

Case study for Road Map on Statistics for SDGs 2.0
Russian Federation: National coordination mechanisms for SDGs

Description

The Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) is authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation to coordinate the activities of the federal authorities on the collection and submission of official statistics on SDG indicators to the international organizations.

The active work on SDG monitoring at the national level began in 2016. Rosstat joined the Interdepartmental Working Group under the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation on issues related to climate change and sustainable development (IWG), which is headed by the presidential adviser, at the end of 2016. Since that moment the group began to discuss the SDGs monitoring in the country.

In February 2017 a special expert group on information and statistical support for monitoring SDGs was established for a detailed elaboration of the SDG indicators. This group is chaired by Rosstat and includes representatives of more than twenty ministries and agencies. The representatives of various Russian scientific institutions and expert community also take part in the work of the expert group.

Russia has a decentralized statistical system. The majority of federal authorities work with the international organizations independently in their statistical domain. That's why a set of coordination mechanisms for official statistics at the national level is needed.

The procedure for providing statistical information on SDG indicators to international organizations is also defined. The main document in the Russian Federation, which contains lists of works on the formation of official statistical information, is the Federal Plan of Statistical Work (FPSW). It contains lists of producers of official statistics and the works performed by them with the indication of frequency, level of aggregation, and terms of providing data to users. Rosstat is a coordinating body of the Federal Plan of Statistical Works.

In 2017 a subsection "Sustainable Development Goals Indicators of the Russian Federation" was included in FPSW with 88 indicators from the global list of SDG indicators. To date, 123 global SDG indicators are included in the FPSW. 67 indicators are the responsibility of Rosstat, and 56 indicators are provided by 23 ministries and agencies and the Bank of Russia.

All official statistical information produced within the Federal Plan of Statistical Works must be uploaded to the Unified Interdepartmental Statistical Information System (UniSIS). This is an open national platform for data dissemination. Currently, it contains official statistics for more than 7000 indicators from 65 federal authorities. A special SDG domain has been activated in the UniSIS immediately after creation of the SDG subsection in the Federal Plan of Statistical Works. All the authorities provide information in accordance with the determined timeline. Published data are accompanied by metadata, data and open data presentation mechanism, and contact information.

Advantages

The development of FPSW is carried out in accordance with the basic principles of official statistics and on the basis of a rational choice of sources to form official statistical information to ensure its completeness, reliability, taking into account

the interests of users, as well as to reduce the burden on respondents and avoid duplication in the work of producers of official statistics. FPSW is approved by the Government of the Russian Federation and is binding on all Russian Federal Executive authorities.

Challenges

Updating the Federal Plan of Statistical Works is a rather lengthy administrative procedure that requires a lot of time for approval.

Future steps

Rosstat is currently preparing to launch the Digital Analytical Platform for Providing Statistical Data. Rosstat's Digital Analytical Platform (DAC) is one of the key elements of the national data management system created under the Digital Economy national program. The purpose of the platform is to move to a new structural and functional model for the production and dissemination of statistical data in Russia. This model should implement the principles of single information space of data, traceability and interconnection of concepts and objects of statistical accounting, one-time provision of primary statistical data and their repeated subsequent use. The data from the platform will be available to all categories of information users (authorities, business, experts, international community).

More information

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