



Subregional consultations Main recommendations from Southern Asia

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Key issues

1. Buy-in by national policy dept essential for:
 - a. 2030 Agenda to have any traction
 - b. resource allocation for statistics and data
2. Need for capacity strengthening
 - a. Developing methodologies and guidelines (especially for new indicators)
 - b. User-producer dialogue bringing statisticians to the forefront of policy design and monitoring
 - c. ...

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Finalizing the global indicator framework

1. Rapid consultation with key gov policy dept (e.g national planning commission) should be completed by 12 October to:
 - a. Map national development priorities to the SDG targets
 - b. Comment on the indicator proposals identifying:
 - i. Which indicators should **not** be used
 - ii. The need for new indicators
 - iii. Strongly preferred indicators



Rapid national consultation

ESCAP could assist with communication to national policy depts about global process of indicator development



National consultations / assessments

Longer term --

- a. Assess the quality (e.g. levels of disaggregation) of data availability for global and national indicators
- b. Identify capacity building priorities
- c. Integrate statistics/data for monitoring in national development strategies

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Global monitoring

1. Global monitoring of the SDGs should be based on national data
2. When country estimates for global indicators are necessary, they should be done by countries, using internationally accepted methodologies and with assistance by international agencies
3. If estimates have to be conducted by international agencies, they should be based on national data and be agreed by countries
4. Countries must integrate international standards into their statistics programmes

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APFSD

1. Regional data user-producer forum important to raise awareness of statistical issues (e.g. in policy community) and policy priorities (among producers)
2. Should include producers of non-traditional data sources, e.g. big data

Note – India strongly emphasized that the converted information data available from big data sources can be used for SDG monitoring only if it is validated and owned by the national government



CST & regional stats dev

1. Should support integration of SDGs monitoring & statistics/data in national development plans
2. Guide regional/subregional consultations on statistics & data in support of global & regional monitoring (IAEG & HLG)
3. CST should consider developing standards/guidelines for using non-traditional data sources
4.



Regional support to SDG implementation

1. A series of advocacy/awareness raising/information sharing workshops should be convened in each country in preparation for regional/global SDG meetings – supported by an UN expert resource persons
2. Complementing point 1 – better, easier to use online resources should be developed explaining the SDGs, their implementation and the benefits to countries