Workshop on MDG monitoring
Beirut, Lebanon, 7-10 December 2009

Provisional agenda

Monday 7 December
Chair: tbc

Opening

9 – 10:30 am
Introductory remarks (ESCWA, UNSD)
Presentation of workshop objectives and recommendations by IAEG on MDG Indicators (UNSD)
Adoption of the agenda

10:30 – 11 am Coffee Break

Session 1: Improving MDG data reporting

11 am – 12 pm
IAEG work to build statistical capacity in countries and to improve data reporting on MDG indicators (UNSD)
Use of SDMX for MDG Indicators (Devinfo)

12 – 1 pm
The implementation and use of SDMX: the experience of ISTAT (ISTAT)

1 – 2 pm Lunch Break

2 – 2:30 pm
Working groups: implementation of SDMX in countries: challenges and relevance

2:30 – 3 pm
Plenary session: Reports by the working groups

3 – 3:45 pm
MDG national databases: recommendations from the IAEG (UNSD)
Implementation of MDG national databases and their role as coordinating tools (ESCWA)
National MDG databases in countries (Morocco)

3:45 – 4:15 pm Coffee Break

4:15 – 4:45 pm
Working groups: share experiences and put forth recommendations to promote the implementation and use of MDG national databases

4:45 – 5 pm
Plenary session: Reports by the working groups
Tuesday 8 December

Chair: tbc

**Session 2: Resolving discrepancies between national and international data**

9 – 11 am

Recommendations by the IAEG on MDG Indicators on resolving discrepancies between international and national data sources (UNSD)

Overview of process for compilation of international sources and MDG global monitoring (UNSD)

Mechanisms to gather data from national sources, adjustments of national data and mechanisms for validating data with national statistical offices:
- Indicators 2.1 and 2.3, NER and literacy (UIS)
- Indicator 3.2, share of women in paid employment (tbc)

11 – 11:30 am Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1 pm

Mechanisms to gather data from national sources: Adjustments of national data and mechanisms for validating data with national statistical offices (cont.):
- Indicator 4.1, child mortality (tbc)
- Indicators 7.8 and 7.9, water and sanitation (Unicef on behalf of JMP)

1 – 2 pm Lunch Break

2 – 3:30 pm

**Working groups: understanding discrepancies between national and international data**

(different definitions, methodologies, etc)

N.B.: Each Group stays 45 min with each international agency (5 groups in total)

3:30 – 4 pm Coffee Break

4 – 4:45 pm

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Plenary session: Preliminary reports by the working groups
Wednesday 9 December
Chair: tbc

Session 2: Resolving discrepancies between national and international data (cont.)

9 – 10 am
Presentation of case studies: countries will have reviewed a set of indicators
- Indicators 2.1 and 2.3, NER and literacy (Palestine)
- Indicator 3.2, share of women in paid employment (country tbc)
- Indicator 4.1, child mortality (Egypt)
- Indicator 5.1, maternal mortality (country tbc)
- Indicators 7.8 and 7.9, water and sanitation (country tbc)

10 – 10:45 am
Working groups: understanding discrepancies between national and international data (different definitions, methodologies, etc)
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10:45 – 11:15 am Coffee Break

11:15 am – 12 pm
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12 – 1 pm
Working groups: develop recommendations on how to reconcile the estimates and adjustments by international agencies with national data production.

1 – 2 pm Lunch Break

2 – 3 pm
Plenary session: Reports by the working groups on discrepancies

3 – 3:45 pm
Mechanisms of coordination of national statistical systems in countries – results of the UNSD Survey (ESCWA/UNSD tbc)
Presentation of case studies on a selected group of indicators: coordination of national statistical systems and reporting mechanisms (two countries tbc)

3:45 – 4:30 pm
Working groups: share experiences and set recommendations on national coordination and reporting mechanisms, including on the role of regional commissions

4:30 – 5 pm
Plenary session: Reports by the working groups
Thursday 10 December
Chair: tbc

**Session 3: The new MDG monitoring framework**

9:00 – 10:00 am
The new MDG monitoring framework – an overview (UNSD)
New targets and indicators: an overview (UNSD)
New Indicators for Target 5.B (UNFPA)

10:00 am – 11:00 am
*Working groups:* metadata for the new indicators used at the national level and data availability and recommendations for work at the national level

10:00 – 11:30 am Coffee Break

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12 – 12:30 pm
*Plenary session:* Reports by the working groups

12:30 – 13:00
Conclusion of the workshop (UNSD)