



**Third Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on  
Sustainable Development Goal Indicators**

**47th Session of the Statistical Commission:  
Outcome on global SDG Indicators**

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**Mexico City, Mexico**

# Decision 1: Global Indicator Framework for goals and targets of 2030 Agenda

*The Statistical Commission:*

- a) Expressed **appreciation** to IAEG-SDGs, **supported its report**
- b) Asked IAEG-SDGs to maintain same level of **inclusiveness and transparency** of process so far
- c) **Agreed on revised terms of reference** of IAEG-SDGs, as presented in annex I of the report
- d) **Agreed as a practical starting point with proposed global indicator framework** for Goals and targets of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as reflected in the list of indicators presented in annex IV of the report, **subject to future technical refinement.**

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*The Statistical Commission:*

- e) Requested IAEG-SDGs **to take into account specific proposals for refinements of indicators** made by Member States during the discussion
- f) Recognized that development of robust, high-quality indicator framework is a **technical process that will need to continue over time**, including by making use of expertise in **other related expert processes**, and requested IAEG-SDGs to provide its **proposals and a plan for reviews** of indicator framework to 48<sup>th</sup> session of Statistical Commission
- g) **Agreed with proposed programme of work** by IAEG-SDGs for implementation of global indicator framework and **its proposed work plan for the coming year**

# IAEG-SDGs Programme of work

- Classify indicators into 3 tiers, based on their level of methodological development and overall data availability
- Establish adequate methodology for Tier III indicators, in consultation with specialized agencies and relevant experts
- Discuss available data sources and methodology for improved coverage of Tier II indicators
- Explore new data sources and data collection technologies, including through partnerships with civil society, private sector and academia
- Regularly review methodologies for indicators

# IAEG-SDGs Programme of work (*cont.*)

- Establish baseline for tracking indicators
- Address question of periodicity of reporting
- Review and discuss data gaps and related capacity-building priorities, and transmit results to HLG
- Agree on format of compilation and dissemination of metadata on global indicators

# IAEG-SDGs Workplan for 2016-2017

- a) Agree on global reporting mechanism, identifying entities responsible for individual indicators to be provided to the Secretariat
- b) Establish tier system for indicators
- c) Establish workplan to further develop Tier III indicators
- d) Establish procedures for methodological review of indicators and approval mechanisms
- e) Review data availability for Tiers I and II
- f) Develop guidance on disaggregation
- g) Continue discussion on interlinkages across goals and targets and multi-purpose indicators
- h) Hold two meetings (March 2016 and Fall 2016) and continue to interact electronically and via teleconference

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- h) IAEG-SDGs to report back to the commission at its 48<sup>th</sup> session on progress made especially on plans to develop methodologies for indicators in tier III, including with work on definitions and standards to be agreed at international level for international comparability
- i) Emphasised that the global indicators are intended for global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. Indicators for regional, national and subnational levels of monitoring will be developed at the regional and national levels
- j) Emphasized that national ownership is key to achieving sustainable development and that national reviews are voluntary and country-led, will take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and will respect policy space and priorities for all countries, including LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and other countries in special situations;

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- k) Stressed that implementation of indicator framework will present a **challenge in many countries** and appropriate efforts to **strengthen national statistical capacities** will be needed, including by ensuring coordination between the IAEG-SDGs and the HLG; in accordance with ECOSOC resolution 2006/6 capacity building will be particularly important in **developing countries, especially African countries, LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and other countries in special situations**;
- l) Agreed that compilation of global indicators will be based to greatest extent possible on **comparable and standardized national official statistics**, provided **by countries to international statistical systems** and that when other sources and methodologies are used, these will be **reviewed and agreed by national statistical authorities** and **presented in a transparent manner**;



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- m) Agreed that coordination between national statistical systems and international organizations is important, including to ensure transparency and efficiency in reporting, avoiding duplications, and that attention should be given to strengthening reporting capacity of poorer countries;
- n) Agreed that improving data disaggregation is fundamental for full implementation of indicator framework and to fully reflect principles of 2030 Agenda to ensure no-one left behind and stressed that efforts should be made to strengthen national capacities in this area and to develop the necessary statistical standards and tools, including by establishing a working group to work on data disaggregation.