# Data, Indicators and Science for Tracking Progress on the SDGs

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## Good national data processes

### • Jamaica

- multi-stakeholder process and working groups
- Detailed statistical report on availability and gaps also visualizing where donor support was needed – led to new data collection initiatives

### • Ghana

- Ghana Statistical Service and NSS worked to deepen previous analysis on what data would be required for monitoring the SDGs and achievement of the targets
- Reflecting the Ghana Statistics Development Plan (GSDP)
- Undertaking complete assessment of the administrative sources of data.

...and several others with similarly good processes





### SDG Indicators: challenges and opportunities

#### Challenges

Scope:

- 232 indicators
- Tier III indicators
- > Disaggregation

Quality, timeliness reliability, accessibility

Limited funding and support for National Statistical System

#### Opportunities

Digital transformation and partnership with new data communities

New data sources New methodological development

Increased focus on collaboration

New actors interested.

Addressing the challenges

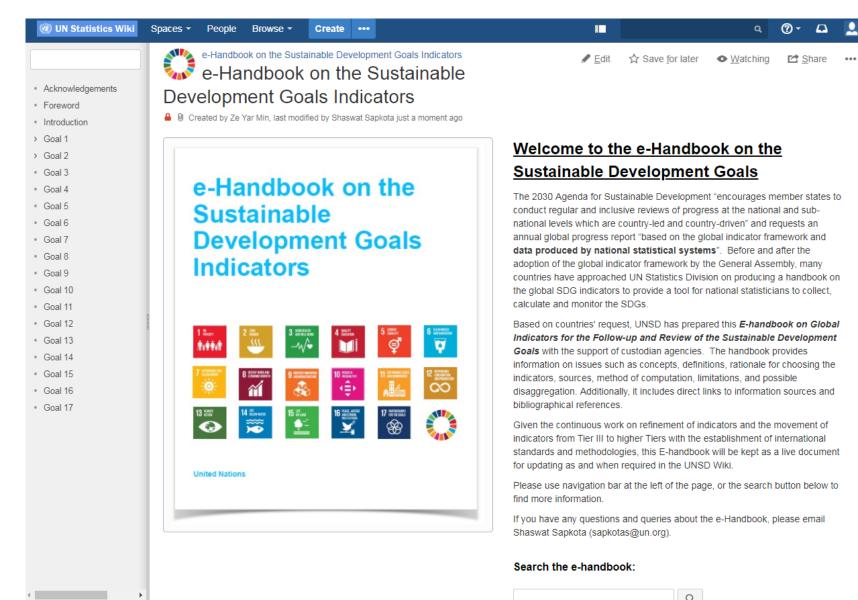
Strengthen the role of NSOs and collaboration across NSS Data sharing agreements

Integrating data sources Data interoperability Prioritize and harmonize data collection programs

Creating new partnerships

Donor support and collaboration

### E-handbook on SDGs and metadata



## UNSD capacity development activities

- SDG monitoring project supporting development of national data and metadata platforms (funded by DFID)
- A joint USD10 Million Project on Statistics and Data for SDGs (DA10)
- Global Network on Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)
- Open Data and Data interoperability multiple activities
- Collaboration with ESRI -integration of statistical and geospatial information
- General development of guidelines and recommendations
- Topic specific activities in collaboration with partners
  All aiming at supporting and help developing capacities at
  National Statistical Offices and the broader Statistical System



### Main take-aways

- Countries are moving forward but they are still facing many challenges
  - Complexity of indicators, new data needs, data sharing etc.
- Need to work both with new solutions, but also strengthen existing data programmes
- Need to support national data collection and visualization to ensure ownership and long term sustainability
  - National Statistical Offices need to be given a central role in the work

