2020 Questionnaire for the UN System SDG Implementation Database

BACKGROUND

The online UN System SDG Implementation Database[1] was launched by DESA in 2018 to capture information from UN system organizations regarding strategic decisions, programmes and measures adopted by their respective governing bodies, as well as specific measures and actions initiated or planned by their Executive Heads in relation to the SDGs. Updated annually, the database currently contains inputs from 46 UN ECESA Plus entities[2] and has received over 100,000 page views since its launch in May 2018. It has served as an input for reporting to intergovernmental processes, including the General Assembly (GA), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) under the auspices of GA and ECOSOC.

In the political declaration adopted at the 2019 SDG Summit entitled "Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development" (A/RES/74/4), Member States pledged to make the coming decade one of action and delivery on the SDGs, and provided high-level guidance on the way forward, including by identifying ten cross-cutting areas for more and faster action, as follows:

> (a) leaving no one behind;
> (b) mobilizing adequate and well-directed financing;
> (c) enhancing national implementation;
> (d) strengthening institutions for more integrated solutions;
> (e) bolstering local action;
> (f) reducing disaster risk and building resilience;
> (g) solving challenges through international cooperation and enhancing the global partnership;
> (h) harnessing science, technology and innovation with a greater focus on digital transformation for sustainable development;
> (i) investing in data and statistics for the SDGs; and
> (j) strengthening the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

The United Nations Secretary-General launched the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs by 2030 on 22 January 2020.

Accordingly, the 2020 edition of the Questionnaire invites UN ECESA Plus entities to update the information contained in the online database, including by providing more detailed information on actions undertaken in support of the ten cross-cutting areas that have been identified by Member States in the SDG Summit declaration.

Please submit your organization's update to the UN System SDGs Implementation database online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UNSystemSDGImplementation2020 by **1 May 2020**. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief of Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals of UN DESA (tahtinen@un.org).

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[1] https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/unsurvey
[2] The 46 entities include: CBD, ECA, ECLAC, ESCWA, FAO, GEF, IAEA, ICAO, IFAD, ILO, IMF, IMO, ITC, ITU, OHCHR, OSAA, SUN, UN Habitat, UN Women, UNAIDS, UNCDF, UNDESA, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNISDR, UNITAR, UNODC, UNOHRLLS, UNOOSA, UNOPS, UNRISD, UNU, UPU, WBG, WFP, WHO, WIPO, WMO, and WTO.

2020 QUESTIONNAIRE

(Also available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UNSystemSDGImplementation2020)

1. What decisions or new strategies has the governing body of your organization taken to guide the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs? Please provide a brief summary below, including the overarching vision of your governing body for the Decade of Action on the SDGs.

2. At the secretariat level, what steps has your organization taken (or will it take) in the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs? Please specify actions, including but not limited to the following areas:

      2.1 SDG-specific strategies, plans or work programmes;
      2.2 Aligning the structure of the organization with the SDGs and the transformative features of the 2030 Agenda, including any challenges and lessons learned in doing so;
      2.3 Readjusting or updating results-based budgeting and management, including performance indicators;
      2.4 Action to enhance support to the principle of "leaving no one behind" and to integrated policy approaches;
      2.5 Action to address the interlinkages across SDG goals and targets;
      2.6 Others.

3. What normative, analytical, technical assistance or capacity building activities is your organization providing to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs? Please provide a brief account of the activities you have organized or intend to undertake, including but not limited to the following areas:

      3.1 Enhancing national implementation including by supporting the mainstreaming of the SDGs in development plans and policies or through national sustainable development plans/strategies;
      3.2 Mainstreaming the SDGs in sectoral strategies, including specific SDG/target strategies;
      3.3 Supporting the strengthening of national institutions for more integrated solutions;
      3.4 Data and statistical capacity building;
      3.5 Harnessing science, technology and innovation for the SDGs;
      3.6 Multi-stakeholder partnerships;
      3.7 Bolstering local action and supporting sub-national plans/strategies and implementation for the SDGs;
      3.8 Leveraging interlinkages across SDG goals and targets;
      3.9 Supporting policies and strategies to leave no one behind;
      3.10 Supporting the mobilization of adequate and well-directed financing;
      3.11 Reducing disaster risk and building resilience;
      3.12 Supporting international cooperation and enhancing the global partnership;
      3.13 Others.

4. The high-level political forum (HLPF) is the central platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Has your organization participated in or supported the work of the HLPF? If yes, please specify your involvement in the following areas:

4.1 Supporting the intergovernmental body of your organization in contributing to the thematic review of the HLPF;
4.2 Contributing to policy/background briefs for the HLPF;
4.3 Helping organize SDG-specific events in the preparatory process;
4.4 Organizing side events or speaking at the HLPF;
4.5 Supporting the VNR process.

5. How has your organization cooperated with other UN system organizations to achieve coherence and synergies in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs? In this regard, has your organization launched or intend to launch any joint programmes or projects in collaboration with other UN entities? Are there any results or lessons you would like to highlight that might help improve the design and impact of such efforts? Has your organization participated in any of the following coordination systemwide mechanisms or any other relevant platform - CEB, UNSDG, EC-ESA Plus, regional coordination meetings, UN-Energy, UN-Water, UN-Ocean, IAEG, IATT? Please specify which and indicate any suggestions you may have about improving collaborations within and across these mechanisms/platforms.

6. How has your organization engaged with stakeholder groups, both in supporting implementation at the country, regional and global levels, and within your own organization? If yes, please provide main highlights, including any lessons learned. If your organization has established any multi-stakeholder partnerships to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, please describe them and how their performances are being monitored and reviewed.

7. Has your organization organized any conferences, forums or events designed to facilitate exchange of experience, peer and mutual learning in connection with the SDGs? If yes, please provide a brief summary, below and include lessons learned and gaps identified based on the outcomes of these events. Please also include any events you want to organize in the coming years.

8. Is there any other information you would like to share, including annual reports of your organization and any impact assessment or evaluation reports? If yes, please use the space below and attach the document(s). Please also use this space to provide any other information, comments or remarks you deem necessary.

9. In your view, what should strategic directions look like for the UN system in support of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs in the Decade of Action? What key elements should they include and what major challenges should they address?

10. Please suggest one or two endeavours or initiatives that the UN system organizations could undertake together to support the implementation of the SDGs between now and 2030.