Global Coordination and Governance for the Update of the System of Economic Statistics

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- address the economic, social and environmental nexus to truly depict and attain the 2030 Agenda of leaving no one behind, and having meaningful SDGs
- transform from principal producers of statistics to stewards of an evolving and complex data landscape
- revisit and transform some of our long held practices to meet the needs of policy makers and citizens
- a relevant, responsive and robust system of measurement of progress
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On the update of the system of economic statistics

• confirm user-identified priority areas of development and whether gaps exist
• examine the current governance arrangement and infrastructure and whether it is responsive, relevant and robust
• prepare recommendations to increase effectiveness and efficiency of governance arrangement
Review of Governance Structure of the System of Economic Statistics by FOC Group

Main points at 1st FOC Group meeting in May 2019

• reduction of duplication and inefficiency in the current governance structure
• set guiding principles for the review of the governance arrangements
• inventory of current working groups, task forces, committees etc. in the domain of economic statistics
• deliverables of the statistical groups to measure their effectiveness and efficiency
• user engagement through periodic UN high-level global forums
• global priority areas to be consolidated in global workplan on economic statistics.
Guiding principles for the review of the government arrangement

- Coordination principle
  - coherence of the deliverables
  - effectiveness of the collaborative relationships and alliances
  - relevance and responsiveness to new demands

- Accountability principle
  - performance management culture
  - management of resources of the implementation of mandates

- Transparency principle
  - global program and priorities
  - user consultation and dialogue
  - buy-in from countries and agencies
  - early participation of countries in experimentation and testing
Options for the future state of the governance arrangements

Senior-level management

• expanded role for the Bureau of the Statistical Commission

• new Coordination/Facilitation Group on Economic Statistics
  • light coordination – inventory of deliverables of the groups
  • facilitation and coordination – setting global priorities
  • strong coordination – strategic leadership, setting global work program based on global priorities, mobilization of funds, global user consultation, UN Forum on economic statistics, communication, etc.
Options for the future state of the governance arrangements

Domain-specific expert group level

- common themes and link with 2030 Agenda
  - cross-cutting themes - globalization and digitalization, well-being and sustainability
  - relationships between the economy, society and environment
- strategic alliances on integration and collaboration
  - macroeconomic statistics domain for national accounts, balance of payments and government finance
  - trade and business domain for trade and business statistics
  - between expert group and city groups
- broadening mandate
  - environmental-economic accounting domain on the link between economy and environment for measures of ecosystems and natural capital
- new mandate
  - new domain on link between the economy and society for measures of human capital
Thank you