Sharing of Experience and Lessons Learned: Reporting Methodology for Monitoring of Private Finance Contribution to Sustainable Development

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Introduction: Rationale and Objective to SDG Reporting

• In 2015, Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
• Relevant data on companies’ contribution towards SGDs is critical for assessing the progress of SDG implementation.
• Within the context of the 2030 Agenda, ISAR contributes to enhancing the role of enterprise reporting in assessing the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation towards facilitation of sustainable finance and investment.
UNCTAD Tools of the 13th Development Account

- Accounting Development Tool (ADT)
- Guidance on Core Indicators for entity reporting on contribution towards implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (GCI)
- E-learnings/ Manual for the GCI
- Training Manual on Accounting for Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- Policy Guide “Tackling the Sustainability Reporting Challenge”
Development Account 13th Tranche Project
Background
COVID-19 has exacerbated challenges associated with SDG financing.

INFFs is a country-owned framework for unlocking financing at the national level.

INFFs can help governments raise SDG financing and align all financing with sustainable development.

INFFs strengthen coherence across financing policies.
INFF Project Structure

Monitoring and review helps governments track progress and draw lessons for policy design and implementation of the Project activities.

UNCTAD Project Building Block Monitoring and Review
Building Block 3 Monitoring and Review

STEP 1

ESTABLISH THE BASELINE

Identify relevant monitoring and review systems already in place (Assessment of the Reporting Infrastructure, UNCTAD ADT).

Assess the ‘enabling environment’ for strengthening existing systems (buy-in, roles and responsibilities, data systems and available capacity).

STEP 2

STRENGTHEN EXISTING SYSTEMS, CLOSE GAPS IF NEEDED

- Forging alliances among stakeholders
- Enhancing integration of existing systems
- Articulating a data development plan and making use of needs-based IT solutions
- Leveraging insight and lessons learned from peers and regional or global knowledge-sharing platforms.

Identify areas that would benefit from development partners’ support that leads to the relevant capacity-building activities.
Main objectives of the project

• **National level (2022-2023):** The project aims to support the country to mobilize and align financing with the national sustainable development priorities, in particular in the context of addressing the significant impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on both financing needs and on the availability of public and private financing for sustainable development. Beneficiary countries in the region: Kyrgyzstan and Belarus.

• **Regional level (2024):** The project also aims to facilitate regional and global knowledge exchange, enabling mutual learning at the regional level and knowledge transfer at the global level.
Regional Panel: Key Objectives

1. Report on the key deliverables of the project
2. Introduce beneficiary countries to the region
3. Share lessons learned from the project activities
4. Facilitate knowledge exchange among the key stakeholders
5. Discuss next steps on the further implementation and replication of the project activities in the region
## UNCTAD project activities in the CIS

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ADT Assessment of the Reporting Infrastructure

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## Republic of Belarus

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**ADT Assessment of the Reporting Infrastructure**

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