Highlights of the First Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on Disaster-related Statistics

25-26 May 2021

The Inter-Agency and Expert Group

Objective

- To advance a common statistical framework

Functions

- Consider regionally agreed statistical frameworks and recommendations
- Organize a regular expert forum on disaster-related statistics

Why a common statistical framework on disaster-related statistics?

Two main demands

- Guidance on the production, dissemination and use of disaster-related statistics to inform **national DRR policies and plans**
- Facilitate reporting to **internationally agreed development agendas** as they relate to DRR

Scope of the framework

Basic range of disaster-related statistics (DRSF)

- Disaster occurrence
- Direct disaster impacts
- Indirect disaster impacts
- Disaster risk
- Disaster-risk reduction expenditure accounts

Indicative scope of a common statistical framework

Some topics for further research
- Measurement and guidance on disaster vulnerability, preparedness, and resilience
- Development of common indicators for a gender perspective for disaster-related statistics
- Integration of data on vulnerable groups in the collection of disaster statistics
- Links with national accounts/environmental accounts, including integration with the ecosystem accounting perspective
- Consideration of conflicts in disaster-related statistics
- Geo-mapping of high-risk areas
- Environmental loss

Objectives of the meeting

- to have a common understanding of the objectives, functions and deliverables of the IAEG to advance a common statistical framework

- to consult on the scope of a common statistical framework including topics for a research agenda

- to review the activity plan to develop the common statistical framework

- To provide briefing on the First Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics on 7, 8 and 10 June 2021

Highlights: 1st day, 25 May 2021

- Presented the Objective, functions and deliverables of the IAEG

- Provided briefing on the First Expert Forum on disaster-related statistics

- Presented the proposal of the Core Group on the process for developing a common statistical framework for disaster-related statistics
  -Scope, topics for research, activity plan, timeline, roles and responsibilities

- Presentation by experts on selected topics for research:
  - Disaster risk related expenditures and classifications (Julie Hass)
  - Accounting for economic losses from disasters   (Daniel Clarke)
  - Coverage of conflict under disaster- related statistics within the context of national statistical systems (Virginia Murray)

Highlights: 2nd day, 26 May 2021

- **Members discussed issues for consideration by the IAEG: (break-out rooms)**

  - Indicative scope and research topics for a common statistical framework for disaster-related statistics
  - Proposed activity plan, timeline, and roles and responsibilities
  - Role of the Expert Forum in the development of disaster-related statistics

Highlights: 2nd day, 26 May 2021

Results of the group discussions from Day 2:

- On the research topics, among suggested new topics include: links of disaster to climate change; ecological loss; impact of disasters to mental health; placing geospatial component centrally in the framework
- On the proposed activity plan and timeline: timelines are a bit tight, need to be reviewed and adjusted as creating technical drafting teams and producing issue papers take time
- On the role of the Expert Forum in the development of the common framework for disaster-related statistics: can contribute to capacity development; increase level of cooperation among regions; engage broader range of clientele

Reflections on the meeting: expectations of the members are aligned with the objective of the IAEG; active engagement of the members

Way forward: Process paper will be reviewed and adjusted: for consultation and approval of the IAEG

Thank you