

UNECE

**Measuring and Monitoring  
progress towards the  
Sustainable Development Goals**



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Forest Land  
and Housing

Sustainable  
Transport

Environment

Economic  
Cooperation  
and Trade



Statistics

Sustainable  
Energy



## UNECE Nexus on Measuring and Monitoring progress towards SDGs

- Developing countries' statistical capacities
- Defining methods and choosing indicators for the SDGs
- Data production for (e.g.) water, transport, forestry statistics
- Considering the SDGs in policy formulation (e.g., infrastructure planning, Environmental Performance Reviews).

# REPORT

- National challenges in measuring and monitoring the SDGs
- Global, regional and national responses
- Conclusions and policy recommendations

## Input

- 2020 survey (51 countries out of 56)
- Wide consultation of and contributions from all UNECE divisions
- Regional Coordination Group on Data and Statistics (UN agencies, UN Country Teams)
- Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs of the Conference of European Statisticians (countries)

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- **Coordination and collaboration**
  - Lead coordinating agency
- **Financial and human resources**
  - Adequate human and financial resources
  - NSO access to data and inter-agency working groups
  - NSO access to administrative and non-traditional data sources
- NSO and NSS members familiarize with the tools and guidance from UNECE
- UNECE to encourage regional and global organizations with initiatives, to support SDG measurement and monitoring
- **Defining and supporting the role of national statistical offices**
  - UNECE to deepen its engagement with national governments and UN Country Teams in the region to support NSOs



- **Modernization**
  - UNECE should work with other regional and global organizations to assist NSOs in moving beyond the promise of modernization
- **Strengthening basic statistics and accounts**
  - UNECE should demonstrate leadership in the domain of SDG measurement and monitoring by working across traditional structures to support member States (Road Map on Statistics for SDGs, version 2.0)
- **Dissemination and communication**
  - UNECE should promote the development and implementation of SDG dissemination and communication platforms and the use of standardized solutions for data and metadata transfer and exchange, following internationally agreed standards (SDMX, for example).
- **Human and financial resources**
  - Countries should act upon the Dubai Declaration's call for increased funding for measurement and monitoring



- Measuring and Monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals [https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/2012761\\_E\\_web.pdf](https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/2012761_E_web.pdf) (and freely available in hardcopy)
- Nexus page - <https://unece.org/measuring-and-monitoring-progress-towards-sdgs>
- 2020 Member States survey on challenges in measurement and monitoring the SDGs  
<https://statswiki.unece.org/display/SFSDG/REGIONAL+INITIATIVES?preview=/256970750/285212814/NEXUS%20survey%20results.docx>