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The Critical Role of Non-Official Data in Monitoring and Implementing SDG16

A Side Event to the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Launching the SDG16 Data Initiative 2019 Global Report

Date: Monday, 8 July 2019
Time: 10:00-12:00

Venue: Conference Room 5, GA Building, UN Headquarters, New York

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SDG16 is particularly challenging for open data collection. Non-official data, as highlighted by SDG16 Data Initiative (SDG16 DI), independently address gaps in data availability, through innovative methodologies and can reduce capacity strain on NGOs through strategic partnerships. Critically, non-official data can provide accountability to governments, ensuring perceptions and needs of marginalized groups are accounted for.

This session will advance monitoring and implementing SDG16 with new data and guidance for policy makers and civil society. First, the session will provide an overview of the type of data collected and shared through the interactive website SDG16.org, which allows users to compare progress across time and context, understand the strengths and weaknesses of different indicators and data sets, and identify gaps in data availability.

Secondly, the side event will highlight some key results of the forthcoming annual SDG16 DI 2019 Global Report. The Report assesses global progress towards realizing the 2030 Agenda's commitment to peaceful, just and inclusive societies and provides recommendations for improving the quality and availability of SDG16 data.

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Speakers:
Introductory remarks from Ursala Knudsen-Latta, Saferworld
- **Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development**
- **Annika Silva-Leander, International IDEA**
- **John Romano, Transparency, Accountability and Participation Network**
- **Sarah Long, World Justice Project**
- **Marco Suazo, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, (Invited)**

Moderator: Massimo Tommasoli, International IDEA

The SDG16 Data Initiative was launched in 2016 by a consortium composed of 15 partner organizations: the Global Forum for Media Development, Governance Data Alliance, Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL) Institute for Economics and Peace, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), Namati, Open Society Foundations, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Saferworld, Small Arms Survey, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), TAP Network, Transparency International, the World Justice Project and World Values Survey