

Report from Central Asia

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Monitoring the SDGs: Meeting to identify Asia-
Pacific Regional and Sub-regional Priorities
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Outline of the Report

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4. Next steps

1. GLOBAL MONITORING

Questions on global monitoring

- What is the role of the national statistical systems in providing the source data and/or indicators for global monitoring? How and when will this role be determined?
- When exactly is the revised list of indicators (taking the comments of the members and observers) going to be available?
- How final is the list that will be submitted to the UNSC at its 47th session?
- What is the resource mobilization strategy?

Supporting the IAEG-SDG members

- Consultations on the indicators list are yet to take place in this subregion
- Proposal: Establish a working group for Central Asia (level of formality?)
 - Communications to member States should be initiated by UNSD jointly with ESCAP and UNECE (consider Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan)?
- Communications to member States may be sent by UNSD and Co-Chairs of IAEG-SDGs and followed up by the IAEG-SDGs members

Suggested TOR for the CAWG on SDGs

- **Objectives:**
 - Review the proposed list of SDG indicators and provide inputs to IAEG-SDG representative
 - Determine whether a given an indicator fits national, regional or global priorities
 - Determine national capacity to produce data for global and national indicators
- **Members & secretariat:** National decision makers, e.g. Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NSO (**coordinator**), ESCAP and UNECE
- **Modalities of work:** Online collaboration platform, skype/webex discussions

Timeline

- Before 2nd meeting of IAEG-SDGs (26-28 Oct):
 - Flag specific issues, e.g. whether indexes should be used or not?
 - **Focus first on indicators of subregional priority:** water, biodiversity, energy, food security, employment, health, good governance, education and gender, climate change (possibility to divide the work among member States, use existing work)
 - Parameters/criteria of inputs?
- Between end-October and mid-November:
 - Final minor amendments to be submitted to the IAEG-SDGs member

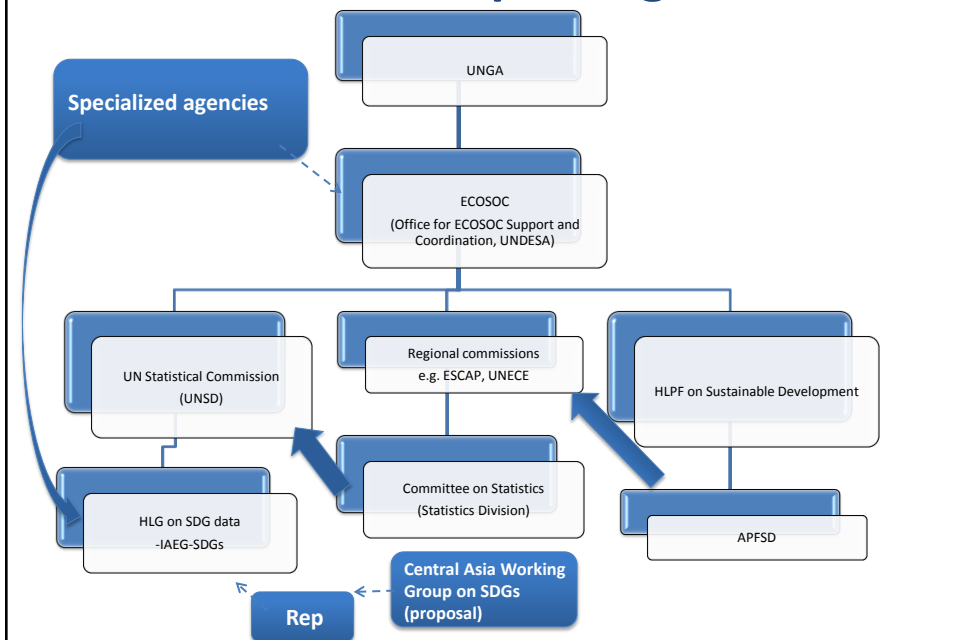
Timeline, continued

- After mid-November-ESCAP Committee on Statistics (December 2016)
 - Develop national monitoring frameworks
 - Determine advocacy, financial, technical and analytical capacity needs

Channels of communication and reporting

- Member of IAEG-SDGs liaises between countries and the global IAEG-SDGs group

Indicative Reporting Lines



2. Capacity Building

Support needed for global/national SDG monitoring

- Information, e.g. materials in Russian, knowledge management platform
- Advocacy support, e.g. creating awareness among policy and decision makers on SDGs and consequent data revolution
- Technical support and training, e.g. methodological support, participation in international conferences, e.g. ESCAP/SIAP to develop SDG seminars/training for NSO
- Analytical capacity building

3. Regional follow-up and review

Regional follow-up and review

- Create awareness of decision makers on SDGs using Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development as a forum for data users and producers

4. Next steps

Follow-up by member States

- Reporting back to NSS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister's office, Interagency Board, Governmental Commission on the implementation of SDGs
- Send a formal request to ESCAP/UNSD for establishing CAWG