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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe****Reports on the work of the Conference of European Statisticians, its Bureau and Teams of Specialists****Implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission  
for Europe Statistical Programme 2020****Addendum****Report of the Fourth Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable  
Development Goals****Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>***Summary*

The document presents the key outcomes of the Fourth Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals, organized in three virtual sessions during 22-27 April 2020.

The meeting was organized following a decision of the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2019 (ECE/CES/2019/13). The report is submitted to the Conference of European Statisticians for information.

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<sup>1</sup> This document was submitted late for document processing as clearances from relevant parties were received late.



## I. Attendance

1. The virtual sessions of the Fourth Expert Meeting were attended by Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechia, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Uzbekistan.
2. The meeting was also attended by representatives from the European Commission, represented by Eurostat, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS (CIS-STAT), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Human Rights Council (OHCHR), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN), UN Women, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO) and UN Country Teams. Representatives from Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei also attended.

## II. Organization of the meeting

3. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the physical meeting planned to be held in Budapest was replaced by three virtual sessions organized and chaired by the members of the Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs and its Task Teams.
  1. The following topics guided the discussion of the three webinars:
    - (a) Leave No One Behind – 22 April, 15.00-17.00;
    - (b) Use of Statistics for SDGs – beyond indicators – 23 April, 15.00-17.00;
    - (c) National SDG indicators and Voluntary National Reviews – 27 April, 15.00-17.00.
  2. All documents and video recordings of the sessions are available at: <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=52560>.

### A. Decisions and recommendations for further work

4. The Steering Group on statistics for SDGs together with the UNECE secretariat and other interested countries and organizations will prepare a second edition of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) *Road Map on statistics for SDGs*, taking into account input received from the Expert Meeting and the Workshop. The proposed general timeline for the preparation is as follows:
  - (a) The draft version of the Road Map will be updated and discussed during the virtual meeting of the Steering Group on 8-10 September 2020;
  - (b) a final draft will be sent for electronic consultation to countries participating in the work of Conference of European Statisticians in spring 2021 and submitted to the Conference of European Statisticians for adoption in June 2021;
5. The three task teams working under the Steering Group on statistics for SDGs on (i) data transmission, (ii) communication, and (iii) capacity development will continue their work under the current mandate and terms of reference.

6. A Task Team on UNECE Regional Platform was established by the 67<sup>th</sup> Conference of European Statisticians to develop a regional platform on statistics for SDGs consisting of a (i) knowledge hub, (ii) dashboard of indicators, and (iii) database. The knowledge hub and dashboard were launched in February 2020 and the database in April 2020.

7. The next Expert Meeting and Workshop on statistics for SDGs are planned to take place during 29 March – 1 April 2021 in Budapest, Hungary, kindly hosted by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (if a physical meeting will be possible at that time).

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