

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

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# Statistical Commission on the Review 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

# Friends of the Chair on Economic Statistics

## 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

