

**54<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission  
IAEG-SDGs Side Event**

***The 2025 Comprehensive Review of the Global Indicator Framework for SDGs: Principles, Criteria, Timeline, Lessons from 2020, and Strategies for 2025***

**Thursday, 09 February 2023 | 8:00-9:30 AM New York time (EST)  
Virtual on WebEx**

**Concept Note**

The [global indicator framework](#) for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a robust framework of statistical indicators to monitor progress, inform policy, and ensure accountability of all stakeholders in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It was developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and agreed upon at the 48th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission held in March 2017. The global indicator framework was later adopted by the General Assembly on 6 July 2017 and is contained in the General Assembly Resolution on Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([A/RES/71/313](#)).

In accordance with this resolution, the global SDG indicator framework was first comprehensively reviewed in 2020 and will be reviewed a second time in 2025. To prepare for the second comprehensive review of the indicator framework, which will be submitted to the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in 2025 for its consideration and decision, the IAEG-SDGs would like to start the initial discussion on the review process. The review will take place at a time when the world is facing interlocking crises on multiple fronts and when – more than ever – the global indicator framework must serve as a responsive instrument and blueprint for urgency, ambition, and action to realize the SDGs. The 2025 Comprehensive Review will build on the process of the 2020 Review. This will be the last opportunity for an extensive review of the global indicator framework before the target year of 2030 for achieving the SDGs.

At this side event, the IAEG-SDGs will brief countries, international agencies and stakeholders on the principles, criteria, and timeline of the 2025 Comprehensive Review. The event will also provide a platform for custodian agencies and Member States to share experiences from the last comprehensive review and to outline their plans and strategies for developing successful proposals for this round.

**Objectives**

- Providing critical information on the 2025 Comprehensive Review, including guiding principles, specific criteria, and timeline;
- Sharing lessons, challenges, and best practices from the 2020 Comprehensive Review; and
- Exploring and sharing strategies for developing successful proposals for the 2025 Comprehensive Review.

**Meeting webpage:** <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-side-event-UNSC54/>

**Registration:** [https://bit.ly/UNSC54\\_side\\_event\\_2025review](https://bit.ly/UNSC54_side_event_2025review) (open until Tuesday, 7 February 2023)

**Agenda**  
*(as of 26 January 2023)*

1. **Welcome**, Ms. Cara Williams, Statistics Canada, IAEG-SDGs co-chair
2. **Presentation on the 2025 Comprehensive Review’s guiding principles, specific criteria, and timeline**, Ms. Cara Williams
3. **Experience sharing session: Lessons, challenges, and best practices from the 2020 Comprehensive Review and strategies for the 2025 Comprehensive Review**
  - a. Lessons learned from the 2020 Comprehensive Review, Ms. Yongyi Min, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
  - b. WHO’s experience in the 2020 Review, Mr. Steve Macfeely , World Health Organization (WHO)
  - c. Member State consultation process, Ms. Denise Kronemberger, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics - IBGE
  - d. Preparation for the 2025 Review, Ms. Clara van der Pol, United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
  - e. Discussant: Ms. Sarah Frankl, Statistics Sweden
4. **Q&A**