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Info Digest – Edition 7

Welcome to the SDG 16 info digest – edition 7!

This seventh edition of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 info digest tracks the progress of recent initiatives and provides updates from the global, regional and local perspective on this global goal. In this digest, you will find information related to relevant side-events at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly, among other important events. You will also find information on future events, related resources, knowledge products and tools.

The SDG 16 info digest provides updates on recent events and activities within the UN System and outside and shares information about resources, including publications, articles, blogs, tools and upcoming events. We invite you to share any SDG 16 related information and resources that we can feature in future editions of this digest with [Aseem Andrews](#).

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RECENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS – Updates from UN / UNDP:

Side events at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly:

“Business for a Better World: How companies create a better world”. New York, 18 September 2017



Concept note
The Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies:
Business for a Better World: How companies promote peace, justice, and inclusion

Side-event at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly, September 18th, at 4 pm in the offices of
White & Case LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York

The Global Alliance for Reporting on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies organized a side-event on September 18th to promote the key role of the private sector on promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies and on reporting thereon; and discuss the different ways in which businesses can involve effectively in this proves. The Panel featured high-level panelists from the banking, legal, accounting and high-tech sector, high-level officials from Member States and representatives from the civil society.

This panel showcased the existing contribution by the business sector on reporting on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies and strengthened a constituency of powerful business leaders which is committed to promoting peace, justice, and inclusion, and interact with civil society in order to help governments to report there on. Likewise, this event increased awareness of Government, on how businesses can help them realize their commitments to Goal 16. For more information, click [HERE](#).

High Level dialogue on the pursuit of Peace through Nationally owned mechanisms; Learning from countries experiences. New York, 20 September 2017



Building on the unanimous adoption of the Security Council Resolution 2282 (2016) and of the General Assembly Resolution 262 (2016), the meeting offered a platform for countries that are or were affected by conflict to share experiences and lessons learned on the path towards peace and reconciliation. It also highlighted the importance of national ownership in the journey from conflict to peace and reconciliation.

The meeting featured the innovative models of reconciliation and peacebuilding between Timor-Leste and Indonesia and the experiences from Sierra Leone and other g7+ member countries. It also heard about the successes of Rwanda and other member states. The sharing of these experiences and lessons learnt can provide insights and input towards the reform agenda of the UN and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and allowing States to learn from one another.

g7+ High Level meeting on promoting Justice: Accelerating Progress. New York, 20 September 2017

g7+ High Level meeting on promoting Justice: Accelerating Progress toward SDG 16 Vision
Venue: UN Headquarters (Conference Room 11)
Date: Wednesday, 20th September 2017
Time 10:00pm-12:30 pm

The high-level meeting focused on access to justice in fragile contexts. It brought together Ministers of Justice and other high-level representatives from g7+ and non-g7+ member states, and international organizations

Launch of the Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies. New York, 21 September 2017



The Roadmap has, at its heart, three transformative strategies, namely: prevention of all forms of violence; institutional renewal to underpin sustainable development; and action to increase economic and political inclusion. Moreover, it identifies nine areas of catalytic action and, for each of these actions, highlights examples of national implementation, demonstrating the range and scale of innovation around the world. While it targets the next five years, it also identifies areas where longer-term investment will yield dividends in the 2020s. The launch was co-hosted by the co-conveners of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive

Societies: the governments of Brazil, Sierra Leone, and Switzerland. The event was broadcasted and can be seen at the [UN Web TV](#) and a copy of the Roadmap can be downloaded in English, French or Spanish, by clicking [HERE](#).

“The SDGs in Action: Country-led, Country-Owned”. New York, 21 September 2017



The event highlighted initiatives and lessons learned to accelerate progress on the SDGs in different countries, including in vulnerable and conflict affected situations. It was organized by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and its Results Group on Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Support of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. New York, 25 September 2017



The event focused on the role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in gathering and using the wealth of knowledge and development expertise in the South to realize the Agenda 2030 and was co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda and UNDP, with the support of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation. The event focused on this topic with concrete examples and through [SSMart for SDGs](#) (which enables partners to

post demands, search for solutions, share solutions and collaborate) global marketplace and end-to-end service that provides open, easy and broad access to tested development solutions.

Partnership for Inclusive Growth - Private Sector Investment in the SDGs. New York, 22 September 2017

This event underlined the catalytic role of partnerships in advancing market-based opportunities for all, and brought together business leaders, policy makers and development practitioners apart from highlighting the breakthrough initiatives spearheaded by the IICPSD with the support of the Government of Turkey and other partners. UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and the Permanent Mission of Turkey co-organized this side event on the margins of UN General Assembly.

Training of Trainers: Fiji Justice Sector Stakeholders collaboration makes strides towards achieving SDG 16



The training is an initiative of the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, which supports the justice sector in enhancing early access to justice for all Fijians. It has gained further momentum in the training by United Kingdom Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies of 19 Fiji Police Force trainers to deliver comprehensive training to fellow officers across Fiji. The trainers are currently rolling out trainings in investigative interviewing, the First Hour Procedure and Video Recorded Interviews to police officers across Fiji.

The training syllabus, which incorporates the sentiments of SDG 16 and part of the implementation in Fiji of the UN Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (UNCAT), is designed to achieve early access to justice in criminal proceedings, protection to police officers in the course of their work and enhance the overall efficiency of the criminal justice system. The ongoing success of the initiative is reflective of the joint efforts of the justice sector stakeholders, including the Chief Justice, Commissioner of Police, Director Officer of Public Prosecutions, Legal Aid Commission, and Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, who have shown continual commitment to ensuring access to justice for all Fijians. Support to the Fiji Police Force component of this initiative is provided by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, the British High Commission in Suva and the United Kingdom Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies. For more information, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Launch of report: “[Business and Peace: How the Private Sector Can Contribute to SDG 16?](#)”. New York, 3 November 2017



The SDG Fund, in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania’s Law School and with the support of McDermott Will & Emory LLP, released [this report](#), which focuses on the role of the private sector in creating and sustaining momentum in carrying forward the implementation of the SDGs. The launch of the report brought together business leaders, policy makers, UN agencies, UN Member States, NGOs, academia and

practitioners.

Annual Showcase 2017 of the 16+ Forum. Tbilisi, 30 October – 1 November 2017



Georgia hosted the 16+ Forum's inaugural Annual Showcase. This event was a collective undertaking to demonstrate SGD 16+ in action – what implementation looks like, how to go about it, and lessons learned going forward. Governments, local and international civil society organizations, members of the United Nations system, as well as the private sector and academia participated in the Showcase.

The 2017 Showcase provided an opportunity to take a closer look at the process and results behind Georgia's anti-corruption and good governance initiatives, particularly through the framework of the Open Government Partnership, as well as its efforts to build "Peaceful Societies" through the country's peace and confidence-building efforts. Field visits to related institutions and civil society initiatives were included as part of the event's agenda. More information about the event is available on [HERE](#).

The press release is available on the UNDP Georgia's [website](#).

Quotes, photos, videos on [Twitter](#). Please check in the [moments](#) or follow the hashtag #16plusGeorgia

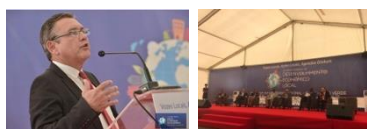
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High level dialogue on “Building resilience for a prosperous and peaceful world: Local Economic Development in fragile and conflict-related settings”. Praia, 17-20 October 2017



In the context of the [4th World Forum of Local Economic Development](#) (LED), UNDP organized and participated in the high-level plenary session focused on the potential of LED to sustain peace and build resilience after conflicts and natural disasters ([watch the recordings](#)). The session served to analyze how LED is an important building block in the aftermath of conflict, while acknowledging that socio-economic recovery in itself is not sufficient and that it needs to go hand-in-hand with a governance and peacebuilding agenda embedded in SDG 16.



The Forum served as a platform to take stock of innovative approaches, mechanisms and initiatives related to LED as a driving alternative for a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable economic development model. The event gathered more than 2,800 participants from 85 countries, including several

high ranking representatives from the government and the UN. More information can be found [HERE](#).

OECD DAC GovNet, Special Consultation Meeting on Understanding ‘Inclusive Governance’. Paris, 25 October 2017



What do we actually mean by ‘inclusive governance’ as stipulated in SDG 16.6 and 16.7? How do development cooperation agencies try and identify and address issues of in- and exclusion? And what further research is needed? These are some of the ambitious questions that the OECD DAC's GOVNET has set out to answer, including by surveying

its members and by convening a Special Consultation Meeting in Paris on 25 October 2017. At the consultation meeting, representatives of six members (Australia, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, UK, US) and UNDP reviewed concepts of and challenges around inclusion and governance, ably facilitated by the Network's secretariat, co-chair and Alina Rocha-Menoncal, Senior Research Fellow at ODI.

Members also shared tools to assess issues of in- and exclusion, with stimulating input from Maitreyi Bordia Das, the World Bank's Global Lead for Social Inclusion and lead author of the 2013 report "Inclusion Matters" – a book that led to the development of a 4 Questions tool to address social exclusion (Who? From What? How? Why?). Members agreed to collect and analyse examples of relevant work from their institutions which will be used to formulate practical guidance on the implementation of SDG 16.

Third Partners for Review network meeting. Kampala, Uganda, 24-25 October



Partners for Review is a Germany-led initiative to consolidate a network of stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and the private sector involved in national review processes and to enable demand-oriented learning on new and emerging challenges of SDG review, follow-up and implementation on the road to 2030.

The [third Partners for Review network meeting](#) gathered government officials and key non-governmental stakeholders in Kampala to discuss cross-cutting challenges of national implementation and the imperative of strengthening stakeholder participation and engagement for the realization of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. In particular, participants exchanged peer expertise in the issues of: (i) effectively coordinating ministries, parliaments and government institutions (whole-of-government approach); (ii) institutionalizing the active involvement and participation of non-government stakeholders (whole-of-society approach); (iii) strengthening national review and monitoring mechanisms; and (iv) improving data collection and management.

Exploring New and Old Data to Measure SDG Tier 3. Istanbul, 16-17 October 2017



On 16-17 October 2017, the kick-off workshop for the cross-regional [Data Innovation Project “Measuring the Unmeasured”](#) was held in Istanbul, Turkey. The overall goal of the two-day event was to identify new ways to measure those indicators of SDGs Tier III, where no established methodology exists yet. The event has brought together participants from 13 countries—Albania, Macedonia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Botswana, Egypt, Tunisia, Sudan, Maldives, Pakistan, Armenia, Mongolia and India, and 7 mentors from the leading institutions working on data innovation for development.

Over the next 6 months, UNDP country offices and their national partners will be finding innovative ways to measure SDG Tier 3 indicators. Of the 13 participating countries, 5 countries have decided to work on SDG16 indicators. By combining a diversity of data sources, some old – household surveys, with new data – from SMS polling to real time data, we will be looking for timely and reliable insights on people’s satisfaction with public services and their inclusion in decision-making.

Brown Bag Lunch on Citizen Satisfaction Surveys in Viet Nam: What is available and how they inform SDG indicators 16.6 and 16.7. Oslo, 11 October 2017



On 11 October, OGC hosted a brown bag lunch with Do Thanh Huyen, from UNDP Vietnam. Huyen was on a one month detailed assignment with OGC, working on how citizen satisfaction surveys can be used to inform the SDG indicators 16.6 and 16.7. At the brown bag lunch, she presented the main findings of her work.

Huyen's presentation constituted a unique opportunity to hear a country perspective from Viet Nam about their work in the area of citizen satisfaction surveys and how they inform governance related policies and actions and SDG16 implementation. She provided an overview of the work done in the country across national to local surveys, with a focus on UNDP's flagship initiative '[Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index](#)' (PAPI). Huyen also focused on what is meant by 'informal vs. formal sources' of data and shared the experience of the National Statistical Office opening up to informal data sources (like the ones mentioned above), as well as to data being generated by local governments and NGOs.

2017 International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals Statistics (ICSDGS). Manila, 4-6 October 2017



This event was useful in sharing good practices on the production, dissemination and analysis of SDG indicators, as well as for coming up with methodologies in addressing data gaps. More specifically, it aimed at: serving as a venue of knowledge sharing/discussion on the methodologies, addressing data gaps and use of other data sources given the numerous SDG indicators, including the demand for data disaggregation (geographical, income, sectoral, age, sex, race, ethnicity or other characteristics); identifying needed resources/support/capacity building for government statistical offices to be able to respond to the requirements of SDG monitoring; facilitating a special session on the discussion of civil registration and vital statistics, big data, citizen-generated data and administrative data as possible data sources of SDG indicators; and identifying partnerships aimed at developing tools and skills that can facilitate data availability and access for SDG monitoring. Philippines hosted this event through a collaboration between the Philippine Statistics Authority and the United Nations Statistics Division.

Guidelines for Fair Recruitment of Workers Developed in the Mekong Sub-region. Bangkok, 27-29 September 2017



Recruitment practices constitute human trafficking when they are deceptive or coercive and have exploitative intentions. They can also create vulnerabilities to forms of exploitation, such as when they involve excessive fees. Ensuring fair recruitment is therefore a key prevention strategy for human trafficking.

In support of SDG 16.2 on ending human trafficking, UN-ACT – a regional UNDP project and the Secretariat to the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) – convened a workshop with relevant ministries and civil society organizations from COMMIT member states (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam) to develop principles and guidelines for fair recruitment. The event drew upon international standards and received technical and financial support from ILO, IOM and UNODC. The outcome is set to be adopted at the COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting in November before being operationalized at the national level.

Happening Now: Sixth meeting of the [Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators \(IAEG-SDGs\)](#). Manama, 11-14 November 2017.10.30

The sixth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs is being hosted in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, by [The Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies \(DERASAT\)](#). This meeting's objectives include: (i) reviewing the tier classification; (ii) discussing the proposed guidelines on data flows and global data reporting; (iii) reviewing progress made on the methodological development of tier III indicators; (iv) discussing issues related to the work stream on data disaggregation; and (v) discussing progress made on the data reporting calendar.

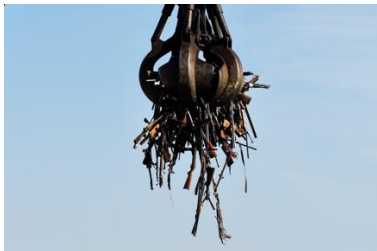
RESOURCES – publications, tools, blogs:

Report on the pilot initiative: Monitoring to implement SDG16



This report summarizes the findings emerging from a pilot initiative led by UNDP, in collaboration with the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and with financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), from November 2016 to July 2017, to support inclusive processes and methodologies for monitoring SDG16 in six countries: El Salvador, Georgia, Indonesia, South Africa, Tunisia and Uruguay. Additionally, this report presents information from Mexico, which was not part of the pilot initiative but simultaneously developed a similar methodology in coordination with these countries. It will be useful to anyone interested in knowing more about the various approaches adopted by participating governments to monitor SDG16 in collaboration with non-governmental actors, the main challenges they faced in doing so and lessons learned from their experiences. Download [here](#).

UNDP SEESAC informs: 22,750 firearms, 4,622 parts and components, and 236,197 pieces of ammunition destroyed in the Western Balkans in 2017



SDG 16.4 represents the global commitment to significantly reduce illegal arms flows by 2030. Destruction of firearms and ammunition combats illegal flows at source by preventing surplus and confiscated weapons from being stolen or trafficked. SEESAC, with the support of the EU and local authorities, destroyed 22,750 pieces of firearms and 4,622 parts and components in [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Montenegro](#), [Kosovo*](#) and [Serbia](#) and 236,197 pieces of ammunition [in Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) in 2017. Some of these events were held simultaneously to mark International Gun

Destruction Day on 9 July. All of them serve as a reminder to governments and citizens alike of the threat that excess, poorly secured, and illegal weapons pose to public safety and security. SEESAC is planning to destroy up to 50.000 conventional weapons and 500.000 pieces of ammunition in South East Europe from 2017 until 2019.

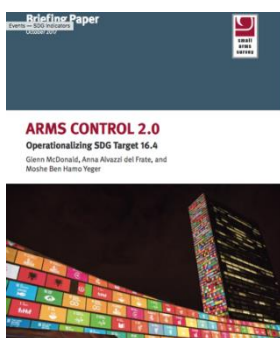
*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

SDGs in Action app: developed by GSMA and Project Everyone



The SDGs in Action app has been developed to highlight the Sustainable Development Goals. The app features: detailed information about each of the 17 goals, including targets, explanatory videos, key facts and figures, and suggestions on how we can help achieve them; the latest sustainable development news from around the world. It also helps us interact with global citizens around the world and see the latest news; receive notifications about goals; access to the World's Largest Lesson explaining each of the Sustainable Development Goals; find actions and events; and the ability to create Actions and invite others to join.

New Briefing Paper of the Small Arms Survey - [Arms Control 2.0: Operationalizing SDG Target 16.4](#)



This Briefing Paper deals with SDG Target 16.4 and conventional arms control processes, addressing both challenges and potential for progress in this area and describes how the implementation of international arms control instruments support the aim of reducing illicit arms flows, in line with SDG Target 16.4.

It also focuses on the challenge of measuring progress made in achieving that target and related SDGs, noting that the success of both the SDG and conventional arms control processes will largely depend on the extent to which states take advantage of the synergies between SDG indicators, including at the national and regional levels, and reporting under the international arms control instruments. While important potential synergies in reporting and data collection exist, they will remain stillborn unless translated into concrete action.

New Video from UNDP: REACH Service Delivery in Sign Language – One Day in Fiji Market Place



[The video](#) illustrates the awareness raising of rights and delivery of government services conducted recently at Nausori market in Fiji. In aiming to REACH the furthest behind first, it advocates for provision of sign language to make government services fully accessible.

The video was produced in partnership with the Fiji Association of the Deaf. [The Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion \(REACH\) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project](#) aims at promoting peace building, social cohesion and inclusiveness. The project conducts awareness raising of the social, economic and legal rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji, provides access to the services associated with these rights and strengthens institutional capacity to deliver these services. A mobile service delivery approach is undertaken to reach communities throughout all of Fiji with the focus to reach the furthest behind first. The project is implemented by UNDP Pacific Office and supported by the Government of Japan and UNDP.

Targets4Action: created by The New Division by Trollbäck + Company, with support of Project Everyone and made possible by the Swedish Government



[Targets4Action](#) is a new communication project, which brings the focused language from the 17 main goals to all of the 169 targets. This is achieved through the creation of headings or short names, as well as an icon for every target. The idea is to make it easy for the public to identify each target. After all, the SDGs can only succeed with public support, and, in order to be public support, it is essential to make the goals, as well as their targets, easily understandable.

The Community of Democracies and PartnersGlobal present a new study: [“The Importance of ensuring an enabling environment for civil society as it relates to the Sustainable Development Goals. Report to the Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society”](#)



This study explores the links between an enabling environment for civil society, sustainable economic and social development and the fulfillment of the Agenda 2030. It builds on literature review, interviews and focus groups and provides key findings and recommendations.

The Community of Democracies launched the [“Voluntary supplemental indicators for Goal 16 on inclusive, just and peaceful institutions”](#)



This supplemental indicator framework proposes a set of SDG 16 indicators to better measure critical aspects of peaceful, just and inclusive societies. It draws on the international normative framework and, particularly, on the Community of Democracies Warsaw Declaration. The specific supplemental indicators proposed in the document were decided on the basis of the criteria of relevance, simplicity, feasibility and policy actionability.

This initiative was developed by the Community of Democracies, with the technical assistance of Dr. Havard Nygard (Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo) and the support of the governments of the United States, Sweden and Japan.

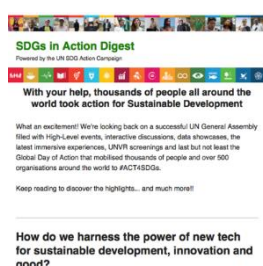
The Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) launched the report "[SDG Progress Report 2017](#)"



IEP launched the “SDG Progress Report 2017” on the International Peace Day. The report presents a progress audit on SDG16, focusing on how to practically measure Sustainable Development Goal 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions.

This is the second report by the IEP on SDG16 and follows on from the data audit conducted by IEP in 2016, which reviewed the global data availability for this goal. The report begins the process of measuring the actual performance and progress of countries against the 12 SDG16 targets, based on the existing data identified by the international community, IEP and other third party organisations.

The new edition of the [SDGs in Action Digest](#) is now available



The UN SDG Action Campaign has launched the new edition of the “SDGs in Action Digest”. The digest highlights the recent activities of the UN SDG Action Campaign during the UN General Assembly, the #ACT4SDGs global day of action, the latest SDG news and more. To subscribe to the newsletter, click [HERE](#).

OECD released the “[Development Co-operation Report 2017: Data for Development](#)”



The Report focuses on data for development. It highlights that the contribution of data to enabling development is uncontested, and that data is essential to measure and monitor progress against the Sustainable Development Goals. Despite this, investing in building statistical capacity – which represented about 0.30% of official development assistance in 2015 – is not a priority for most providers of development assistance.

The Report is available in English, French and German.

[Report of the regional conference on Business and Human Rights](#)



As part of the regional project “Supporting Regional and National Partnership for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) in Asia-Pacific”, a regional conference was held in Bangkok, Thailand, on June 2017. The participants discussed the way toward mainstreaming Business and Human Rights in corporate operations. In Asia, the great momentum on it could be found, and all participants agreed on the importance of collaborative work.

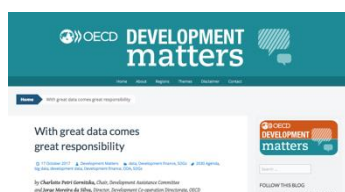
The report of the conference has now been published and is available [HERE](#). For further information about the project, contact [Livio Sarandrea](#).

Irregularities and Corruption Big Impediments to achieve SDG Related to Curbing Corruption and Establishing Good Governance: Transparency International Bangladesh



The publication discusses the main findings and recommendations of the research report titled 'Sustainable Development Goal 16: Preparedness, Realities and Challenges for Bangladesh in Curbing Corruption and Establishing Good Governance', from Transparency International Bangladesh. The report was unveiled on 17 September 2017, and it was the result of studies conducted from April to August 2017, on the preparedness, realities and challenges for Bangladesh in achieving four targets of SDG 16, namely: 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 and 16.10. All of these targets relate to curbing corruption and establishing good governance.

With great data comes great responsibility: by Charlotte Petri Gornitzka and Jorge Moreira da Silva, published in OECD Development Matters, 17 October 2017



This publication addresses the importance of data for the SDGs indicators and the current gap in the availability of such data. As highlighted by Gornitzka and Moreira da Silva, simply increasing aids for development is not sufficient. Investment in data for development is also needed, since it "gives voice to those who feel its impact, helps target aid to where it is needed most, while presenting a higher definition picture of results to taxpayers in countries that provide

development co-operation". This article was featured in the Development Co-operation Report 2017: Data for Development. Charlotte Petri Gornitzka is the Chair at the Development Assistance Committee and Jorge Moreira da Silva is the Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD

Goal 16 is about peace, not hard security: by Anna Möller-Loswick, published in Saferworld, in 12 October 2017



In this comment piece, Anna Möller-Loswick argues that the long-term vision of peace in Goal 16 is put at risk if governments use it to pursue national and international security agendas. According to Möller-Loswick, translating Goal 16's commitments to peace into action requires the international community to prioritise peacebuilding and human security over securitised and short-term responses to conflict and insecurity.

Anna Möller-Loswick is a Policy Coordinator at Saferworld.

For a Comprehensive and Credible Governance Measurement in the SDGs: by Robert Schwarz, published in the blog "Transformation Index BTI 2016", in 19 September 2017



Inspired by the 2nd Global Workshop of the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, Robert Schwarz comments on Goal 16. More specifically, Schwarz addresses what he calls "three types of pitfalls that accompany the [United Nations] member states in anchoring governance in the measurement of Goal 16". These are: conceptual overload, diluted operationalization and the neglect of result indicators. Finally, Schwarz discusses the use (or lack of it) of independent data from non-governmental sources.

Robert Schwarz is a Project Manager at Bertelsmann Transformation Index.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Regional Forum on Innovation in Governance: Making Progress in Achieving SDGs. Chisinau, 14-16 of November in Chisinau.



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Regional Forum on Innovations in Governance:
Making Progress in achieving the SDGs
14-16 November 2017, Chisinau, Moldova



The Regional Forum, which will take place in Moldova, aims at creating a platform for sharing knowledge and experience on emerging innovation approaches, practices and tools, as well as their effect on public services delivery

models and approaches.

It will bring together top-notch international and national speakers from Finland, the United Kingdom, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Armenia and Georgia, to discuss a wide range of topics, including experimental policy-making, accessible and citizen-oriented public services, and efficient public service delivery. For more information, contact Ms. Valeria Tepordei (valeria.tepordei@undp.org).

Civil Society Day. Buenos Aires, 20 November 2017

Argentina will host the Civil Society Day, which will gather civil society representatives and activists to share their experiences and ideas regarding open government challenges on the continent. For more information, please see [HERE](#).

Pacific Regional Workshop on monitoring the Sustainable Development Goal 16: Supporting countries to track progress on Rule of Law and Access to Justice, Anti-Corruption and Effective Institutions. Coral Coast, 21-24 November 2017

The overall objective of the workshop is to contribute to better quality of planning, monitoring and reporting on SDG 16 in the areas of rule of law and access to justice, anti-corruption and effective institutions. A secondary objective of the workshop is to explore a model for tailoring SDG indicators to better suit the country context and identifying data sources that would strengthen SDG tracking and reporting at the country and regional level. This would then support evidence-based policy formulation to accelerate SDG implementation.

In the Pacific, currently no country has data available covering all the indicators required to measure SDG 16, with data available for only 43 per cent of indicators. UNDP Pacific Office, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime are convening this regional SDG 16 workshop to bring together representatives from 15 Pacific Island Countries from the technical areas of National Planning Departments, Statistic Offices and Government bodies and rule of law and access to justice, anti-corruption, effective institutions stakeholders and regional bodies engaged in the SDG agenda.

Open Government Partnership Americas Regional Meeting 2017. Buenos Aires, 21-22 November 2017



The meeting will bring over 2,000 representatives from governments and civil society, digital innovators, developers, journalists, and researchers to share their experience and further the open government agenda in the face of current global challenges. For more information, please see [HERE](#).

The Global Forum on Business and Human Rights. Geneva, 27-29 November 2017.

On 27-29 November 2017, UNDP will co-host a panel focusing on the progress of Business and Human Rights in Asia along with representatives from Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. This annual forum hosted by OHCHR brings a wider range of actors who are engaging in Business and Human Rights such as CSOs, private sectors and governments across the globe. The central theme of this year is "Realizing Access to Effective Remedy".

The panel will highlight the growing momentum toward business which leaves no one behind, particularly those who seeks remedy for adverse impact caused by corporate operations in the region behind. To know more about the event, click [HERE](#). For further information about the project, contact [Livio Sarandrea](#).

Regional Workshops informing national and regional PVE strategies in South and Southeast Asia, November/December 2017

On November 27-29 UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, together with UNOCT, UN Women, UNODC, UNV, and in partnership with Hedayah, the Global Centre for Cooperative security and UNDPA, is organizing a regional workshop on the development and implementation of national action plans to prevent violent extremism to Promote Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies. This event will focus on prevention strategies on a national level.

A second workshop is the ASEAN-UN Regional Dialogue on Political-Security Cooperation (AURED IV), which will focus on the regional dimension of prevention strategies. This Workshop is convened by ASEAN, UNDP, UNDPA and UN Women to discuss the role of women in violent extremism and how the Women, Peace and Security agenda can inform the development of a regional action plan on PVE. Both these workshops aim at enhancing SDG 16, by resetting the focus on the prevention of violent extremism away from a security-focused approach and including all of society. Focal point: simon.woell@undp.org.

This Info Digest is produced by the Oslo Governance Centre within the Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP. It provides an overview of the work being done by the UN and specifically UNDP on SDG 16, apart from some interesting external inputs and includes updates on ongoing and new initiatives, resources and related announcements. The content appearing in this Info Digest does not necessarily reflect the views of the UN, UNDP or its Member States. To unsubscribe to this newsletter, please write to: [Aseem Andrews](#).

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