-
national indicators is going on through
discussions and consultations in the sectoral
working groups.

PARTNERSHIP
DATA
FOR SDGs

NSSRA

Ministries
and other
institutions

Interagency
Commission
List of
national
indicators

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Examples of national indicators

Goal 1. **End poverty in all its forms everywhere**	• **Target 1.5 By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters** • **Global Indicator 1.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population** • **National indicator - Number of natural disasters by origin**
Goal 6. **Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all**	•**Target 6.1 By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all** •**Global Indicator 6.1.1 Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services** •**National Indicator - Proportion of population using safe drinking water** •**Target 6.2 By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations** •**Global Indicator 6.2.1 Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services, including a hand-washing facility with soap and water** •**National Indicator - Proportion of population using sanitary-hygienic services defined by sanitation norms**
Goal 11. **Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable**	•**Target 11.5 By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations** •**Global Indicator 11.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population** •**National Indicator - Number of victims recorded at the time of the disaster**

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Coordination of capacity building and identifying priority needs

- Assessment of capacity building needs, in the first stage, on indicators of Tier 2, and assessment of capacity gap to produce global and national data (data provider and source, coverage, periodicity, disaggregation, etc.).
- Assessment of training needs and technical support.
- Negotiations with donors to support to strengthen a statistical capacity, including capacity of administrative bodies.
- **UNDP+UNFPA (knowledge),**
- **UNFPA - National Reporting Platform (NRP)**
- **Share of countries experiences and new approaches.**

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Communicating statistics for SDGs

NSSRA is going to launch a dedicated webpage and post information on SDGs at the Website.
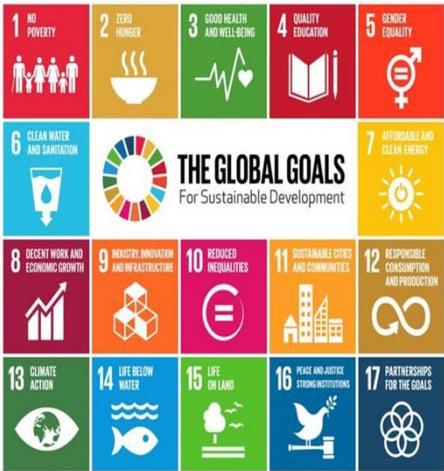
- **First step - publishing a table with the SDG indicators in Excel format at the NSSRA website. NSSRA is currently finalizing the compilation of the SDGs Excel table with including all available data, with time series from 2015 onwards, and definitions of indicators and data sources.**
- **Next step - developing a web-based National Reporting Platform for SDGs indicators.**

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National Reporting Platform

National Reporting Platform (NRP) is a tool for disseminating and reporting national statistics for the global SDG indicators that provide the framework for monitoring progress towards SDGs.

NPR

- comparable, timely, transparent and publicly accessible
- user-friendly.

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Challenges

Lack of:

➢ methodology

➢ data and data sources

➢ level of disaggregation

➢ quality of administrative registers

➢ institutional infrastructure

➢ capacity

Conclusion

- Enhancing coordination at international and national levels, and coordination of capacity building in countries
- Strengthening statistical capacity
- Developing national road map on statistics for SDGs/action plan for the implementation of national-level indicators
- Establishing reporting systems/data flow
- Reducing reporting burden
- Using common tools and platforms
- Training on SDGs.

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Thank you

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