

*Introduction of the project component focusing on  
developing an index to monitor the impact of NTMs on SDGs  
progress*

The context:

## **Strengthening Statistics and Data for the Sustainable Development Goals**

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## Programme features

<b>Title</b>	Development Account Programme on Statistics and Data
<b>Nickname</b>	“DA10”
<b>Scope</b>	Global (geographical); all domains of statistics (substantive)
<b>Duration</b>	August 2016 to December 2019;
<b>Budget</b>	10 million USD

### Implementing entities

DESA, UNCTAD, UN Environment, UN-Habitat, UNODC, five Regional Commissions (including ESCAP)

# Programme motivation

- **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Acknowledgement of critical need for strengthening statistical capacities for monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

- **SDG 17 on Means of Implementation**

Target 17.18: ... capacity development support to increase availability of data ...

Target 17.19: ... development of new measurements on sustainable development ...

## Programme objective

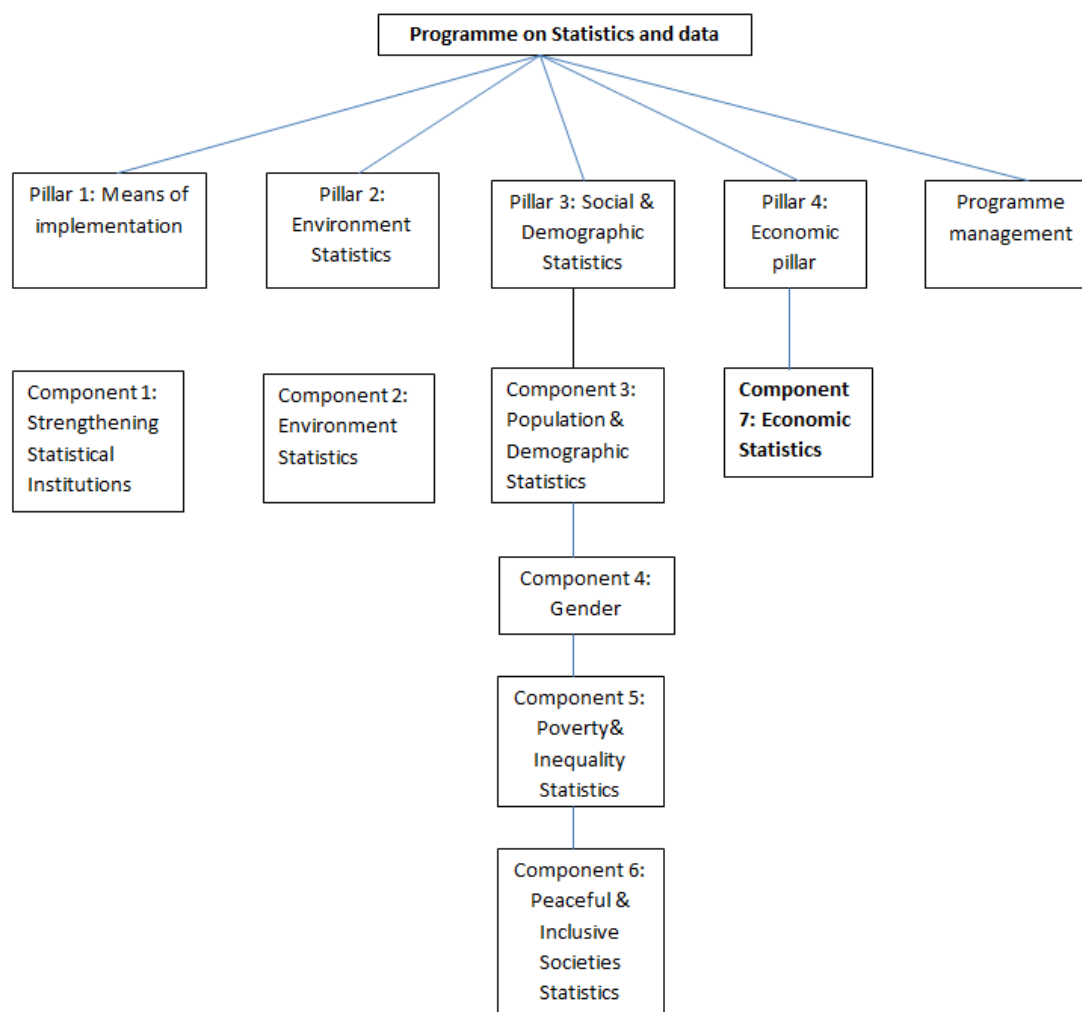
*“To strengthen the statistical capacity of developing countries to measure, monitor and report on the Sustainable Development Goals in an accurate, reliable and timely manner for evidence-based policymaking”*

- Well-functioning institutional environments
- Improved statistical production processes
- Expanded indicator measurement and monitoring
- Stronger partnerships

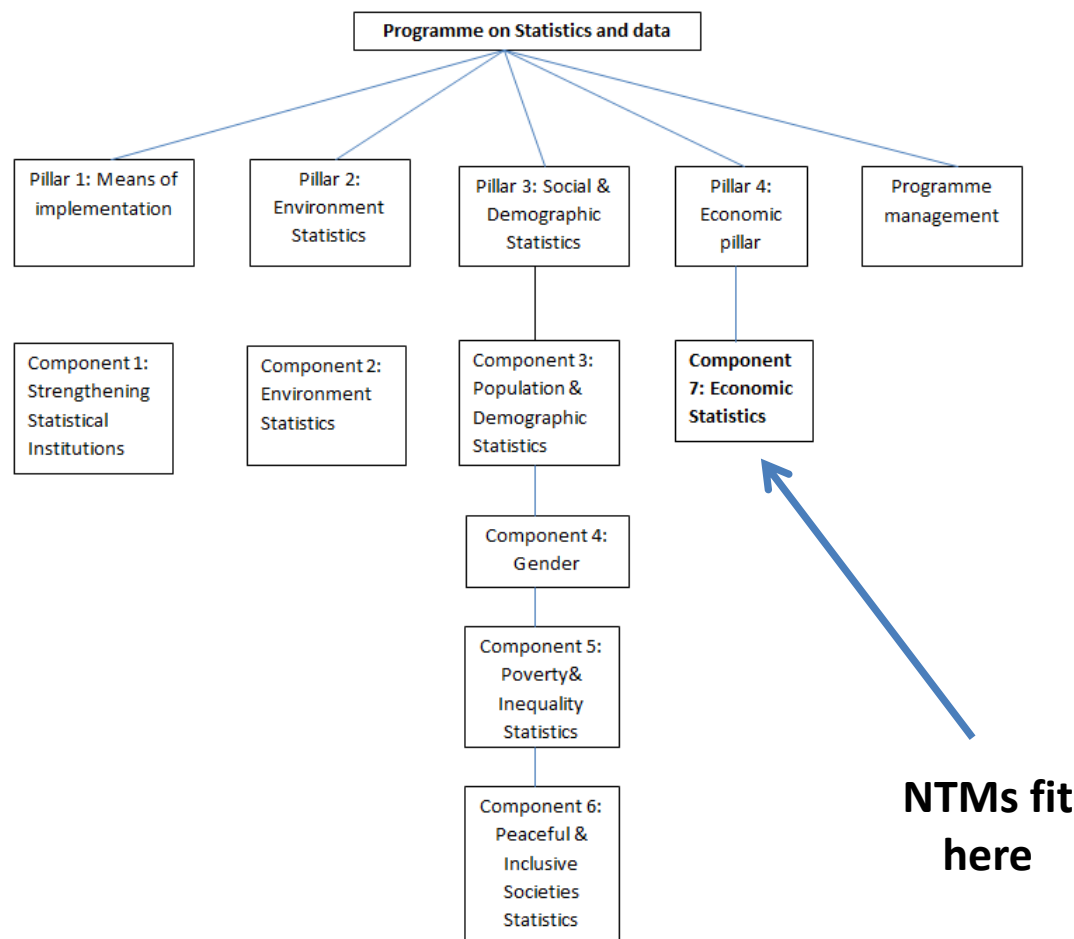
# Programme beneficiaries

- **Primary beneficiaries:** National statistical offices and statistical units within line ministries
- **Secondary beneficiaries:** Academia, civil society, women's groups, media

# Programme snapshot



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# Economic statistics in the Programme

National accounts

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Energy statistics

Business registers,  
trade statistics,  
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## **Programme objectives & NTMs**

- The objective of the economic pillar is to strengthen capacity in developing countries to measure and monitor SDG indicators in economic statistics areas
- Advancing measurement and monitoring of the impact of non-tariff measures (NTMs) on progress towards SDGs is included as one Programme focus area
- Details on purpose, approach and concept for activities in Asia-Pacific outlined in the circulated concept note

# NTMs and SDGs

- Trade policy measures explicitly and implicitly integrated in the SDGs (see annex 4 of the concept note)
- NTMs can be NTBs hampering development opportunities – issue of policy coherence
- Issue of quantification and measurement
- Thus the purpose of this component is to ***improve capacity of countries to measure and monitor the impact of NTMs on the progress towards the SDGs***

# What is the core output?

- Developing a measure of NTM (impact) or adapting existing measures and making sure collection and use of data will be possible
- This measure is envisaged as ***a composite index***
- It will be added as an additional indicator to specific targets
- Potentially can be used for different purposes regarding policy evaluation and formulation

# Other outputs

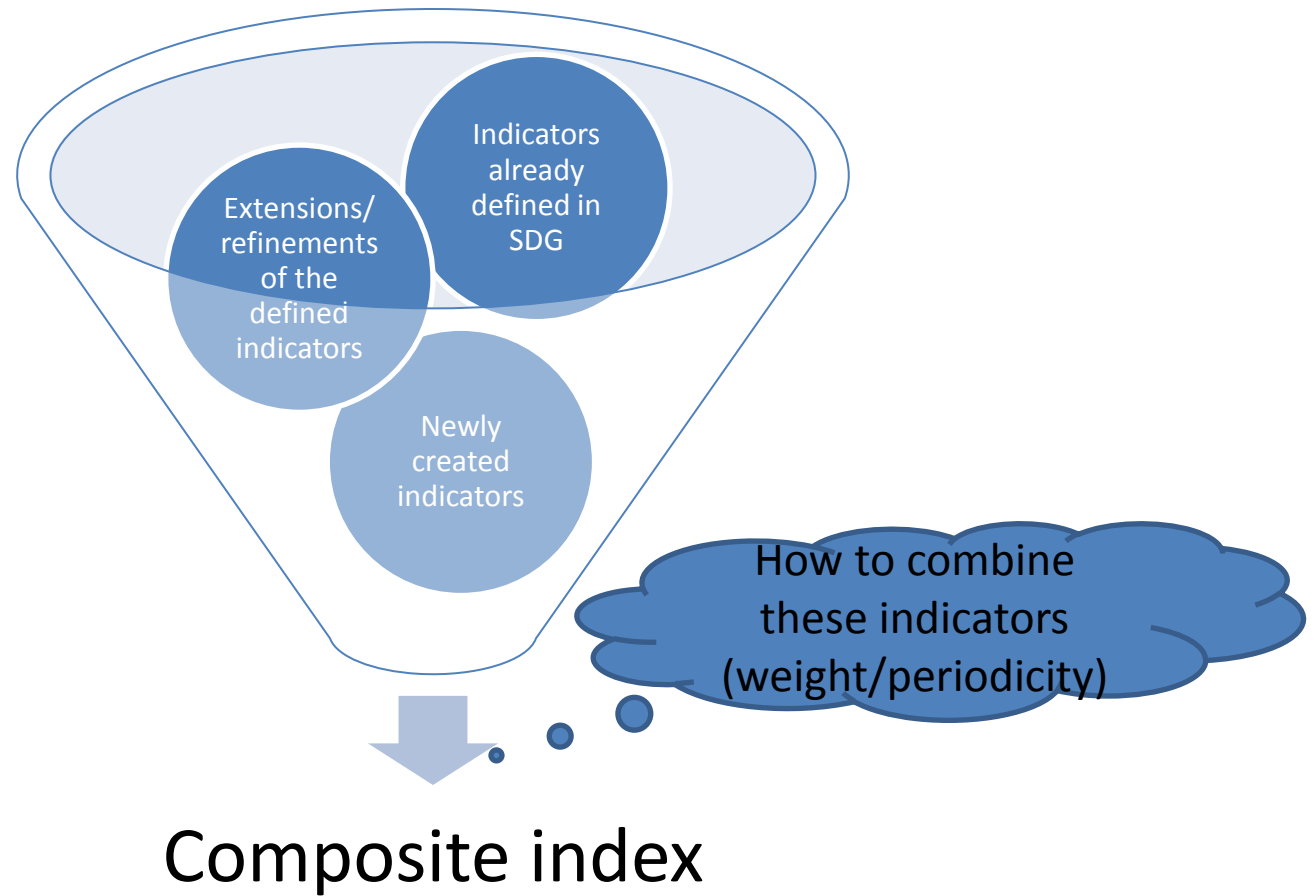
- Guidebook for researchers and policymakers
- Datasets for:
  - Expanding country coverage / impact studies
  - Formulating negotiation mandates
  - Monitoring implementation of trade liberalization
  - ...
- Improved design and use of NTMs

# A composite index

## Features:

- Easy to implement
- Multi-dimensional
- Prescriptive

# Construction /design



# The task for the EGM

- To brief on the current knowledge about NTMs (inventorying, other information/data, assessment of impacts, etc.)
- To discuss/identify indicators in a context of the NTMs impact on progress of SDGs
  - from NTM to SDG or from SDG to NTM?
- To discuss/identify pilot countries
- To set the timeline, tasks and monitoring for the work



# Annex 4 Mapping of the trade measures across SDGs

Annex 4. Mapping of trade policy related measures in Sustainable Development Goals			
Trade policy related measure	Sustainable Development Goals	Targets	Indicators
Tariffs	Goal 10 Reduced inequalities between countries	10.a	10.a.1
	Goal 17 Partnerships for the goals	17.10	17.10.1
		17.12	17.12.1
Non-tariff measures			
Producer support	Goal 2 Zero hunger	2.b	2.b.1
Export subsidies	Goal 2 Zero hunger	2.b	2.b.2
	Goal 14 Life below water	14.6	-
Rules of origin	Goal 17 Partnerships for the Goals	17.12	-
Trade related intellectual property rights	Goal 3 Good health and well-being	3.b	-
Aid for Trade			
Aid for Trade	Goal 8 Decent work and economic growth	8.a	8.a.1
Source : ESCAP (2017) ‘Leveraging trade as a means of implementation in the new global environment’, E/ESCAP/FSD(4)/INF/6, Information Note for the Fourth Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development, Bangkok, 29-31 March 2017			