

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission, scheduled to take place from 8 to 11 March 2016, a briefing for civil society organizations was held on Monday, 29 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

You can watch the webcast at: <http://webtv.un.org/watch/briefing-for-civil-society-organizations-in-preparation-for-the-47th-session-of-the-un-statistical-commission/4779963770001#full-text>

**Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA):**

- Noted key issues for discussion during the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) will be from the 8-10 March <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/>
- Information for the participation of civil society can be found at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/resources/cso-guide/>
- During the opening of the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNSC there will be an overflow room.
- Underlined the UNSD and the IAEG-SDGs voiced concerns about the timeframe for developing the global indicator framework.
- In addition, concerns were raised about having too many indicators.
- Highlighted, a key question received was what is the global indicator framework?
- Noted the global indicator framework will allow UNSD to conduct global monitoring to write a report once a year to measure progress for the 2030 Agenda to be presented to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- Emphasized it is the hope that countries will develop national indicators from the global indicator framework but expect all countries to modify the global indicators for the national level.
- Underlined, a lot of indicators didn't make into the final report because it could not be used for global monitoring.
- Noted the IAEG-SDGs made a strong commitment to data disaggregation but highlighted this a very expensive to collect data based on data disaggregation.
- Stressed capacity building will be a critical issue as we move forward.
- Appeal to CSOs to outreach to Member States for them to advocate for mechanisms of refinement towards the global indicator framework.
- Noted he is trying to organize a UN Data World Forum to invite all stakeholders to have an open and broad debate on how to collaborate and develop partnerships.