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**Sustainable Development Goals and
Mandates of UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)**

by



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Abstract

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) is the official and trusted source of internationally-comparable data on education, science, culture and communication. As the official statistical agency of UNESCO, the UIS produces a wide range of indicators in UNESCO's fields of action by working with national statistical offices, line ministries and other statistical organizations. UIS produce the data to fuel the policies and investments needed to transform lives and propel the world towards its development goals. Monitoring the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals agenda places considerable demands on countries to improve the availability of data and indicators. The UIS recently assessed the availability of data required to monitor SDG 4 covering the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and sub-Saharan Africa to better assess countries' readiness to monitor the SDG4[1]. The findings of the assessment suggest to improve in data availability for both thematic and global indicators on SDG4. It shows only 63% thematic and 47% global indicators are available. In also indicates that in several cases, respondents were not aware of the production of indicators and types of data required for monitoring the SDG 4. It reveals a need for better coordination and capacity among data producers and for a holistic approach towards collection and compilation of education statistics.

Short Bio of Speaker

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