United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians

Organizational Sprint

Summary Agenda

Meeting 1

Objective: Review the mandate from the Statistical Commission for the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians (based on the final report of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics) and related activities that have taken place since March 2021. A draft Terms of Reference will be tabled, as a starting point of conversation for the group.

Topics

- 1.1 Welcome, introduction and tour de table
- 1.2 Review of the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair report

The final report of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics (FOCG) included several recommendations, including the formation of a United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians. These recommendations will be reviewed and progress against them will be reported

1.3 Terms of Reference for the Network Based on the FOCG report, a draft Terms of Reference has been prepared to help to shape discussion. This will be presented and discussed.

Meeting 2

Objective: Finalize the Terms of Reference for the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians and start discussion on user engagement

2.1 Terms of reference for the Network

Discussion will continue on the Terms of Reference for the Network with the aim of achieving a consensus on a final document.

2.2 User engagement

A key direction form the Statistical Commission was a strong link to user needs. The FOCG report suggested how this could be done. Possible modes for obtaining information on these user needs will be discussed.

Meeting 3

Objective: Finalize recommendations on user engagement and initiate a discussion of subjects for future sprints

3.1 User engagement

Discussion will continue with an aim of reaching a consensus on specific user engagement activities and mechanisms to share this input.

3.2 Update on planned sprints

Before the next Statistical Commission Meeting, sprints will be launched inclusive: wealth and well-being; as well as acquisition of commercial data. The organizers of these sprints will provide an update on their preparations.

3.3 Potential future sprints

The group will identify and consider possible sprints that will run to the end of March 2024.

Meeting 4

Objective: Finalize subjects for future sprints and two year action plan.

4.1 Identification of future sprints

Consensus will be sought on priority areas for sprints to run to the end of March 2024. Ideally country leads will be identified.

4.2 Next steps

The activities of all four meetings will be summarized, including possible recommendations for a future organizational sprint,

4.3 Conclusion of the Organizational sprint