



Programme and the Expected Outcomes

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**Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals:
Meeting to identify Asia-Pacific regional and sub-regional priorities
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An A-P consultation on SDGs spurred at IAEG-SDGs meeting in June

Why?

- IAEG-SDGs members felt that they did not have a chance to consult with the countries they represented prior to their first meeting
- Complexity of the global process for developing an SDG monitoring framework, indicators and architecture required face-to-face discussions with counterparts

How?

- Several IAEG-SDGs members approached ESCAP Statistics Division and the Bureau of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics to facilitate this meeting

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Concept and Programme were developed in consultation with the Bureau and the IAEG-SDGs members by the secretariat

- Resource persons from UNSD, ESCAP, ECA as well as countries
- Development partners, including specialized UN agencies, are invited in their capacity as experts and are encouraged to attend subregional discussions of their interest starting at the end of today



The meeting comprises three sessions

Session 1: Status update on the process for SDG monitoring at the global, regional and national levels

Expected Outcome: Participants are informed on:

- (i) the context and process for developing a global indicator framework and a list of indicators for monitoring SDGs and;
- (ii) possible monitoring and reporting arrangements.



Session 1 has the following parts

- 1A. Global consultations for devising a monitoring framework for the SDGs (UNSD)
- 1B. Regional consultation on proposed SDG indicators: African experiences (ECA)
- 1C. The outcomes of the first IAEG-SDGs meeting (June 2015) and update on their ongoing work (Co-Chair of IAEG)
- 1D. Spotlight on Country Experiences (Japan, Fiji/Samoa)



Session 2 is the core of the meeting

Session 2: Subregional Consultations on SDG monitoring

Expected Outcome: Subregional priorities for SDG monitoring are identified and inputs are formulated for the second meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.



Session 2 has the following parts

- 2A. Introduction of the subregional consultations on SDG monitoring (ESCAP)
- 2B. Country Presentations on national processes for SDG monitoring and issues for national statistical systems (All countries)
- 2C. Prioritization of subregional issues (targets) and the associated capacity building needs (All countries)



Session 3 brings out regional aspects

Session 3: Regional dimension and support for SDG monitoring

Expected Outcome: SDG monitoring issues common across the region are identified and the required regional support including to future consultations for SDG monitoring is outlined.



Session 3 has the following parts

- 3A. Report back to Plenary from subregional consultations (All subregions)
- 3B. Common issues across subregions and the capacity development implications for the region (ESCAP)
- 3C. Contribution of Asia-Pacific members to IAEG-SDGs work (Panel)



Outcomes of the meeting are inputs to different forums

- Views from subregions and the region on SDGs and targets suitable for global monitoring (global IAEG-SDGs)
- Views from subregions and the region on a possible monitoring architecture and related processes (global IAEG-SDGs, ESCAP CST and APFSD)
- Proposed arrangements for holding regional consultations to feed into the work of the IAEG-SDGs in the future
- Outcomes regarding the capacity building requirements of the member States for SDG monitoring (ESCAP CST)
- Lessons learnt from national SDG consultations that may be of relevance for regional data user-producer forums (APFSD or at the subregional level)



THANK YOU