PROMOTE PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES
Info digest – Edition 3

Welcome to the SDG 16 info digest – edition 3!

This third edition of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 info digest tracks the progress of several recently launched initiatives and provides some other interesting updates from the global, regional and local perspective on this global goal. In this digest you will find information related to SDG 16 Global Alliance in addition to some cutting edge resources, knowledge products and tools, etc.

The SDG info digest updates on recent events and activities within the UN System and outside; and shares information about resources including publications, articles, blogs, tools and upcoming events. We invite you to share any SDG 16 related information and resources that we can feature in future editions of this update with Aseem Andrews.

RECENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS – Updates from UN / UNDP:

Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Promoting Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies:
High-level Launch Event
22 September 2017

On the margins of the 71st session of the UN General Assembly, the Global Alliance was formally launched during a high-level event focused on Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development: Delivering on the 2030 Agenda. The event featured high-level speakers from Member States, civil society, and the private sector and featured UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, the President of the General Assembly H.E. Peter Thomson, and member of the Elders Mary Robinson. The event served to expand the Global Alliance's reach attracting expressions of interest to join the network. Following multiple partners meetings to discuss the formation of the Global Alliance, a Steering Committee has been formed to drive the initiative forward for the first year. The Steering Committee includes Member States (Cabo Verde, Mexico, Norway, Qatar, Sierra Leone, and Tunisia), as well as representatives from civil society organizations (The Transparency, Accountability & Participation Network, The World Federation of United Nations Associations, and the Centre for International Cooperation at New York University) and private sector companies (Deloitte, LexisNexis, and White&Case). To watch the archived event click here and follow #SDG16Alliance

In order to become a member, a formal expression of interest must be submitted to the Secretariat at chelsea.shelton@undp.org . All Member States interested in joining the Global Alliance, and are committed to its objectives, will be welcomed as members. Expressions of interest from civil society and the private sector will be considered on a rolling basis by the Steering Committee. The expression of interest should include the following points: i) Demonstrate commitment to promoting peaceful, just, and inclusive, societies; ii) Explain rationale for interest in becoming a member; iii) Describe expertise available to contribute; iv) Provide relevant background information; v) Designate a point of contact.

Counting Critically to Achieve SDG16: The Crucial Ingredients of Follow Up & Review Processes
September 22, 2016

This webinar explored the pros and cons of the current framework proposed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG – SDGs) to assess what progress has been made against Goal 16. In doing so the presenters, Stefano D'Errico and Dorothy Luck from the EVALSDGs Network explored the targets which have a robust methodology and those which will fall short in making a comprehensive assessment. In addition, they paid particular attention to the role that evaluation can play in filling those gaps by referring to international literature and their experience on the ground. For more
information click *here*.

Dr. Dorothy Lucks is the Executive Director of SDF Global, Board member of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation, sits on the Global EvalPartners Executive Committee and is Co-Chair of the recently formed EVALSDGs Network. Stefano D'Errico has been Council Member of the United Kingdom Evaluation Society (UKES) since 2012, and he has joined the Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in 2015 where he leads on monitoring, evaluation, and learning.

Effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: E-governance, Transparency and Public Services
Joint High Level Event of Estonia, Georgia, the Republic of Korea and the UNDP
19 September, 2016

This high level event was organised during the UN General Assembly to highlight the importance of effective, accountable, inclusive and transparent institutions for successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to elaborate on the importance of efficient public service delivery in this regard. It also served in sharing good practices by showcasing the achievements made by the Governments in the areas of open governance and reforming the public administration, including through the implementation of e-governance, as a way to encourage other Governments to embark on similar journeys; and to demonstrate how effective and coherent work between the UNDP and national Governments can yield positive results. Some of the guiding questions related to this event included: What efforts are being made to translate universal targets into national priorities, and in particular related to SDG16? What lessons are being learned after the first year of implementation of the 2030 Agenda? What role do effective, accountable and transparent institutions have in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national levels? How can sharing the experience of Member States in strengthening national institutions, including through e-governance and transparent public services, contribute to the implementation of the Agenda 2030? And What are the best ways to share good practices and how can the UN system facilitate this exchange?

'The Berggruen Governance Indicator meets Goal 16'
19 September, 2016

Goal 16 is about making the 2030 Agenda a governance-informed development process. Indicators of governance performance, in terms of input, throughout and output, which are essential for measuring effective governance are also essential to meet the SDGs. As part of a series of presentations on innovations in governance measurement a presentation on the newly developed "Berggruen Governance Indicator" was hosted by the Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster at BPPS together with the Human Development Report Office (HDRO) on September 19 in New York.

Developed by researchers at the Hertie School of Governance, the Berggruen Governance Index has undertaken the challenge of understanding what makes for effective political governance and analyses 27 aspects of governance over a 12-year period, currently for 38 countries. Examining the relationship between Quality of Democracy (input), Quality of Government (throughput), and Quality of Life (output), it tracks country differences in the performance of governance regardless of short-term shifts in policies or who is in power. To view the recording of this event please click here.

Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
20 September, 2016

On Tuesday, September 20, Brazil and Switzerland, in association with the Center on International Cooperation (CIC) at New York University, hosted an event to explore member state leadership in delivering the SDG targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies. Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies is an initiative supported by the CIC and co-led by Brazil and Switzerland which seeks to highlight examples of national implementation with a focus on innovative approaches, visions, models and tools.

National-level Monitoring of Goal 16

The establishment of reliable, objective and verifiable monitoring systems of Goal 16 indicators is becoming a key benchmark for governments as they mainstream them into national planning. With a financial contribution from USAID and in collaboration with the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the Community of Democracies, six countries (El Salvador, Georgia, South Africa, Uruguay, Tunisia and Indonesia) are receiving initial support aimed to boost their commitment to monitor Goal 16 targets. This support involves standardization and effective multi-stakeholder monitoring. It aims to address the trade-offs between an effective, multi-stakeholder monitoring of all aspects of Goal 16 at the national level, while minimizing and innovating on reporting and acceleration of implementation. Each country will define its own process, but it is expected to produce jointly validated country specific periodic score-cards with specific policy recommendations and identification of monitoring gaps. For more information please contact [Alexandra Wilde](#) and/or [Jairo Acuna-Alfaro](#)

2nd Meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance Statistics, OECD, Paris July 4-6, 2016 including the Praia Steering Committee

The annual meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance Statistics took place at the OECD in Paris from July 4-6 whose focus was to progress the Group's Governance Statistics Roadmap for 2016-2020 that was approved by the 47th Session of the United Nations Statistics Commission in March 2016. This also includes the development of a governance statistics handbook by 2020 which has several constitutive elements including a mapping and synthesis of the conceptualization and measurement of governance by various countries and continents, research institutions, agencies of the United Nations system and other actors using different approaches; and a mapping of the demand for governance statistics by various user constituencies concerned with governance. The Handbook and all other tasks will need to be completely finalised by November 2019.

2030 YouthForce - Youth network to give new impetus to SDG 16 implementation in Asia and the Pacific
15 – 17 June, 2016

Launched in June, 2016 a new Youth led and managed network with youth community leaders representatives from over 10 Asia Pacific countries aims to empower young people in the region to effectively engage with the SDGs. Launched in partnership with UNDP and UNV the 2030YouthForce will seek to nurture social innovation, enterprise and peacebuilding efforts among young people, drawing from the experiences of its own members – who have each done ground breaking work in their communities. This network aims to use SDG 16 as an entry point to increase youth political participation and civic engagement in the region apart from empowering and supporting young people in their own communities. The network has been invited to co-design and implement the UNDP-UNV Regional Youth project. Overall, the network will advocate for a stronger role for young people in formulating national policies, and will inform UNDP and UNV programmes on youth empowerment.

UNDP contributing to SDG 16 – Target 16.4 Reducing illicit arms flows and combatting organized crime

UNDP SEESAC has been invited by the governments of South East Europe, and funded by the European Union to assist the law enforcement agencies and judiciary of the region to establish a multidisciplinary coordination mechanism designated to promote and coordinate practical cooperation in fighting the illegal possession and trafficking of firearms. Accordingly, in 2014 UNDP SEESAC facilitated the establishment of the [South East Europe Firearms Expert Network (SEEFEN)](#), a platform for the exchange of information, coordination of activities, and transfer of knowledge working on the suppression of firearms trafficking by criminal groups and individuals. This platform contributes to the advancement of national and regional coordination efforts, improved coordination between the regional authorities and the European Union counterparts. Members of the Network are senior investigators from the Police services, Customs Administrations, and Public Prosecutors' Offices of: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Moldova, Kosovo (references to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), Serbia, and the fYR of Macedonia.

UNDP support to Access to Justice in India supporting SDG 16

The Department of Justice launched the National Mission on Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms in 2012 and initiated a campaign mode approach towards clearing long pending cases relating to the marginalized sections of the society. One of the important components of pendency reduction drive related to release of under-trial prisoners from jails who have undergone detention for at least up to half the maximum period of imprisonment identified for that offence (under Sections 436 and 436A of Indian Code of Criminal Procedure). The National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms held that it was paramount for the government to connect prisons and courts digitally and stressed the need for use of information and communication technology (ICT) measures to monitor the status of under-trial prisoners. The UNDP technical teams in the Ministry of Law and Justice under the 'Access to Justice for the Marginalized People' project assisted the National Mission in data analysis of under-trial prisoners that enabled Department of Justice and National Informatics Centre to develop an e-Prisons software to track and facilitate release of under-trial prisoners. The software was piloted in Tihar Jail, Delhi and currently functioning in 251 prisons across India and has ensured timely release of under-trial prisoners from the country's already overburdened prisons.

RESOURCES – publications, tools, blogs and videos:

'*Sustaining Peace for Development*': Blog by Magdy Martínez-Solimán, UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support
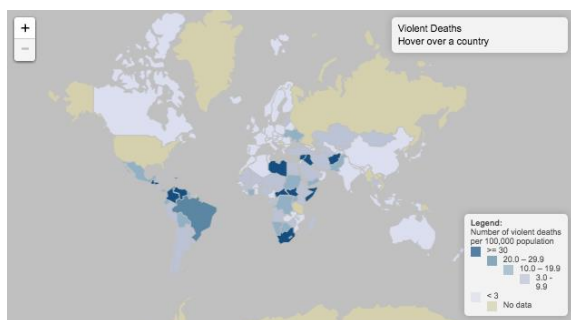

This blog strongly argues the need to make necessary investments in policies, laws, capacity, institutions and values and principles to ensure that peace is an essential foundation of society which needs going beyond just restoring peace after a conflict. It also focusses on the key role of sustaining peace through Goal 16.

This enabling goal is an engine for progress and an enabling tool for the other 16 Goal as its focus is wide ranging covering access to justice for all, effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, reducing violence, providing legal identity, tackling corruption and organized crime, ensuring access to information and protecting fundamental freedoms. The full blog is available at

Huffington Post here

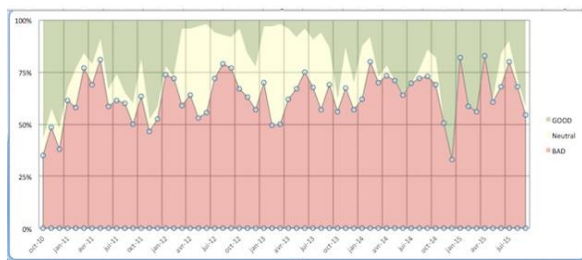### Joint launch of SDG16 reports and updated interactive map of violent deaths

The Small Arms Survey announced a new series of reports designed to support global efforts to reach targets under SDG16 and is providing online access to its updated database on violent deaths and corresponding interactive maps. In line with Target 16.1 which commits all states to '[s]ignificantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' the Monitoring Trends in Violent Deaths, the first in a new series of SDG16 reports, establishes a global baseline of violent deaths with the aim of helping states to gauge changes in the incidence of violent deaths—a composite indicator comprising data on homicide and direct conflict deaths.

The analysis relies on new data from the Small Arms Survey's database on violent deaths—which includes figures on firearm homicides and female homicide victims—extends through the end of 2015 or the latest available year. The updated database on violent deaths and corresponding interactive maps and charts can be consulted on the Small Arms Survey's website. The next two SDG16 reports will provide in-depth analysis on firearm-related violent deaths and disaggregation of homicide by sex. Download Monitoring Trends in Violent Deaths; Access database on violent deaths and corresponding interactive maps; and Read more information on armed violence.

Sweet 16?

One year since the launch of the 2030 Agenda, Saferworld's Rob Parker reviews global action on peaceful, just and inclusive societies. He also reflects on the the new global initatives that were launched and the need to support those who actually do the job of delivering change on the ground. In a period witnessing huge spikes in violent conflict and forced displacement, such global action is critical. Read the blog here

Diagnose and treat: Measuring a country's pulse with social media

Corruption: What's your perception?

This blog post provides information on how through the UNDP-Global Pulse cross-regional initiative on Big Data for development, UNDP supported the National Statistics Institute in Tunisia to pilot the analysis of social media to monitor SDG 16. The aim is to explore how non-traditional sources of data like social media can contribute to the establishment of a baseline – and continued monitoring of progress. This initative hopes to find a way in which this data can complement traditional statistics to monitor citizens'perceptions and attitudes towards areas related to the SDGs. The blog post is avaiable here.

Evidence based policy-making helps to engage citizens and private sector to achieve SDGs

This blog argues that putting Goal 16 into practice is not only about creating more peaceful and just societies with strong and transparent institutions, but also about creating a legislative context within the country that will lay the ground for development of any kind. It references the target 16.b that reads: "Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development". Read the full blog here.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fourth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators 18 - 21 October 2016, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The fourth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) will be held from 18 - 21 October 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa has graciously offered to host the meeting. This meeting will have a different format than previous meetings with the first two days (18 - 19 October) being an IAEG-SDGs members meeting, while the final two days (20 - 21 October) are a plenary session which countries non-member of the IAEG, international organizations and other stakeholders are welcome to attend. Objectives of this meeting, among others, are to finalise the tier classification and workplans for global indicators; to work on the processes of refinements and review of indicators and to discuss the way forward on data flows and the work on indicators without a supporting UN Agency. More information about this meeting will be available here.

M&E Thursday Talk - Measuring Goal 16
Thursday, September 29th at 9:00 am EDT

*On **Thursday, September 29th at 9:00am EDT** the M&E Thursday Talks series will be hosted by **Henk-Jan Brinkman**, Chief of the Policy Planning and Application Branch of the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, who will lead a discussion on "Measuring Goal 16". This follows from the September 22nd presentation by Dorothy Lucks & Stefano D'Errico and is the second webinar on the SDG indicators. Mr. Brinkman will discuss how the Goal 16 indicators are continuing to be developed to measure peacebuilding and how they are used within the UN's peacebuilding work. **Click here to register.***