



PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES
**SDG 16 implementation & the path
towards leaving no one behind**



Conference in preparation for HLPF 2019
Rome, 27-29 May 2019

SDG16
data initiative

Side Event

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

**International Conference Hall
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Tuesday, 28 May 2019, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

SDG16 is about the importance of a governance-informed development. However, it is particularly challenging for open data collection. Some official indicators still lack an agreed methodology. Other politically sensitive data are not included in the agreed set of official indicators, although they would better describe trends and achievements in implementation.

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. The side event will analyze the main outcomes of the SDG16 DI. 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 Global Report (available online at SDG16Report.org). Since 2017 the Report assesses global progress towards realizing the 2030 Agenda's commitment to peaceful, just and inclusive societies. The annual global report is an opportunity to benchmark progress over the past year and explore key trends in-depth.

Agenda

Moderator: **Judit Arenas**, Senior Director & Senior Adviser (International Relations), Office of the President, APCO Worldwide

Panelists: **Massimo Tommasoli**, Permanent Observer to the United Nations, International IDEA

Sirianne Dahlum, Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Jordan Street, Policy & Advocacy Adviser, Saferworld

Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Director of Programmes, Small Arms Survey

John Romano, Coordinator, TAP Network

Coco Lammers, Campaigns and Advocacy Officer, NAMATI

Joel Martinez, Director of Engagement, World Justice Project

Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Centre for Law and Democracy

Maarten Visser, Policy and Advocacy Officer, Free Press Unlimited

Open debate

The SDG16 Data Initiative was launched in 2016 by a consortium composed of 14 partner organizations: the Global Forum for Media Development, Governance Data Alliance, 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

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