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Introduction to Working Group 3: Data reporting, validation and dissemination

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Scope: This group focuses on data reporting, validation and dissemination at the level of **globally comparable** indicators for SDG-4 – these are what are known as the ‘global’ and ‘thematic’ indicators.

The following principles guide our work:

- Transparency
- Efficiency
- Quality
- Compliance with Principles Governing International Statistical Activities of the UN Coordination Committee of Statistical Activities and other important standards

Progress to date and outcomes of virtual meetings and yesterday's working group meeting

- Refinement of ToR including agreement on guiding principles, objectives and outputs
- List of outputs complete with responsibility and time frame
- Recommendation to UIS regarding data reporting, validation and dissemination
- List of future work

Objectives

- Increase the transparency of the flow of information from data collection to indicator publication
- Ensure that the data reporting process includes adequate metadata and clear communication of timelines and deliverables to ensure effective validation
- Ensure that there is a well-defined validation process of indicators whereby countries may choose to opt out of a chosen thematic indicator because it is not relevant in that context
- Ensure clear communication between the international agencies that publish SDG-4 indicators and the national entities that supply the data
- Ensure coordination between the international and national statistical systems by providing common shared guidelines

Outputs	Responsible	Time frame
Data flow document	Juan Cruz and Corinne	Fall 2017
Calendar of publications	Juan Cruz/UIS	Fall 2017
Terminology document	WG3	Fall 2017
Defined validation process for SDG4 indicators (including process for opting out)	WG3	Spring 2018
Recommendation to the TCG for a strategy/approach for reporting on different levels of 'missing' data – i.e. data that is truly missing vs. data that is available at the national level but not globally comparable	WG3	Spring 2018/beyond

Recommendations/ requests for UIS

In order to create a defined validation process, we will need:

- Populated data flow document (data flow document that will be provided as an output for fall 2017)
- Refined metadata document that includes rationales for the data sources chosen
- Formula files provided for each country as part of the validation process

Note for TCG: Some of these recommendations/requests draw on areas of shared concern among the TCG working groups. Linkages between working groups should be examined so as to promote coordination

Future Work

- Framework document which will incorporate the outputs listed above.
- We are waiting on direction from the Steering Committee on strategy for benchmarking and thresholds. This may determine future work in this area.



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