

Talking Points for SDG16 Conference

- Thank you madame moderator.
- Let me also thank the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, UN DESA, and IDLO for convening this important conference.
- I want to take a moment to underscore the critical importance of investing in reliable, high-quality data for SDG 16.
- While SDG 16 remains one of the least reported goals, there is a steady increase in data availability thanks to the efforts from all stakeholders, many seating in this room today.
- Data collection in this area is inherently challenging: governance, peace, and justice are complex, context-specific concepts that are difficult to measure, standardize, and compare across countries.
- We also know that reliable, comparable and timely data are not only essential to track progress, they are also needed to identify gaps, address root causes, shape policies and drive change.
- The challenge is further compounded by chronic underinvestment in the national data systems needed to support this work.
- Addressing these challenges requires sustained political will and increased investment in national data systems, particularly in fragile and conflict affected settings, to build capacity, tools, and infrastructure.
- We must also prioritize disaggregated data, capturing the experiences of different population groups and strengthen partnerships between all stakeholders.
- UNDP is working with national partners to strengthen capacity, invest in operations, and ensure that reliable, inclusive governance data is available to accelerate progress on SDG 16.
- I would like to end by building on Director Waly's remarks, and highlighting the third SDG 16 Global Progress Report, currently being developed by UNDP, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, custodian agencies for several SDG 16 indicators.
- Published every year, the report presents the best available data to measure and monitor progress for Goal 16 at the global and regional level.
- **Thank you**