



Challenges and Opportunities Concerning the SDGs & Evaluating the SDGs

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Challenges/Opportunities: Planning Framework

- To include the SDGs into National Government Development Plans/ Strategies, build on and harmonize existing strategies, policies. In Europe: Europe 2020 Strategy (2010) & EU Sustainable Development Strategy (2006).
- High level SDG coordination groups need to be established. Will take time and efforts in different countries - realistic expectations.
- Important: common understanding about SDGs amongst different ministries, policy makers within a country; Opportunity to strengthen coherence. Also: inclusion of Bureaus of Statistics, research agencies, universities, CSOs, others – national driven process

Challenges/Opportunities: Follow-Up and Review Mechanism

- Challenge: 17 goals, 169 targets, planned to have 100 global indicators for all countries with additional & complementary national indicators.
- UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) will endorse a global indicator framework in March 2016. An Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) prepares a framework proposal.
- Review mechanism is country led and voluntary - once identified/endorsed, it will be the foundation for reviews at regional and global level/thematic reviews.
- Based on the global indicator framework there will be an annual SDG Progress Report (led by ECOSOC).

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- **No need to re-invent the wheel.** A good number of review/monitoring processes/data reporting systems are established and lessons learned are available, some examples:
- Data/Lessons Learned from the MDG reporting system
- Reporting/reviewing system of the National Sustainable Development Strategies in Europe – by EUROSTAT - monitoring report on a bi-annual basis
- Reporting of the Europe 2020 Strategy – Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform, annual reporting
- EU Gender Action Plan 2016-2020, annual reporting, harmonized with SDGs

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- OECD Development Centre's Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI)
- WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation
- National Bureaus of Statistics/UN agencies/WB - census data, regular data reporting, regular surveys - support will be required
- National Accountability/Review/Evaluation Systems - Court of Audits, Evaluation Systems - support will be required - roles need to be identified
- OECD established Peer Review system in Development Co-operation
- OECD DAC Network on Development Evaluation

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Some Challenges are:

Cooperation with National Bureaus of Statistics - integration of missing data in existing data systems; coordination of all data sources; sub-national data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location; fragile states; organize support regarding capacity development and financing the review process.

Overall comment:

Current national/regional problems, crisis and challenges have to become part of the SDGs policy dialogue otherwise the SDGs may run the risk of not being taken seriously enough. Measure what we treasure!