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Concept of the event

A meeting of specialists from statistical services of the CIS countries on statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

1.Context:

In September 2015, the UN General Assembly approved the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and all UN member countries signed the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1 of September 25, 2015 “Transforming the world. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”)

The founding principle of the 2030 Agenda is “Leaving no one behind.” This means that to achieve sustainable progress, the interests of everyone must be taken into account, regardless of gender, ethnicity, migration status, citizenship or other status. To monitor SDG indicators, data must be disaggregated by income, gender, ethnicity, geographic location, disability status, migration status and other relevant parameters. Disaggregation of SDG indicators places significant data demands and operational challenges on national statistical systems.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals depends heavily on the availability of relevant and timely data to understand existing problems, find solutions and measure progress. Despite the availability of methodology for calculating the vast majority of SDG indicators, countries have difficulty monitoring individual indicators. To assess progress towards achieving the SDGs, high-quality and detailed statistical information is needed. National statistical offices are searching for new data sources and exploring the possibilities of using alternative data, as well as increasing the use of sources such as population censuses or sample surveys.

The development of information and communication technologies, as well as the ever-increasing demands of users, pose new challenges for national statistical services in the use of modern means of visual presentation of information for the dissemination and analysis of data. The use of a geographic information system to visually display information on maps significantly increases the efficiency of data use.

April 17 – 18, 2024 Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), United Nations Population Fund for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (UNFPA EECA), together with the Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) and Department of Statistics of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) organizes a meeting of specialists from statistical services of the CIS countries on statistics for the SDGs. The meeting will provide an opportunity for countries to

exchange experiences in collecting, preparing data and monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs.

The meeting will serve as a platform for sharing country experiences, best practices and lessons learned, demonstrating innovative solutions to current challenges and identifying priorities for future work and statistical capacity development in this area.

2.Goals of the meeting:

- sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learned;
- harmonization of national practices and international recommendations;
- closing data gaps;
- improving monitoring and visualization of SDG indicators;
- identifying priorities for work to build statistical capacity for SDG monitoring.

3.Event organizers:

The event was organized by the Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS (CIS-Stat), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), together with the Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) and the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC).

The event will be held in a hybrid format.

The working languages of the meeting are Russian and English.

4. Dates of the meeting: April 17 – 18, 2024.

5.Venue: Russian Federation, Moscow, *Polesie* Hotel, Armenian Lane, Building 6 (Kitay-Gorod and Lubyanka metro stations).

6.Participants:

- Representatives of national statistical services (NSS) of the CIS member states (three specialists per country, dealing with various aspects of SDG monitoring).
- Representatives of international organizations (UNFPA, UNECE, UNICEF, ESCAP, CIS Executive Committee, CIS Statistical Committee, Eurasian Economic Commission, etc.).
- International experts.

Approximate number of participants: 60 people.

7.Preliminary program of the meeting:

The meeting program consists of four main sessions, which include presentations by participants and free discussion.

Session 1. SDGs on the agenda of international organizations.

The session is dedicated to the importance of the SDGs for countries and the global community. It will highlight the activities of international organizations as part of monitoring the achievement of the SDGs.

Session 2. SDG monitoring – an impetus for the development of national statistical systems.

The session focuses on data needs in the context of SDG monitoring. It will highlight the main problems associated with the practice of introducing new questions or modules into existing surveys, difficulties in finding or selecting a data source, new experience and problems of interdepartmental interaction, the experience of NSS partnerships with international organizations on various issues to improve SDG monitoring, etc.

The experience and problems faced by NSSs in the process of introducing various SDG indicators into their statistical practice, which had not previously been calculated, will also be discussed.

Session 3. Traditional and alternative data sources for SDG monitoring.

The session will examine best practices for improving data coverage, using traditional and alternative data to expand existing official statistics on the SDGs. There will be a discussion on the possibility of expanding the use of census data in monitoring SDG indicators.

Session 4. Dissemination and visualization of information about the SDGs.

The session is expected to consider issues of processing, visualization and analysis of data for monitoring the SDGs using modern means of communication. Using geospatial data as a tool for visual presentation of data. Country experiences in preparing, disseminating information and coordinating the presentation of statistics to achieve the SDGs.

Closing the meeting.

8. Financing of meeting participants.

The CIS Statistics Committee will finance the participation in the meeting of three (3) representatives of the national statistical service of the CIS countries in terms of:

- Payment for economy class air tickets;
- Accommodation from April 16 to April 19, 2024 at the Polesie hotel for single occupancy;
- Meals : breakfast – April 17, 18 and 19; lunch – April 17 and 18, coffee breaks according to the meeting program – April 17 and 18.

UNFPA will provide financial support to the participants of the Meeting in the form of daily subsistence allowances, from which the participants will independently organize and pay for transfer to Moscow (airport - hotel - airport), additional meals, medical insurance and other expenses. Participants should contact UNFPA country offices for financial support.