

Subject: Third Expert Meeting on statistics for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 15-16 April 2019, Geneva, Switzerland
Workshop on statistics for SDGs, 17-18 April 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that, as part of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) work programme, the Third Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals will take place on **15-16 April 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland**.

The Expert Meeting will provide a platform to share experience in implementation of the CES *Road Map on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals*. Specifically, the third meeting will look at:

- 1) **coordination of data flows for global SDG statistics**, including technical aspects of data transmission;
- 2) **effective communication** of SDG statistics;
- 3) **statistical capacity development for SDGs – and beyond**; and
- 4) **national SDG indicators**.

The Expert Meeting will also collect input for preparing the second edition of the *Road Map on statistics for SDGs*. The meeting is organized by a UNECE Steering Group co-chaired by Poland and Sweden, including a number of countries representing different regions, Eurostat, OECD and UNECE.

The meeting is aimed at senior experts in charge of organizing the production and communication of SDG indicators and coordinating the reporting of statistics for SDGs in their countries or international organization.

All participants are required to register online at: <https://bit.ly/2QTzFST> **by 8 March 2019. Please forward this invitation to other agencies involved in using or producing statistics for SDGs in your country.**

English–French–Russian interpretation will be provided. Documents, presentations and the information note for the meeting will be available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48570>.

To: Heads of National Statistical Offices
Heads of International Relations Departments of NSOs
Head of Statistical Departments of International Organizations

Countries and organizations wishing to prepare papers or presentations for the meeting should contact Ms. Tiina Luige: tiina.luige@un.org by **8 February 2019**.

Kindly note that back-to-back with the Expert Meeting, a **workshop** on statistics for SDGs for the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-East Europe will take place on **17-18 April 2019**. The workshop will focus on:

- 1) **use of geospatial data and methods**; and
- 2) **data disaggregation** of statistics for SDGs.

All interested countries are welcome to attend the workshop. The online registration link to the workshop is: <https://bit.ly/2suDNyV>.

We look forward to your participation in the Expert Meeting and the workshop.

Yours sincerely,



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