HLPF Session 12 - National mechanisms for monitoring progress and reporting on implementation for the achievement of SDGs

The role of a statistical office

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Collaboration between the statisticians and the policy-makers is crucial

• Culture of dialogue, cooperation and co-construction
• Pre-defined rules of the game
• Clearly defined processes and well documented decisions
• Respect of the specific role of each actor (in our case the independency and the neutrality of official statistics)
• Shared knowledge and skills
• Large and robust statistical basis (surveys, data, accounting frameworks, methods)

→ the toolbox
Implementation and monitoring of SDGs in Switzerland

Analysis of the targets in the Swiss policy context
Translation of the targets in the Swiss context
Selection of indicators
Production of the indicators
Reporting HLPF
Policy Analysis
Facts & figures
Needs for action

Selection criteria: IAEG-SDGs, MONET, quality of data
Data collection, accounting framework

Policymakers
Statisticians

New policy needs
Development of the statistical system

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Key messages

1. Early involvement of a national statistical office is a basic prerequisite

2. National Statistics are the basis of all indicators

3. Support the planned coordination activities
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