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## UNSC Criteria for the Implementation of the Guidelines on Data Flows and Global Data Reporting for SDGs

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### Background: A bit of history


UNSC 48 requested  
 IAEG-SDG to develop  
 guidelines

UNSC 49 welcomed guidelines as initial  
 step and requested IAEG-SDGs to work  
 jointly with CAs to prepare criteria for  
 implementation



IAEG-SDG elaborated guidelines,  
 carried out a global consultation  
 and submitted revised guidelines  
 to UNSC 49

IAEG-SDG and CCSA  
 elaborated criteria for  
 implementation together  
 and submitted them to  
 UNSC 50

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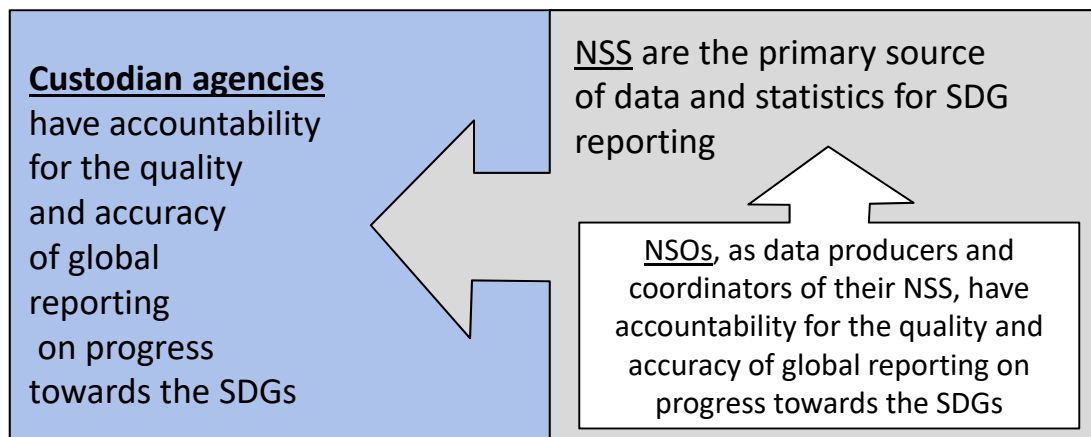


## Scope of the criteria for implementation

- » Living document to be amended as new best practices emerge
- » Focus on statistical indicators
- » Complemented by background document on “Best Practices in Data Flows and Global Data Reporting for the SDGs”
- » Basis:
  - » Official statistics and data from NSS constitute the basis for the global indicator framework
  - » Role of national statistical offices as the coordinator of the NSS
  - » All activities of the global statistical system must be conducted in full adherence to the FPOS and in case of CAs also the principles governing international statistical activities



## Understanding of roles





## Commitment of international and supranational statistical agencies

- » Provide metadata and methodological guidance
- » Consult with NSS on identifying the most appropriate statistical methods and data sources for SDG indicators
- » Document and publish data sources and methods
- » Copy NSO in data requests, provide a list of all national data providers and a data collection calendar
- » Use existing reporting mechanisms or NRPs
- » Establish data sharing arrangements between CAs



## Commitment of international and supranational statistical agencies II

- » Base international time series for SDGs on national official data sources if NSS produce and release data or estimates consistent with global metadata
- » Allow NSS to review country-specific data and estimates of SDGs prior to release
- » Explain possible discrepancies between national and international data
- » Ensure ongoing dialogue with MS on national data reported for global monitoring of the SDGs, in particular when there are disagreements
- » Provide technical assistance to MS for SDGs



## Commitment of Member States

- » Produce data for global SDG indicators based on global metadata
- » Provide necessary data and metadata to custodian agencies
- » Use existing reporting mechanisms or NRPs
- » Submit necessary methodological information to CAs in order to adjustments for international comparability
- » Review information provided by CAs and notify CAs if any issues are identified
- » Ensure ongoing dialogue with CAs on national data reported for global monitoring of the SDGs in particular when there are disagreements



## Way forward

UN Statistical Commission 50<sup>th</sup> session:

“(e) Expressed its appreciation for [...] the collaborative work that took place between the IAEG-SDGs and the CCSA, and endorsed the “Criteria for the implementation of the guidelines on data flows and global data reporting for the Sustainable Development Goals”, [...]

(g) Took note of the request that non-response of countries should not be considered as consent to publish; “

Encouraged continuous sharing of best practices on data flows as well as their automation (e.g. via NRPs) with a view to reducing the reporting burden for countries and supporting country ownership of data.

# THANK YOU!

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