

Development of SDG Monitoring and Evaluation Tools for Local Governments

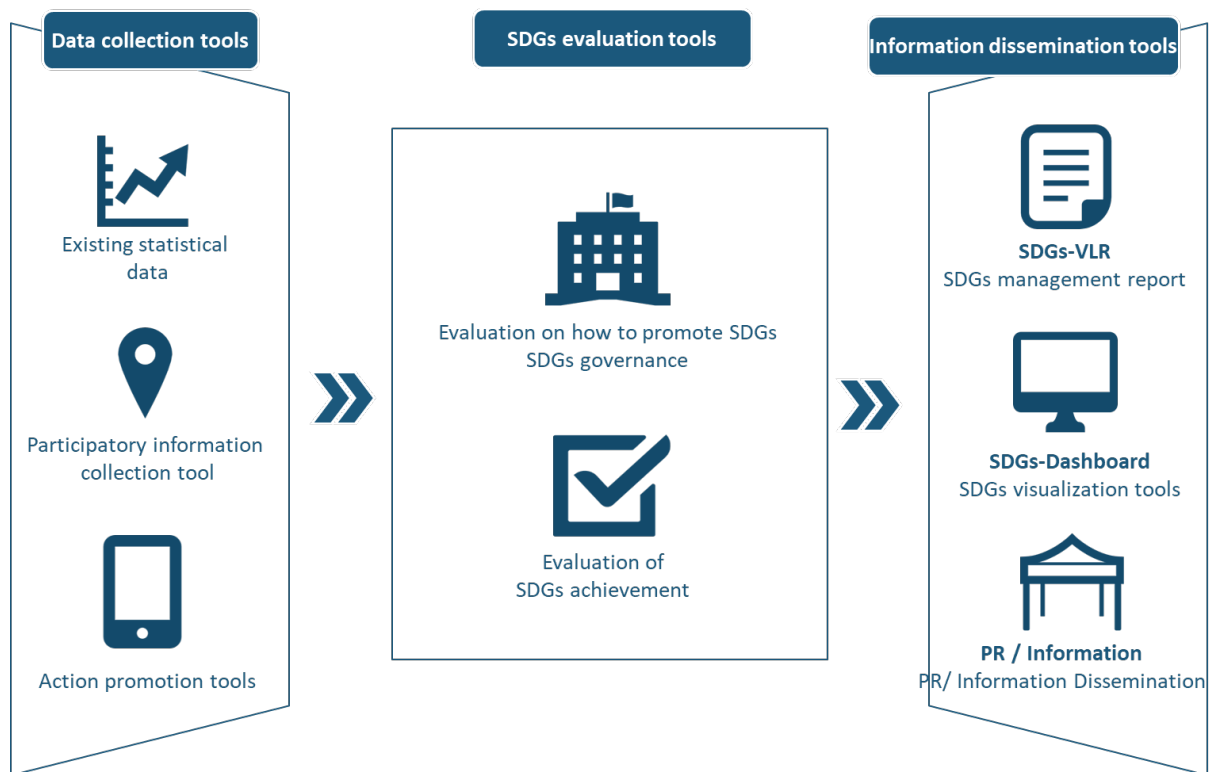
Concept Note

1. Background

- In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015), various efforts are underway in countries around the world. SDG management is an indispensable perspective for local and regional governments (LRGs) and companies in Japan.
- On the other hand, a mechanism of collecting, evaluating and visualizing information and data as a basis of SDG management has yet to be established at the local and regional levels. Thus, it is an urgent task for LRGs to set up such a system of monitoring and evaluation in order to show the results of planning and implementation so far to citizens in order to accelerate further efforts towards the SDGs in their respective cities and regions.
- UNCRD launches a project to develop a monitoring-and-evaluation package in collaboration with local governments and private companies that are already committed to the SDGs, in particular in Chubu, Japan.
- The developed package would enable LRGs to evaluate and visualize the outputs and outcomes of their activities and projects towards the SDGs and provide feedback for improvement for future actions. It is also expected that the package will make it easy for LRGs to effectively appeal their initiatives and projects in Japan as well as abroad.

2. Objectives and Activities

- The project aims at developing the package of monitoring and evaluation tools that responds to the unique situation in each city and region in Japan while making them internationally comparable one by combining the technologies and knowledge owned by project partners.
- By combining the information and statistical data originally owned by LRGs together with the data obtained through participatory data-collection technologies, the tool package would evaluate the current status of each LRG's efforts and the progress so far in achieving the SDGs, and also provide a basic guideline for collecting data and information.
- The results of monitoring and evaluation will not only be compiled in a report for reviewing on the annual basis but also be visualized online, for example in a form of dashboard, that can be viewed and referred by various stakeholders, including the private sector, the academia and citizens.
- As project outputs, case studies using these tools will be conducted in some selected municipalities such as Nagoya and Toyota Cities to demonstrate the usefulness of the tool package, and then it would also be utilized to support other LRGs in Japan and other countries in their efforts to achieve the SDGs



Support Tool Package of SDG Management (draft)

3. Project Partners (as of June 2020)

United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)
 Nagoya City Government
 Toyota City Government
 Toppan Printing Co., Ltd.
 Esri Japan Corporation.
 Nippon Engineering Consultants Co., Ltd.

4. Project Period

First Phase: May 2020 – May 2021