



Promoting the indivisible and integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda

Learning and capacity development to ensure coherence and evidence-based policies

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA UNIT



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“ I have established a network and movement in Asia-Pacific called 2030 Youth Force. This network inspires young people to engage in the promotion of the SDGs and initiate actions to drive positive changes towards an inclusive and peaceful society. Using SDG-16 as an entry point, the network will focus on peacebuilding along with strengthening youth capacities for participation in decision-making.”

Participant, E-learning course
“Introduction to the 2030 Agenda”



Vision guiding our work

We aim to transform mindsets for a more sustainable world by offering learning, analytical and capacity-centred solutions to Governments, institutions and individuals. We help them develop the knowledge and skills needed to address the challenges of our complex world. We support a strategic approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda that is grounded in five key principles:



INTEGRATED



EVIDENCE-BASED



PARTICIPATORY



INCLUSIVE



INNOVATIVE

Why UNITAR?

We have over 50 years of experience in providing training and learning solutions to UN Member States and various constituencies, and have been supporting the roll-out of the Sustainable Development Goals at national and institutional levels from their inception.



Innovative and tailored solutions

We strive to be at the cutting edge of learning experience. Our tailored solutions meet the specific needs of institutions and individual learners.



Aiming for learning impact

We aim for change in mindsets and behaviours as a result of our learning activities. The evaluation of learning impact helps us understand how our work contributes to a broader institutional change.



Partnerships

Delivering in partnerships is key to our success as it helps leverage knowledge from across the UN family and broader expert communities. It ensures relevance and quality of our learning services.



Experience with a variety of constituencies

We have been working with government officials and other constituencies helping build common vision and enabling them to contribute to the implementation of the SDGs at different levels.



National institutions

We believe that investing in national institutions is a priority to help countries build local capacities and ensure sustainable outcomes.



Wide reach with low investment

Cost-effective approaches allow us to reach larger audiences and deliver learning solutions in different parts of the world.

Solutions

Learning toolkits

We provide institutions with learning toolkits enabling their staff and experts to run training workshops. These toolkits can be customized upon request.

Online courses

We develop and deliver both stand-alone online courses, as well as blended learning programs that include online and face-to-face components. Our courses range from introductory, aimed at non-specialist audiences, to specialized courses for development professionals in a number of SDG-related areas.

Workshops

Our regional and national workshops are designed using two formats. The first brings together professionals from different backgrounds to help break silos and build common vision. The second format targets experts in the same field, helping to strengthen specialized knowledge and promote individual action-planning.

Learning conferences

Our regional learning conferences enable Governments and other constituencies to engage in sharing practices and useful tools, promoting cross-sectoral dialogue and strengthening political commitment that are critical to the successful “domestication” and early progress on the implementation of the SDGs.

Training programmes

We design tailored training programmes at the demand of specific countries or groups of countries, which combine several elements ranging from workshops, online courses and specific advisory services to a more strategic support to institutional development.

Advisory services

Our advisory services aim to provide support to government officials in implementing action plans, tailoring tools to their needs or developing national strategies.

Institutional capacity development

With a unique expertise in the field of capacity development, we help our partners develop and strengthen their institutional capacity, providing them with tailored solutions that target institutional-level outcomes.

Applied research

This emerging area of work aims to roll out small-scale, applied research projects identified during our learning and capacity development interventions. The results of this work will feed into a library of highly relevant case studies and findings to be shared with other countries through our learning activities.



Audience

INSTITUTIONS

Our services are available on demand and can be customized to fit the needs of requesting institutions enabling them to align their strategies with the SDGs. Among beneficiaries of the 2030 Agenda related-work are Prime Ministers' Offices, Ministries of Planning, Economy, Finance, National Statistical Offices, sectoral ministries, civil society organisations, media, local authorities, private sector, and academia.

Interested institutions may request further information about opportunities for collaboration by contacting a2030@unitar.org.

INDIVIDUALS

A range of online courses and other products are available to a broad audience, from government officials and parliamentarians to researchers and students.

We place special emphasis on providing Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) with high quality solutions. We count with the support of donors and other contributors to carry out these activities.

“ The real benefit of the course was the opportunity to learn different approaches with different stakeholders. We want to engage all concerned in [our country] in our work towards the SDGs - civil society, community leaders, women, youth and people with disabilities. We want to make sure we are leaving no one behind.”

Participant, UNITAR-UNDESA course on stakeholder engagement for the 2030 Agenda

“ I have gained a greater understanding of the integrated and transformative nature of the SDGs. This has contributed to the development of a new publication on SDGs.”

Participant, Learning session during HLPF2016

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UNITAR Executive Director speaks at HLPF2016 official session

Integrated policies

Integrated policy-making, analysis and planning

The complex and interconnected nature of the SDGs reflects multiple synergies and trade-offs between targets and goals. This creates a need for integrated approaches to policy analysis and policy-making, including planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation functions.

With our long experience and unique expertise, we help build knowledge and skillsets to deal with this complexity through institutional innovation, use of macroeconomic modelling and supportive behaviours. We provide training and learning support to UN Member States and various stakeholders empowering them to analyse interlinkages and design policies promoting a holistic implementation of the SDGs and ensuring greatest impact at lowest cost.

Data

Monitoring for evidence-based decisions

With the urgency for more timely, quality and disaggregated data to inform the implementation of the SDGs, many countries face difficulties in addressing significant data gaps and a lack of institutional and individual expertise to ensure the collection, production, and dissemination of data.

As a founding member of the Global Network of Institutes of Statistical Training (GIST), we aim to improve collaboration between official and non-official data producers, holders and users. We develop tools and deliver learning and training to strengthen the capacities of government officials from National Statistical Offices, National Statistical Systems and other parts of government representing data users.



Action-planning during national StaTact workshop in Suriname

“ I’ve been working on a sustainable development related business case. Knowing about the SDGs has helped me in identifying what should be included in this particular case”.

Participant, E-learning course “Introduction to the 2030 Agenda”

Stakeholders

Stakeholder engagement

Building effective collaborations is essential to the achievement of the SDGs at global, national and local levels. Stakeholders such as academia, NGOs, media, private sector and other groups provide important feedback on policy design, help with the inclusion of vulnerable groups into the dialogue, contribute to service delivery and strengthen accountability and commitment.

Through our learning and training services, we help our partners bolster stakeholder engagement, strengthen capacities of civil society to contribute to global goals and raise awareness among citizens at a large scale. We also enable private sector management and employees to align business strategies with the SDGs.

Innovation

Leveraging applied research and technology

We leverage applied research, technology and innovation to offer learning products and services and provide institutional development support that rise to the ambition of the 2030 Agenda.

Our multi-stakeholder workshops help identify specific institutional capacity gaps and design new series of trainings. Our activities often create space for small-scale applied research projects that can feed into our library of case studies and help inform the development of future learning content.

Innovation is also about the way we design our learning solutions and upgrade our training methodologies. Keeping pace with technological developments and innovations in instructional design, we seek to adapt our learning tools and approaches to better meet the needs of the community of learners.

“As a journalist, I use the knowledge to derive people-oriented contents for radio programmes.”

Participant, E-learning course
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Highlights



What is StaTact?

Born out of a partnership with the UN Statistics Division, this innovative tool helps countries address measurement gaps that impede progress on pressing SDG-related policy priorities. It provides an analytical framework and a multi-stakeholder methodology to enable a team of national experts from National Statistical Offices, concerned Ministries and other parts of the data community, including non-traditional data sources, to design a short-term action plan with a focus on addressing institutional impediments to data collection, production and utilization. The objective is to bring together data producers, holders and users and help them achieve their goals with a small investment within one-year timeframe.

Pilot countries for StaTact

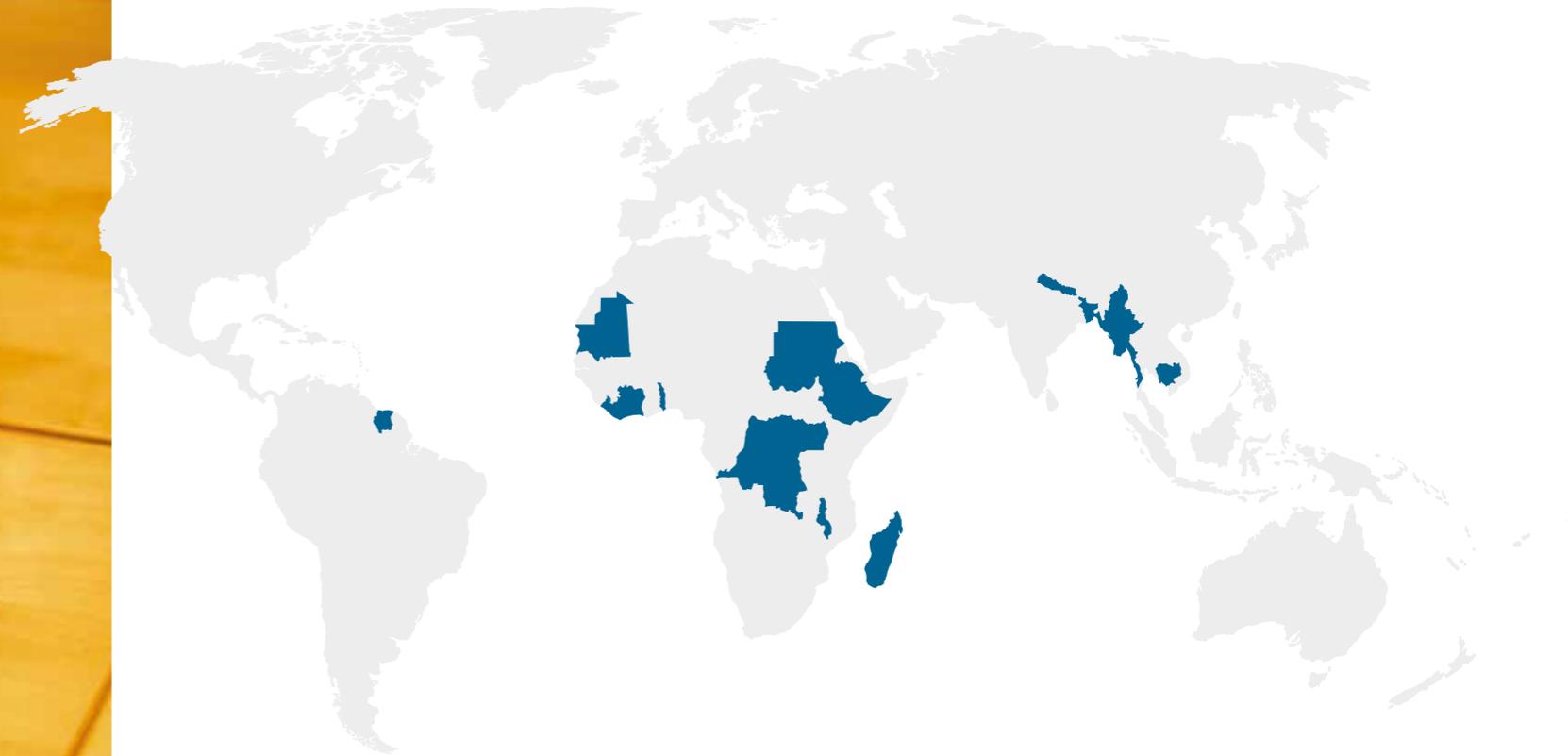
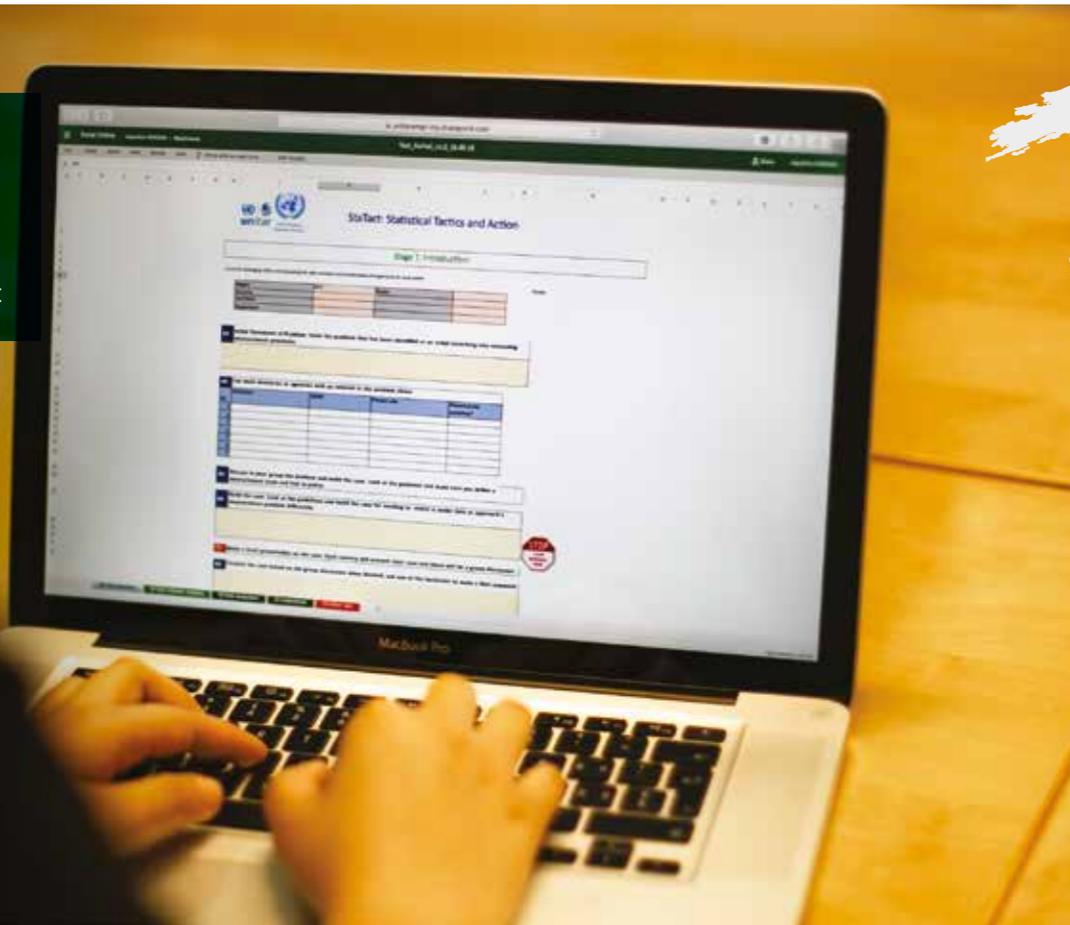
“ This tool would be very helpful for reviewing National Development Plan in our country.”

StaTact workshop participant

The StaTact tool was piloted in the context of regional and national workshops with the participation of the following countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Sudan, Togo, Uganda and Suriname.

“ It was useful in identifying key challenges and opportunities for improving coordination.”

StaTact workshop participant







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