SDGs: First steps
Regional SDG Survey 2016

• Seeking to build on **existing policy frameworks**, e.g. national sustainable development strategies
• **Review** of policies and strategies in light of SDGs
• **Inter-ministerial** coordination structures and ‘whole-of-government’ approaches
• Definition of **national priorities**
• **Adaptation** of SDGs to national and local realities
• Need for **advocacy** and **awareness** raising
• Involvement of **stakeholders** at all levels
• **UN system**: provider of norms, standards, legal instruments, policy recommendations and expert advice.

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Statistics (from Conference of European Statisticians)

CES prepares **road map on statistics for SDGs**; approval expected in June 2017

- Assess **readiness** of countries to report on SDG indicators
- Identify regional **indicators**
- Provide guidance on **national and subnational indicators**
- Clarify setup of **reporting** on SDGs
- Build **statistical capacities**
- Communicate and **disseminate** SDG statistics
Transition from MDGs to SDGs
2016 inter-agency report

- Goals to be considered as part of integrated development agenda
- Adaptation of global goals to national situations critical
- Focus policies on the marginalized and excluded
- Significant data challenges
- Coordinated UN support at national and regional level
Joint Positioning of Regional UN System on 2030 Agenda

• Regional UN system to provide coordinated support to countries to implement SDGs
• Strengthened inter-agency cooperation through joint analysis, advocacy, partnerships and issue-based coalitions
• Involvement of UN entities in regional follow-up and review
Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Geneva, 25 April 2017

• Back-to-back with UNECE Anniversary session

• Functions of **regional reviews**:
  ➢ Peer learning and exchange of best practices
  ➢ Identify regional trends
  ➢ Address transboundary issues

• **Policy Segment** on

  “The Second Year of the SDGs in the Region – Knowing Where We Stand and Moving on to Prosperity and Well-being for All”

• **Regional Round Tables** for peer learning:
  - Nationalization and localization of SDGs
  - Subregional cooperation for SDG implementation
  - Data and monitoring
Regional Review

High-Level Political Forum

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

National reviews and monitoring

Reviews in UNECE Sectoral Committees and other UNECE inputs

Reviews and inputs from other regional and international organisations

Reviews and inputs from civil society and other stakeholders

Reviews and inputs from regional UN system
Thank you!

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