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Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: progress made in support of the collective vision and framework for action by groups responsible for regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics and by the secretariat

The National Statistics Office (NSO) of Mongolia supports the following draft, report, guidelines and initiatives. These include:

a) “2b-1: Draft monitoring and evaluation framework for the collective vision and framework for action and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind

b) “2b-2: A monitoring framework and guidelines for the collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind**”

c) “3a-1: Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: progress in implementing regional initiatives with respect to the collective vision and framework for action”

d) “3b-1: Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations with respect to the collective vision and framework for action**”

In the future, need to be focus on following:

1. Reinforce the existing mechanisms to include or consult with the national reporting body responsible for the national SDG platform or dashboard, which is usually the NSOs, in the process of monitoring and reporting global indicators published on the global SDG database. Doing so will reduce the discrepancy of SDG statistics at the national and global level and will increase the availability of consistent SDG data for users.

2. Actively promote countries to implement the Data Structure Definition (DSD) for SDG indicators and organize capacity improvement activities step by step.
3. Mongolia has developed a national SDG reporting platform/ dashboard; however, yet to make the best use of its full potential for SDG monitoring and national policy making. Furthermore, despite the initial efforts of developing the prototype for the Federated Information System for SDGs, the progress is stagnated due to lack of experience and national capacity. Therefore, when planning the national capacity building schemes within the implementation of indicator framework, consider prioritizing countries that have already committed and have taken steps to develop, for instance, a national reporting platform and dashboard, and/ or geospatial information portal, such as Mongolia.

4. We support the work of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST). To intensify the assessment on needs, and based on the assessment we recommend that joint capacity building program with relevant parties should be developed and implemented;