

IAEG-SDGs work on global SDG indicators

**Third meeting of the High-level Group for
Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-
Building for post-2015 monitoring**

New York, 14-15 January 2016

Mandates

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (GA resolution 70/1)

1. On the development of global indicators - be developed by the IAEG-SDGs, agreed by the Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted by ECOSOC and GA, in line with existing mandates. Indicator framework should be “simple yet robust, address all Sustainable Development Goals and targets, including for means of implementation, and preserve the political balance, integration and ambition contained therein”.
2. On capacity building -Emphasizes importance of adequate data for the follow-up and review of progress made on the 2030 Agenda. Commitment to “support developing countries, particularly African countries, LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS in strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices and data systems to ensure access to high-quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data.”

Meetings

- **First meeting of the IAEG-SDGs**
1-2 June 2015, New York
 - Set up process to develop indicator framework
 - IAEG-SDGs work plan and methods of work
 - Review of initial inputs from civil society, academia and private sector
 - Initial discussion of technical issues, including interlinkages across targets and data disaggregation
- **Second meeting of the IAEG-SDGs**
26-28 October 2015, Bangkok
 - Review of proposed indicators with some unresolved issues (“yellow”) and some proposals for additional indicators
 - Discussion of global indicator framework, interlinkages across targets and critical issues including data disaggregation
 - Work plan and next steps

Outcome: Revised list of “green” and “grey” indicators

Consultations

In the past year there have been a number of consultations:

- **July – August 2015: Initial consultation**
 - IAEG-SDG Members
 - Observers
- **August – September 2015: Open consultation on indicators proposals**
 - All countries, regional and international agencies, civil society, academia and the private sector
- **November 2015: Open consultation on “green” indicators**
 - Experts from international agencies, non-IAEG Member States and other stakeholders
- **December 2015: Open consultation on “grey” indicators**
 - Experts from international agencies, non-IAEG Member States and other stakeholders

Indicator framework

- **Global indicators** will be the core of all other sets of indicators
- Member States may develop additional **indicators for regional, national and sub-national levels**
- **Thematic indicators** are also being developed in a number of areas

Global Set of SDG Indicators

- 229 Indicators
 - 149 “green”
 - 80 “grey”
- The Statistical Commission will review the proposal and submit it to ECOSOC and GA for adoption

Data disaggregation

- 2030 Agenda is **ambitious** and **transformational**
- Member States have pledged to **leave no one behind**
- IAEG-SDGs is committed to include an **overarching principle of data disaggregation**, to ensure that indicators cover specific population groups and other disaggregation elements specified in the targets.
- Over the coming months IAEG-SDGs will further discuss how to **operationalize data disaggregation** in the implementation of the global indicator set.

Implementation of global SDG indicator framework

- Secretary-General's mandate:
 - Produce **annual SDG progress report** to support follow-up and review at the High-level Political Forum
- National ownership
 - Data will be produced by **national statistical systems**
 - Information will be aggregated at the **sub-regional, regional and global level**
- Data-reporting
 - **Data flows** from countries to the international statistical system need to be further defined
 - Coordination function of **national statistical offices** is essential
- Statistical capacity building
 - Key link between **IAEG-SDGs** and **HLG**
 - Essential for **national statistical systems** to meet data demands of the 2030 Agenda

Work plan of the IAEG-SDGs between March 2016 and March 2017

- Define global reporting mechanisms
- Classification of indicators based on the level of methodological development and overall data availability (“3-tier system”)
- Work plan for further development of Tier III indicators
- Procedures for methodological review of indicators
- Review of data availability for Tier I and Tier II indicators
- Guidance on data disaggregation
- Continued discussion of interlinkages across targets and goals, and use of multi-purpose indicators
- 2 meetings: March 2016 and Fall of 2016