



Measuring Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies: Launch of the SDG16 Data Initiative

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When: Thursday, 14 July, 7:15 – 8:30 PM

Where: Conference Room D, UN Conference Center

To meet the ambition of the SDGs and SDG16, it is essential that they are matched by an equally comprehensive and inclusive data collection, monitoring and accountability frameworks. While National Statistical Systems will be the primary agencies responsible for official monitoring of SDG progress, data being produced by other actors – including civil society organizations, academia, research institutions, and UN agencies – will also play a crucial role in providing a robust and accurate picture of progress at all levels.

This side event will launch the ***SDG16 Data Initiative*** – a new data dashboard and partnership designed to collect and aggregate existing data and indicators for measuring SDG16, supported by some of the world’s foremost experts, organizations and data providers on these issues. This town-hall style event will present this new platform, showcasing best available data around SDG16 issues, and facilitate a discussion around the collective challenges, opportunities, and user-needs to measuring progress towards SDG16 at all levels.

With opening remarks from:

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