Role of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office in the Swiss Administration within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Post-2015-Agenda / 2030 Agenda 2030 as a game changer!

• What did change?
  • More attention to official statistics;
  • More "private" producers;
  • Much more involvement in political processes;
  • But also much more involvement of politics in statistical work;

• Chances and challenges on global, regional and national levels;
• The resolution “Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” adopted by UNGA in June 2017 (A/71/313);
Swiss Task Force was / is the key for FSO to participate in the political process

- A Swiss Task Force on the post-2015 agenda was established:
  - Since September 2012: regular meetings;
  - Led by the the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) – Ambassador Michael Gerber;
  - Around 15 ministries participate;
Important steps from 2012 to 2017

- Report of the **Open Working Group** on Sustainable Development Goals established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288 (A/68/L.61);

- **Intergovernmental Negotiations**: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/RES/70/1).
Overview of bodies and crucial conferences/resolutions

Swiss Task Force

OWG

FOC Broader Measures

IN

HLG-PCCB

IAEG-SDGs

HLPF

A/66/288

A/68/L.61

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2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017
Collaboration between the statisticians and the policy-makers is crucial

• Culture of dialogue, cooperation and co-construction
• Pre-defined rules of the game
• Clearly defined processes and well documented decisions
• Respect of the specific role of each actor (in our case the independency and the neutrality of official statistics)
• Shared knowledge and skills
• Large and robust statistical basis (surveys, data, accounting frameworks, methods)
Implementation and monitoring of SDGs in Switzerland

Analysis of the targets in the Swiss policy context
Translation of the targets in the Swiss context
Selection of indicators
Production of the indicators
Reporting HLPF
Policy Analysis
Facts & figures
Needs for action
New policy needs
Development of the statistical system

Policymakers
Statisticians
Selection criteria:
IAEG-SDGs, MONET, quality of data
Data collection, accounting framework

Needs for action
Development of the statistical system
Lessons learned and conclusions

- We love the 2030 Agenda! Game changer for FSO to be visible within the administration;
Lessons learned and conclusions

- Basic statistical work is needed more than ever;
Lessons learned and conclusions

- We mostly cooperate with partners who do not know much about statistics. We need to “educate“ them (data and statistical literacy, support negotiations process);
Lessons learned and conclusions

• Lobbing! Lobbing! Lobbing! (Ressources needed);
Lessons learned and conclusions

- We have “our“ resolution. We are not yet where we want to be: Next Financing conference is crucial for the statistical community.
We have to be the main stakeholder of our stakeholders!