
Briefing on the development of an Indicator framework for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (oral report by UNSD)

Accompanying note on the consultation process by United Nations Statistics Division

I. Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

The Commission, at its forty-sixth session (3-6 March 2015), endorsed the roadmap for the development and implementation of a global indicator framework and, in particular, the formation of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), to be tasked with fully developing a proposal for the indicator framework for the monitoring of the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda at the global level, under the leadership of the national statistical offices, in an open and transparent manner. The Commission also endorsed the suggested timetable that foresees the presentation by the IAEG-SDGs of an indicator framework at the forty-seventh session of the Commission in March 2016 for its review and approval¹.

The agreed document “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” to be adopted by at the 25 September Summit, reconfirms the mandate of the IAEG in developing the global indicator framework to “be agreed by the UN Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted thereafter by the ECOSOC and the General Assembly, in line with existing mandates”.²

II. The consultation process as of 15 September 2015

1. September 2013 - March 2014: Drafting of a compendium of 29 statistical notes by experts from many national statistical offices and international organizations, under the coordination of the United Nations Statistical Division;
2. September 2014 - January 2015: Survey by the Friends of the Chair Group on broader measures of progress on the availability of data and indicators to measure the Sustainable

¹ See E/2015/24-E/CN.3/2015/40, Report of the forty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission. The Terms of reference and membership of the IAEG-SDGs are available at <http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>.

² A/69/L.85, Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly, Draft outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.

Development Goals (SDGs) and the substantive targets proposed by the OWG to which 91 countries responded.

3. January - March 2015: Compilation of list of 304 proposed provisional indicators based on submissions of experts from international agencies, organized as clusters under each goal, and their assessment by national statistical offices;
4. 25-26 February 2015: Expert Group Meeting on the indicator framework for the post-2015 development agenda (EGM).
5. February - May 2015: Online consultation with Major Groups and stakeholders on the list of 304 proposed provisional indicators.
6. 3-6 March 2015: The Statistical Commission, at its forty-sixth session (3-6 March 2015), endorsed the proposed roadmap and the formation of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs).
7. 23-24 March 2015: Member States at the intergovernmental negotiations reviewed and discussed the technical report by the UN Statistical Commission presenting the 304 preliminary and indicative indicators proposed by experts of the UN system and their assessment by 70 national statistical offices on the basis of three criteria (feasibility, suitability and relevance).
8. April - May 2015: Agencies were requested to provide additional metadata and modified or alternative indicator proposals and to identify their priority indicator for the targets in their area of work and expertise.
9. List of proposals (Version 1) of 29 May 2015: In preparation of the first meeting of the IAEG-SDGs, the Statistics Division compiled a first list of indicator proposals and associated metadata ('List of proposals' – version 1) with the help of agencies and entities and based on the initial assessment of proposed provisional indicators included in the Technical report of the Bureau of the Statistical Commission presented to the March 2015 session of the intergovernmental negotiations: This list contained all proposals by agencies, and metadata on the data source and data availability, highlighted possible priority indicators and suggested a rating of the possible priority indicators by their state of statistical development according to a three tier system based on the information provided by the relevant entities.
10. 1-2 June 2015: First meeting of the IAEG-SDGS.
11. List of proposals (Version 2) of 7 July 2015: This version of the list of proposals incorporated all additional or updated inputs, comments or corrections received from agency experts at the first meeting of the IAEG-SDGs, held from 1-2 June 2015 or immediately after.

12. 7 July - 9 August 2015: Consultation with IAEG-SDG members on two discussion streams and with observers (regional and international agencies and countries), allowing additional comments.
13. List of Indicator Proposals of 11 August 2015: This list of indicator proposals incorporated the changes in the goal and targets adopted by the Intergovernmental negotiations and included in their final proposal: "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" published on 1 August 2015. The indicators included in this new version remained unchanged from the version released on 7 July 2015.
14. 11 August - 8 September 2015: Open consultation on the list of proposals of 11 August with IAEG members and observers (country observers were allowed to post comments until 14 September).
15. 11 August - 7 September 2015: Open consultation on the list of proposals of 11 August with civil society.

In addition, and accompanying the process outlined above, the members of the IAEG-SDGs and the Statistics Division have been undertaken countless activities engaging with member states, agencies, and civil society, participating in information meetings and technical consultations.

III. The consultation going forward

16. 25 September 2015: Updated list of proposals containing all proposed modification and proposals for additional indicators under each target is being submitted to the IAEG for their review and further consultation.
17. 15 October 2015: Deadline for final comments by IAEG-SDG members.
18. 26-28 October 2015: Second meeting of the IAEG-SDGs – reaching consensus and identifying unresolved issues in respect to the list of indicators and the indicator framework.
19. November 2015: Finalization of the list of proposed indicators and proposal for an indicator framework, including for its implementation, based on the results of the second meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.
20. December 2015 - February 2016: Further consultations with countries, agencies and civil society on the implementation of the indicator proposal.

21. March 2016: The Statistical Commission will review the indicator proposal, decide on its adoption and provide guidance for its implementation.
22. July - September 2016: ECOSOC and GA endorsement of the agreed proposal.
