World Statistics Day
Sustainable Data for Sustainable Development

National Implementation of SDG Monitoring

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Why data matters for the SDGs?

- ❖ Inform policies
  - ➤ AAAA: High-quality data is essential for **smart and transparent decision-making**, can improve policymaking at all levels
  - ➤ The **complexity and inter-connectedness of the SDGs** will require significant research and analysis to ensure the **coherence** of implementation efforts and **manage trade-offs**.
- ❖ Monitor progress
  - ➤ With 169 targets, and potentially as many indicators, measuring the SDGs will require significant improvements in **quality, reliability, availability and timeliness** of development data
  - ➤ Data from non-official, third-party sources can **complement official statistics** where gaps exist
- ❖ Leave no one behind
  - ➤ Data can help achieve the transformative impact of the SDGs, by providing information on who benefits or not from the SDGs, through **data disaggregation** according to international human rights framework
- ❖ Accountability, participation and empowerment
  - ➤ Data is necessary but not sufficient for accountability. People must have a say on which data about them is used and how. They must have **access to data** and be **empowered to take action** within their communities.

Mandate from inter-governmental process

❖ **2030 Agenda**
  ➢ 16.10 ensure public access to information …
  ➢ 17.18 … increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts
  ➢ 17.19 … develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product …

Mandate from inter-governmental process (cont'd)

❖ **Addis Ababa Action Agenda**
- Strengthen domestic capacities. National statistical systems have a central role, complemented by data and analysis from private sector, civil society and academia
- Increase and use high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by sex, age, geography, income, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, and other characteristics relevant in national contexts
- … learn from and strengthen existing initiatives and open data standards, such as International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)
- ... develop transparent measurements of progress on sustainable development that go beyond per capita income
- Access to data is not enough. Ensure access to tools, make data standards interoperable, increase global data literacy

What did we do to Monitor the MDGs

❖ **Scorekeeper of the MDGs**
  ➢ 500+ national MDG reports in 140+ countries
  ➢ Promotion of MDGs
  ➢ Assessment of progress
  ➢ Contribute to national debate on development
  ➢ Highlight challenges and insufficiently monitored issues

• **Country Report Guidelines in 2001, 2003, 2009, 2013**

❖ **Support statistical capacity for measuring development progress**
  ➢ Data collection and analysis to produce MDG reports
  ➢ Fill data gaps
  ➢ Improvement in data quality
  ➢ Help create data-friendly environment

SDG Indicators

❖ **UN Statistical Commission Roadmap**
  ➢ Inter-Agency and Experts Group on SDG Indicators established by UN Statistical Commission in March 2015
  ➢ Two work streams: indicator framework, interlinkages across goals and targets
  ➢ Process is highly political and contentious. Strong oversight, or political guidance by member states.
  ➢ SDG Indicators Framework expected in March 2016
  ➢ Next meeting of IAEG-SDGs: 26-28 October 2015, Bangkok

❖ **Mandate/Criteria**
  ➢ Limited number of indicators, but no target left behind
  ➢ Data disaggregation by age, gender and other criteria to address vulnerability and exclusion
  ➢ Respect national policy space: each country can decide own indicators

MAPS Strategy for SDG Implementation

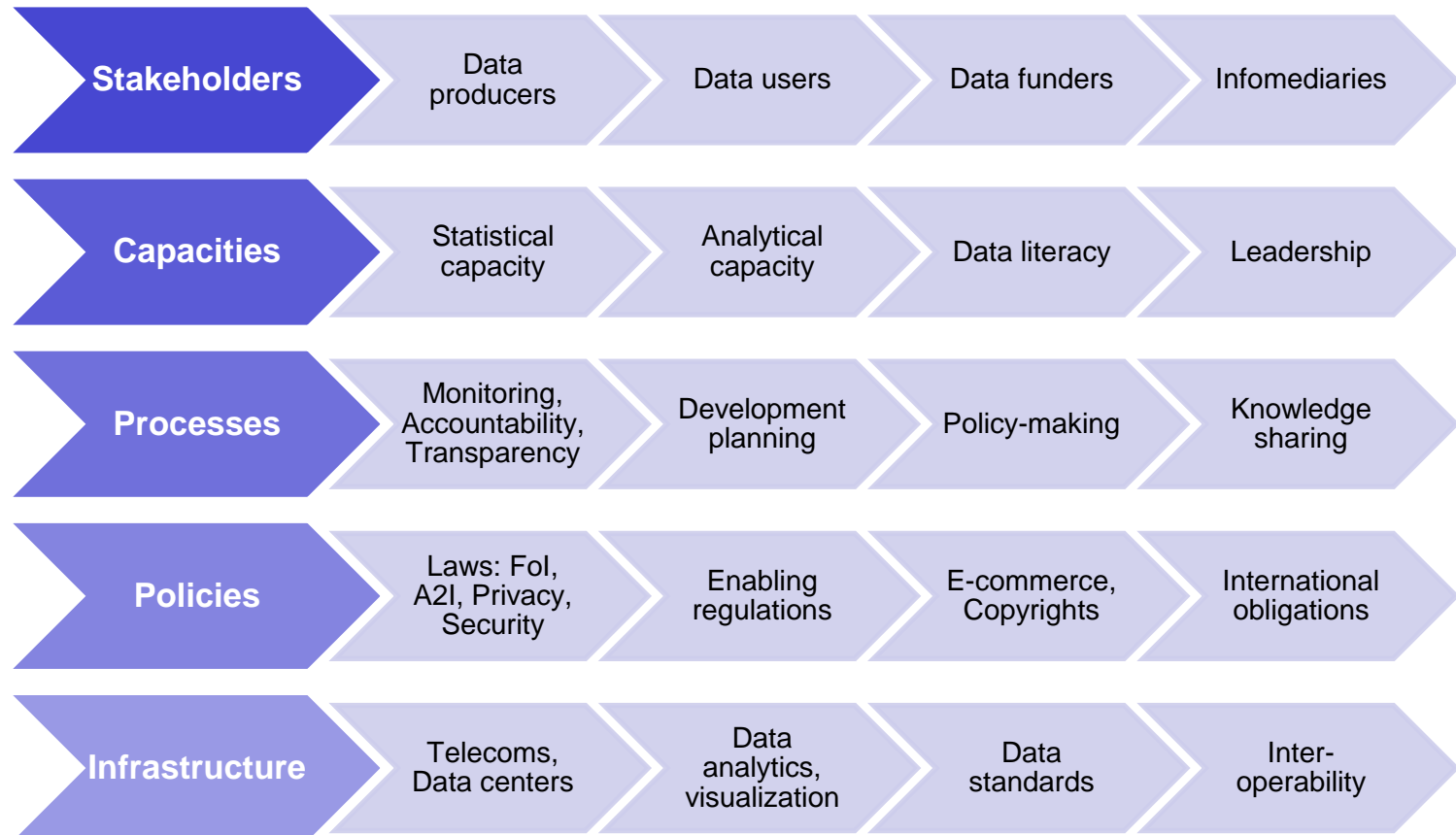| Mainstreaming	Acceleration	Policy Support
❖ **Landing the SDG agenda at the national and local levels:** integration into national and sub-national plans for development; and into budget allocations ❖ Links to new **UNDAF Guidelines**	❖ **Focus on priority areas** defined by respective countries ❖ Support an **integrated approach**, including synergies and trade-offs ❖ **Bottlenecks assessment**, financing and partnerships, and measurement	❖ **Support – skills and experience - from respective UN agencies to countries**, which should be made available at a low cost in a timely manner
Partnerships		
Accountability		
Data		

National SDG Reports

- ❖ United Nations Development Group - Sustainable Development Working Group
- ❖ Inter-agency task team on Data and National SDG Reports

- ❖ Objectives:
  - ➢ Strengthen data systems, capacities, methodologies and mechanisms to track progress
  - ➢ Effective and efficient monitoring and reporting through coordination, facilitation, knowledge sharing
  - ➢ Guidance for producing national SDG reports
  - ➢ Pooled expertise from UN System to support for 144 low and middle income countries
  - ➢ Contribution to HLPF Review architecture

Data Ecosystem Mapping

❖ Opportunities and constraints for stakeholders engagement in data revolution for sustainable development

❖ 6 countries: Bangladesh, Colombia, Moldova, Mongolia, Senegal, Swaziland

Stakeholders	Data producers	Data users	Data funders	Infomediaries
Capacities	Statistical capacity	Analytical capacity	Data literacy	Leadership
Processes	Monitoring, Accountability, Transparency	Development planning	Policy-making	Knowledge sharing
Policies	Laws: FoI, A2I, Privacy, Security	Enabling regulations	E-commerce, Copyrights	International obligations
Infrastructure	Telecoms, Data centers	Data analytics, visualization	Data standards	Inter-operability

MY World2030

❖ **UN Global Campaign for the Sustainable Development Goals**
  ➢ Continue the work of the UN Millennium Campaign
  ➢ Popularize the SDGs
  ➢ Localize the SDGs
  ➢ Get feedback from citizens
  ❖ Partner and innovate

❖ MY World 2030:
  ➢ Build on MY World 2015 - **http://data.myworld2015.org/**
  ➢ People's perception of progress on SDGs implementation - **How are their lives changing?**
  ➢ Globally comparable data - scaled up, nationally representative
  ➢ Feed into official monitoring efforts at national and global levels
  ➢ **Build dialogue** between decision-makers and citizens, to contribute a "people's perspective" on how to implement the SDGs.

- ❖ May 2013: Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Post-2015 calls for a **Data Revolution for Sustainable Development**
- ❖ November 2014: SG's Independent Expert Advisory Group: ***A World that Counts***
  - ➤ Unprecedented technology progress and exponential increase in volume, level of detail, and speed of data available on societies, the economy and the environment
  - ➤ Integration of new and traditional data to produce high-quality, detailed, timely and relevant information to foster and monitor sustainable development
  - ➤ Increased usefulness of data through greater transparency and openness, while respecting privacy and human rights, and equality in production, access and use
  - ➤ Ultimately, more empowered people, better policies, better decisions, greater participation and accountability, leading to better outcomes for people and the planet
- ❖ September 2015: **Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data**
  - ➤ Multi-stakeholder: Governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector, statistics and data communities
  - ➤ Improve the Effective Use of Data
  - ➤ Fill Key Data Gaps
  - ➤ Expand Data Literacy and Capacity
  - ➤ Increase Openness and leverage of Existing Data
  - ➤ Mobilize Political Will and Resources
  - ➤ More information: **http://www.data4sdgs.org/**

Thank you!

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