



## Technical Consultation: Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Implementation in Europe and Central Asia

### 4 September: Session 8

#### - Outline -

#### Session 8: Data Collection and Indicators

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##### Objective of the Session:

The objective of Session 8 is to highlight the importance of SDG indicators for informing policy making processes and monitoring progress. With a focus on the role of food and agriculture as well as FAO's custodian SDG indicators, feedback will be provided on the challenges, good practices and requirements for the integration of the indicators into monitoring framework of sectoral policies. Introduction of approaches by the panelists will shed light on what efforts, e.g. coordination mechanisms, have been put in place in order to integrate the SDGs into their respective national plans.

##### Key Messages of the Panel:

- Short introduction and presentation by the moderator on the topic 'data collection and indicators', including about the role of SDG indicators for informing policy making processes, key priorities and recommendations on the integration of SDG indicators in the monitoring framework of sectoral policies.
- Feedback from countries on the approach and efforts, e.g. coordination mechanisms, that are applied in order to integrate SDG indicators into national plans, including results, challenges and future plans.
- In the context of the previous point, relevance of the SDGs for national policy making from a data perspective.
- Key priorities and aspects required moving forward.

##### Questions

1. In your view, from a data perspective, how important is the role of the SDGs for national policy making?
2. What are the main challenges of data collection for SDGs?
3. What coordination mechanisms have countries put into place in order to integrate the SDG indicators into their national plans? Results, challenges and future plans.

**Panelists:**

- *Mr Aleksandre Arabuli, Head of Statistics and Analysis Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Georgia*
- *Mr Aslan Musabekov, Chief Specialist, Strategic Planning and Regional Development Unit, Ministry of Economy, Kyrgyzstan*

Moderator: *Mr. Zaza Chelidze, Statistical Expert, FAO*

**Guidance Note**

- The Moderator will set the scene and introduce the panel members. The moderator will make an introductory presentation on the role of SDG indicators for policy making (15 minutes).
- The panellists will make short opening statements (max 7 minutes – panellists can use a power point presentation with max 2 slides) with main highlights related to the key messages above.
- Panellists should include links to the afternoon group work.
- Following the opening statements, there will a moderated discussion with Q&A from the moderator and the audience.
- The session will conclude with key statements (max 2 minutes – without any power point presentation) from the panellists