



Eastern Asia Group

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Monitoring the Sustainable Development
Goals:
Meeting to identify Asia-Pacific regional and
sub-regional priorities
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Eastern Asia

	China	Mongolia	Japan	Rep. Korea
Population (million)	1,367.82	3.02	126.91	50.42
Territory (10 000 km ²)	963.41	156.65	37.80	10.02
GDP per capita (USD, 2014 WB)	7,593	4,129	36,194	27,970
Stage of Economic Development	Developing Countries		Developed Countries	
Statistical system	Centralized		Decentralized	



1. Consultation Process

2. Consultation Outcomes

3. Benefits/Opportunities

4. Challenges/Issues

5. Suggestions



China

- Communication with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since end 2014
- Establishment of NBS working group on SDG indicators
- Internal review of the list of indicators (304) within NBS in May 2015
- Wide-range consultation of the updated list of indicators (203 suggested) with 38 line ministries and agencies

Japan



Government-Wide Scheme for Discussion (Japan)

Statistic Offices (MIC, etc.)

Statistical data, concept, methodology, partnership with UNSC and ESCAP

Establishment of a Government-wide scheme for discussion (May 2015)

Policy Sections (MOFA, etc.)

Administrative data, observational data and other data, knowledge for SDG negotiations and specific policy, relationship with the private sector



Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Government of Japan

Mongolia



a) Establishment of a National Committee under PM.

Members of this committee:

- The Minister of Finance (chairperson);
- NSO and the Cabinet Secretariat of the Government (Vice Chairperson);
- State Secretaries of Ministries; and
- NGOs, banks, financial institutions, business, innovation and international organizations.

b) International and national consultants;

c) NGOs involved in the consultation;

d) Project proposal “Assistance in the implementation of the national SDGs in Mongolia”

Korea



- Consultation conducted in 2014, March 2015 and August 2015
- Gather opinions from other ministries
- Review of country's existing indicator frameworks (social, green growth, sustainable, quality of life ...)

2. Consultation Outcomes



	China	Mongolia	Japan	Korea
Number of indicators reviewed	203	304	203	204
Number of Indicators available	50	84		96
Percentage	25%	26%	60%	50%

2. Consultation Outcomes



Indicators:

- Lack of explanations: concept, definition, methodology ...
- Disaggregating difficulties
- Data not available
- Not applicable to all countries
- Difficult to be quantified

2. Consultation Outcomes



Organisation:

- NSIs: central coordinating role
- Work closely with planners and other ministries

2. Consultation Outcomes



Prioritization of sub-regional targets: not feasible at this stage

Why:

- Beyond NSIs --- Policy-decision makers
- No timeline

3. Benefits/Opportunities



- Enhance the statistical capacity building
- Increase the leverage of the NSIs
- Promote networking among NSIs, at all levels
- Explore the use of new data sources: data revolution, big data, administrative records ...

4. Challenges

How to

- Raise the general understanding and awareness of SDGs?
- Create/consolidate the legal framework for producing good quality statistics and using different data sources?
- Tackle the work burden/obstacles: translation, manpower, budget, expertise?
- Integrate global SDGs into national development strategies?



4. Challenges

- Cooperation with other ministries, local government, NGOs, media...
- Data availability
- Reporting requirements
- Disaggregation



5. Suggestions



Global Level

- IT support at global level (software, reporting platform, big data)
- More coordination of data request among international agencies to limit the number of the indicators
- Periodic review of the indicators
- Prioritization of the indicators (tier system, MDGs...)
- Capacity building: Support and coordinate the regional training centers

5. Suggestions



Regional Level

- Capacity building: provision of opportunities for countries to share good practices and experiences, support and help national training centers (design of training programs and curriculum based on the monitoring progress)
- Seek to integrate the SDGs into the existing regional statistical programmes
- Facilitate consultation among countries

5. Suggestions



National Level

- Appropriate institutional arrangement
- Involve all stakeholders (government, academia, civil society, private sector, media ...)
- Synergize all efforts in mobilizing resources
- Capacity building: strengthen training capabilities (resource persons, facilities ...)

Sub-regional discussion



- Fruitful and efficient: support and contribute
 - Mongolia: Ms. Badamtsetesg Batjargal
 - Japan: Mr. Hiroyuki Ikeda, Mr. Kenichiro Tachi
 - Korea: Ms. Jung-wha Oh
 - China: Yunhong Ba/Liben Hou/Wei Di
 - UNESCAP: Ms. Margarita Guerrero, Ms. Tanja Brøndsted Sejersen

Sub-regional discussion



- Good understanding of each other's practice
- Adequate communication of concerns and suggestions
- Set-up of sub-regional networking mechanism for SDGs

Thank you!

