



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

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When: Thursday, 14 July, 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Where: Conference Room D, UN Conference Building

To meet the ambition of the SDGs, it is essential that they are matched by equally comprehensive and inclusive data collection, monitoring and accountability measures. While national governments and specialized intergovernmental institutions will be responsible for official UN monitoring of the SDGs, supplementary data from nongovernmental sources - including civil society organizations and research institutions – will also play a crucial role in providing the most complete and accurate picture possible of progress towards these new global goals. This is especially true of SDG16, with its ten targets aimed at achieving its overarching goal of promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

This side event at the UN’s High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development marks the launch of the **SDG16 Data Initiative**, a partnership for the compilation and publication of existing statistical indicators for measuring SDG16, supported by some of the world’s foremost experts, organizations and data providers on these issues. This launch event will present this new SDG16 platform, showcasing the best available data on all the SDG16 targets and prompting a new global dialogue on the collective challenges and opportunities for measuring progress towards SDG16 at all levels.

With opening remarks by:

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