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Submitted to **ONS approach to measuring and reporting SDGs in the UK**

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Section 1: How should the ONS report progress?

1 Will the proposed reporting mechanisms provide you with enough information about the global indicators to understand the progress the UK is making towards the Sustainable Development Goals?

I don't know

2 Are there specific ways in which you would like us to report or provide access to data for global indicators? If yes, please state.

Yes

specific way to report or access data:

It will be important to provide access to the primary data so that the public, civil society organisations and business can also do their own analyses to hold government to account. This information will also provide the raw material and understanding for practical initiatives and business opportunities to help achieve the goals.

3 Which approach is most meaningful to you in terms of how the ONS reports on progress?(your response will prompt an additional question)

Some other way - for example, by geographical region

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3c If a different approach is most meaningful to you, please state.

Some other way:

Whilst a goal-by-goal approach is necessary in the first instance for comparability, given the widespread spatial inequalities in the UK, reporting by geographical location will be particularly important in order to enable meaningful comparisons. This information will also enable local governments to build on this data to inform their own strategies and to create informed local participation and dialogue in order to better achieve the goals at local level. The reporting could also be broken down by business sector, particularly in relation to sustainable consumption and production, in order to enable the development of more sustainable industrial strategies and to join up policy and practice in these areas at a national, sectoral and local level.

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4 While the “Measuring National Well-being” and “Sustainable Development Goals” agendas are motivated by different needs, both are concerned with measuring UK progress to help ensure a sustainable future. With this in mind, which would you prefer to see?

A report that combines measures to report on UK progress overall

Section 2: Criteria for data selection

5 Do you feel there are any other criteria that should be considered?

Yes

If yes, please state.:

The relevance to business. Appropriate data can enable baselines and specific targets to be developed within sector strategies. This information can also better inform local and national democratic decision-making with regards to business impact and progress.

6 If you are aware of any existing or planned data or initiatives that would assist us in assessing progress towards the global indicators, please provide details.

data initiatives:

Section 3: Approach to prioritising data development

7 Which goals are you most interested in?

All the Goals

8 The United Nations recommends that, where relevant in the national context, data for global indicators should be disaggregated by the fields listed. Please rank the following fields in order of interest to you where 1 is of most interest and 8 of least interest:

disagg rank - Income:

disagg rank - Gender:

disagg rank - Age:

disagg rank - Race:

disagg rank - Ethnicity:

disagg rank - Migratory status:

disagg rank - Disability:

disagg rank - Geographic location:

9 Do you have any specific needs relating to the fields listed in question 8, for example, specific geographies, age groups, or ethnic group breakdowns?

Yes

If yes, please state the fields and your specific needs.:

We think that it is inappropriate to prioritise these disaggregation fields and that all are necessary to ensure equitable progress. However, we would like to reinforce an earlier point that the EU Referendum particularly highlighted the lack of disaggregated data at a local level. There will need to be a further discussion on the most appropriate level/s for this disaggregation (local authority, NUTS (2/3), ward, or similar output areas to the Index of Multiple Deprivation) so that it is useful and meaningful for local authorities, business and civil society looking to create local strategies and practical initiatives.

10 After data availability, we propose the following principles for use in prioritising our approach to developing data to plug gaps. For you, which are the most important principles of those listed? (choose up to 3)

principles rank - Feasibility of acquiring or developing data:

principles rank - Opportunity to build capability (domestically and internationally), for example, use of satellite data to assist with estimating harvest statistics and agricultural productivity:

2

principles rank - Evidence of support from user engagement and information-gathering activities:

1

principles rank - Ability to satisfy other UK priority initiatives, for example, providing information to enhance national accounts, race disparity audit:

3

principles rank - Data needed to satisfy current UK political priorities:

principles rank - Cost of acquiring or developing data:

principles rank - Availability of proxy data:

11 Are there any other criteria you would like us to consider in prioritising our approach to developing data?

Yes

If yes, please state.:

The usefulness of the data in informing local decision-making.

Section 4: A bit about you

12 What is your name?

Name:

Andrea Westall

13 Do you agree to have your name published alongside your response?

Yes

14 What is your email address?

Email:

andrea.westall@fdsd.org

15 Are you answering this survey on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

16 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please state its name.

Organisation:

Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development

17 Which sector best reflects you or the organisation on whose behalf you are responding?

Voluntary and charity

other sector:

18 May we contact you for any further discussion about our work on Sustainable Development Goals?

Yes

19 Which of the following options best reflects your interest in SDGs or those of the organisation on whose behalf you are responding?

None of the above (please state)

None of the above (please state):

FDSD is interested in the availability of data on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals so that this information can: hold government to account; inform government policy and practice at national, regional and local level; and to enable the public, civil society and business to use this data for their own initiatives to help achieve the SDGs within the UK and internationally.

20 In which region are you located?

England

London

What to expect from us