SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Global Indicator Framework

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Indicator Framework Mandate

Agenda 2030 (A/Res/70/1) mandate for the global indicator framework:

Para 75. *The Goals and targets will be followed up and reviewed using **a set of global indicators**. These will be complemented by indicators at the regional and national levels which will be developed by Member States, … The global indicator framework, to **be developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators**, will be agreed by the Statistical Commission …*

Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

The IAEG-SDGs was tasked with:

- Developing the global indicator framework
- Providing technical support for implementation
- Regularly reviewing methodological developments, the indicators and their metadata
- Regularly reviewing capacity-building activities

Composition of the IAEG-SDGs:

- **27** representatives of national statistical offices (plus the Chair of the Statistical Commission as ex-officio member) and include, as observers, other member states, representatives of regional commissions, and regional and international agencies

The Global Indicator Framework

The Global Indicator Framework for the SDGs was developed by the IAEG-SDGs in an open and transparent manner involving all stakeholders

➢ Between June 2015 and February 2016, the Expert Group developed the initial set of global indicators, and then submitted them to UNSC 47 in March 2016.

➢ The UNSC, in its decision 47/101, agreed, as a practical starting point, with the proposed global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, subject to future technical refinement.

The Global Indicator Framework

The Global Indicator Framework for the SDGs was then adopted by the UN Statistical Commission at its 48th session in March 2017

➢ Agreed with the revised global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including refinements on several indicators.

➢ Draft resolution, including the global indicator framework, adopted by the Statistical Commission at UNSC 48th session will be proposed to ECOSOC and the GA for adoption, in line with existing mandates.

➢ The global indicators will be yearly refined and comprehensively reviewed by the UNSC 51st session in 2020 and its 56th session in 2025.
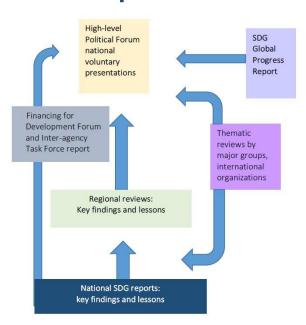
The Global Indicator Framework

The agreed global indicator framework, including refinements, contains 232 unique indicators, addressing each and every one of the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

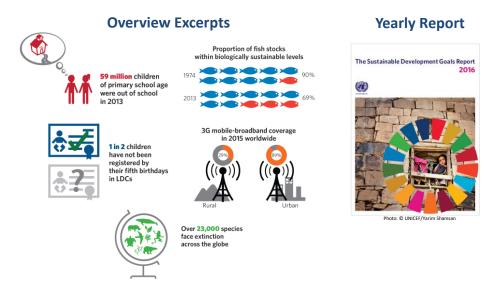**A tier system for the SDG indicators was developed for the implementation:**

➢ **Tier I:** indicator is conceptually clear, established methodology and standards are available and data are regularly produced by countries.

➢ **Tier II:** indicator is conceptually clear, established methodology and standards are available but data are not regularly produced by countries.

➢ **Tier III:** no established methodology or standards are available for the indicator or methodology/standards are being developed or tested for the indicator.

Follow-up and Reviews

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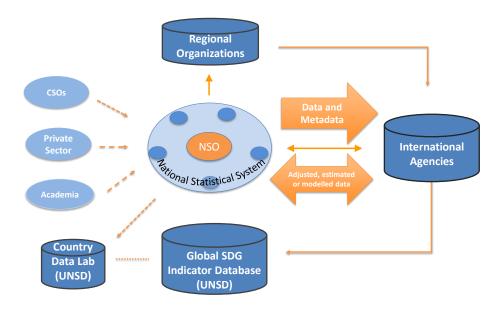
Global indicators are for global review and follow-up

Overview Excerpts

Yearly Report

59 million children of primary school age were out of school in 2013

1 in 2 children have not been registered by their fifth birthdays in LDCs

Over **23,000** species face extinction across the globe

Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels

1974 — 90%
2013 — 69%

3G mobile-broadband coverage in 2015 worldwide

29% Rural
89% Urban

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2016

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Global indicators are complemented by national and regional indicators

➢ SDGs are integrated into national development plans/frameworks ("domestication" of SGDs)

➢ Decisions on national indicators are driven by national priorities

➢ National indicators are aligned with global indicators to the extent possible

Data Flow in SDG Reporting

Data Custodian Agency

An agency is referred to as "custodian" when:
- It has an existing mandate for the indicator in question and established data reporting mechanisms from countries.
- It does not have an explicit mandate from its intergovernmental process but has a well established data reporting mechanism, recognized by Member States, and clearly identified counterpart in countries' government agencies.

Responsibilities include:
- Compiling internationally comparable data in the different statistical domains;
- Supporting increased adoption and compliance with internationally agreed standards; and
- Strengthening national statistical capacity.

Data Custodian Agency

Other responsibilities of a custodian agency include:

- Communicating and coordinating with national statistical systems in a transparent manner, including on the validation of estimates and data adjustments when these are necessary;
- Compiling the international data series, calculating global and regional aggregates and providing them, along with the metadata, to the Statistics Division;
- Preparing the storyline for the annual global progress report; and
- Coordinating on indicator development with national statistical systems, other international agencies and stakeholders.

IAEG-SDG work programme for 2017

- Establish procedures for the review of work plans for Tier III indicators and finalize a mechanism for moving indicators from one tier to another;

- Start the process of reviewing possible additional indicators

- Review the availability of data for Tier I and Tier II indicators and develop a plan for increasing the data coverage of Tier II indicators with the joint subgroup of the Expert Group and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

IAEG-SDG work programme for 2017
(continued)

- Develop further guidance on the issue of data disaggregation;
- Continue the work of the three working groups, on statistical data and metadata exchange, geospatial information and interlinkages;
- Hold two meetings, the first in March 28-31 2017 in Ottawa, Canada and the second in the fourth quarter of 2017 (dates to be determined), and continue to interact electronically and through teleconferences, as needed.

IAEG-SDG Reference Materials

Materials related to the work of the IAEG-SDGs can be found on the website of the group:

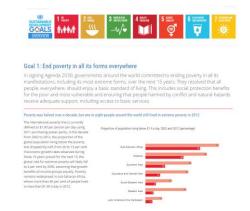https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/

Documents on the website include:
- Terms of reference of the group
- List of member countries
- Tier Classification of the Global Indicators
- Work Plans for Tier III Indicators
- Information on the three working groups of the IAEG-SDGs: SDMX, Geo-spatial information and interlinkages

SDG Website: http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/

> **Explore the Report** with interactive
> charts and graphs for every Goal

> Charts and graphs link to
> **data for direct download**

SDG Website: http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/

> **SDG Indicators Global Database**
> with country-level data

> **SDG Indicator Metadata**

Thank you

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