

# Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) 2025 Comprehensive Review Proposal Submission Form

## Background

In accordance with [GA Resolution 71/313](#), the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) will conduct a Comprehensive Review of the global indicator framework in 2024 with the aim to submit its proposed revisions, replacements, additions and deletions to the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2025 for its consideration.

## Types of proposal

Proposals will fall into one of these four groups:

- A. **Replacements:** a proposal to replace an existing indicator for an SDG target with a different indicator; will be considered if the existing indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.
- B. **Revisions/adjustments:** a proposal to revise or adjust an existing indicator for an SDG target; will be considered if the current indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.
- C. **Additions:** a proposal to add an additional indicator for an SDG target; may be considered only in exceptional cases when a crucial aspect of a target is not being monitored by the current indicator(s) or to address a critical or emerging new issue that is not monitored by the existing indicators.
- D. **Deletions:** a proposal to delete an existing indicator for an SDG target; may be considered when a tier II indicator has not been able to submit any data to the global SDG monitoring or is proven to be challenging for countries to implement. *A proposal to delete an indicator will not be considered if it is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target.*

## Guideline/checklist

To help prepare the proposal, below are some guiding principles and helpful and/or required information. The IAEG-SDGs will not be able to properly review and consider submissions without the required information.

- The review aims to **maintain the same number of indicators** currently in the framework to not alter significantly the original framework, which is already being implemented in most countries and to not increase the reporting burden on national statistical systems.
- A proposed indicator must have an agreed methodology (tier III indicator proposals will not be considered) **and data available for at least 40% of countries and of the population across the different regions where the indicator is relevant** and be suitable for global monitoring.
- The addition of a sub-indicator within an existing indicator is discouraged as it adds to the reporting burden.
- Each submission proposal must include:
  - Background and rationale for the indicator proposal
  - Information on how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it (*except for proposals to only delete an indicator*)
  - Link to available data and/or link to where data can be located (*except for proposals to delete an indicator*)
  - Completed metadata template (*except for proposals to only delete an indicator*). The metadata of proposed revisions/adjustments must be submitted with the **track changes**.
- Except for proposals to delete an indicator, it is highly recommended to consult the appropriate custodian agency(ies) prior to submitting the proposal to use their indicator.

For more information on the 2025 Comprehensive Review process, please refer to the following [webpage](#).

**ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORMS AT:  
[bit.ly/2025\\_review](https://bit.ly/2025_review) BY 30 APRIL 2024**

If you encounter issues with the online form, please contact the IAEG-SDGs Secretariat ([statistics@un.org](mailto:statistics@un.org)).

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To be completed by and submitted to the Secretariat for the IAEG-SDGs review during the 2025 Comprehensive Review. All fields are required unless otherwise indicated; incomplete forms will not be considered. *Please use one submission form per proposal. If you have more than one proposal, please submit one form for each proposal.*

## Submitter information

Please enter information about the focal point of this submission.

Full Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Agency/organization name:	UNEP
Email address:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Please list other contacts and other agencies/organizations (if any) associated with this submission below.

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## Type of proposal

1. This is a proposal for a(n): *(please select only one)*:

- REPLACEMENT:** to replace an existing indicator for an SDG target with a different indicator.
- REVISION/ADJUSTMENT:** to revise or adjust an existing indicator for an SDG target.
- ADDITION:** to add an additional indicator for an SDG target.
- DELETION:** to delete an existing indicator for an SDG target.

2. Please enter the SDG Target this proposal is for *(please enter the SDG target number. For example, 11.c)*:

15.9

3a. For “**REPLACEMENT**” or “**DELETION**” proposals, please enter the indicator name **and** number you are proposing to replace or delete:

Click or tap here to enter text.

3b. For “**ADDITION**” proposals, please enter the name of the indicator you are proposing to add:

Click or tap here to enter text.

3c. For “**REVISION/ADJUSTMENT**” proposals, please enter the existing indicator name **and** number you are proposing to revise/adjust:

**15.9.1:** (a) Number of countries that have established national targets in accordance with or similar to Aichi Biodiversity Target 2 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 in their national biodiversity strategy and action plans and the progress reported towards these targets; and (b) integration of biodiversity into national accounting and reporting systems, defined as implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting

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## Overview of proposal

4. Background and rationale for the proposal (*please provide a summary of the rationale for the proposal*)

The request covers only the “(a)” part of the indicator 15.9.1 and requires adjustment in connection with the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), adopted at the UN Biodiversity Conference – COP 15, in December 2022. It isn’t exactly a new indicator as the purpose is the same, but UNEP-CBD Secretariat is trying to capture the information in a more structured way.

UNEP is requesting that the name of 15.9.1(a) to be changed to “Number of countries integrating biodiversity and its multiple values into policies, regulations, planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts at all levels, ensuring that biodiversity values are mainstreamed across all sectors”.

5. Please indicate how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it (*except for proposals to only delete an indicator*).

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in December 2022 (see CBD/COP/DEC/15/4).

Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework was adopted by the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in December 2022 (see CBD/COP/DEC/15/5).

6. Link(s) to available data and/or to where data can be located to demonstrate the 40% coverage threshold (*except for proposals to only delete an indicator*)

The data reported under the existing indicator covers all countries and the new data collection under the new GBF Target 14 will begin in 2025 and the first reporting to the Global SDG Database will begin early 2026.

7. In case the current data coverage is below 50%, is there a plan for how the data coverage will be expanded? Please elaborate on it (*except for proposals to only delete an indicator*).

The last existing data reporting was in 2023 and covers all 145 countries that had established national targets in accordance with or similar to Aichi Biodiversity Target 2

8. Conclusion/other comments (*please enter any other information about the proposal*):

Click or tap here to enter text.

9. Metadata file (*except for proposals to only delete an indicator*).

I/We have attached the appropriate metadata file to this proposal.

10. Acknowledgement.

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I/We have read and understand the information regarding the guiding principles, criteria and requirements for the 2025 Comprehensive Review proposals listed above.