Meeting national statistics requirements for the 2030 Agenda

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Country progress in meeting the 2030 Agenda statistics requirements

- **SDG indicators global database**

[Platform](#) providing access to data compiled through UN System

- Global database
    - By SDG indicator
    - By country or area
    - Including all countries present here
- Metadata repository

Data availability in SDG indicators global database

National vs. global data

Discrepancies between national and global data have been a consistent concern throughout the MDG era:

- National statistical systems provide data to international agencies, which may then adjust them to ensure comparability across countries

- Countries sometimes have recent data that haven't yet been added to the global database

- If NSS doesn't generate relevant data, the responsible custodian agency may fill the gap by using data collected through surveys sponsored or carried out by international agencies

- Custodian agencies continuously extend their sources of data and refine their methods

  - In some cases revising data for earlier years as better data becomes available → better quality data, but different database vintages not comparable over time

Solutions

- **Strengthened capacity** of NSSs to produce official statistics in line with internationally established methodology and standards

- Adjustments / estimates of country data be undertaken in **full consultation with countries** and through **fully transparent mechanisms**

  - As recommended by UNSC48 (see session 1 slides)

Metadata repository

- Maintained by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

- Work-in-progress

- Has, at the moment, metadata for:

  - 76 Tier 1 indicators (91.6% of tier total)

  - 48 Tier 2 indicators (81.3%)

  - 8 Tier 3 indicators (9.6%)

  - 4 multi-tier indicators (80%)