

2025 Comprehensive Review: IAEG-SDGs

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Guiding principles of the 2025 Comprehensive Review (same as 2020 Review)

The 2025 comprehensive review provides **a good opportunity to improve** the indicator framework to help the global monitoring of the 2030 agenda and to provide the necessary guidance to countries, many of which are already well advanced in implementing their national framework and reporting platforms.




Guiding principles of the 2025 Comprehensive Review including:

- The review needs to **take into account investments already made** at the national and international levels and should not undermine ongoing efforts;
 - The revised framework **should not significantly impose an additional burden** on national statistical work;
 - There should be space for improvements, while at the same time ensuring that **the changes are limited in scope** and the size of the framework remains the same;
 - **The focus** of the common work of the Expert Group should remain on the **national implementation of the framework** in countries for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
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Specific criteria for implementation of the 2025 Comprehensive Review

1. The aim of the review is 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.
2. The 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;
3. Taking into account the first two criteria,
 - an **additional indicator** 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;
 - A **deletion** 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, and **a replacement** will be proposed if the deleted indicator is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target;
 - **Adjustments or replacements** will be considered when the indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.

Additional Criteria/Consideration for the 2025 Comprehensive Review

- The addition of a sub-indicator within an existing indicator is discouraged as it adds to the reporting burden.
 - Additionally, any proposal for replacement or additional indicator should minimize the use of sub-indicators to ensure the indicator framework does not expand.
 - The IAEG-SDGs will examine closely all proposals to ensure the reporting burden does not increase as a result of additional sub-indicators.
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Timeline for 2025 Comprehensive Review

Nov 2022: the IAEG-SDGs shared the recommended timeline and the guiding principles for 2025 Review;

Nov 2023: the Group will share the specific criteria for the 2025 Comprehensive Review;

Jan.- June 2024: the Group will prepare a review of the framework noting possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions, based on previous analysis and assessments, with assistance from the Secretariat;

1-30 April 2024: Open call for proposals. All proposals for indicator changes for the 2025 Review (replacements, deletions, refinements, adjustments and additional indicators) must be submitted to the Secretariat by **30 April**.

July-August 2024: open consultation will be held on a preliminary list of a proposal of indicator changes;

September 2024: the Group will review the results of the consultations;

Oct 2024: at the 15th IAEG-SDG meeting on 22-23 Oct. in Oslo, the Group will review the draft proposal of indicator changes to be included in the 2025 Comprehensive Review;

December 2024: the Group will prepare the final proposal for the 2025 review and submit it to the Commission for its consideration at the fifty-sixth session in March 2025.



Detailed submission requirements in the 2025 Review:

Each submission must include all of the information listed below. If each item listed below is not included in the submission, the IAEG-SDGs will not consider the proposal.

- An Indicator proposal summary (no more than 2 pages using a template provided)
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Data sources and data availability
- Detailed metadata following the metadata template
- Available data and/or link to where data can be located and data available for **at least 40%** of countries and of the population across the different regions where the indicator is relevant and a plan for how data coverage will be expanded if current data coverage is below 50%
- Any methodological documents and/or links to these documents

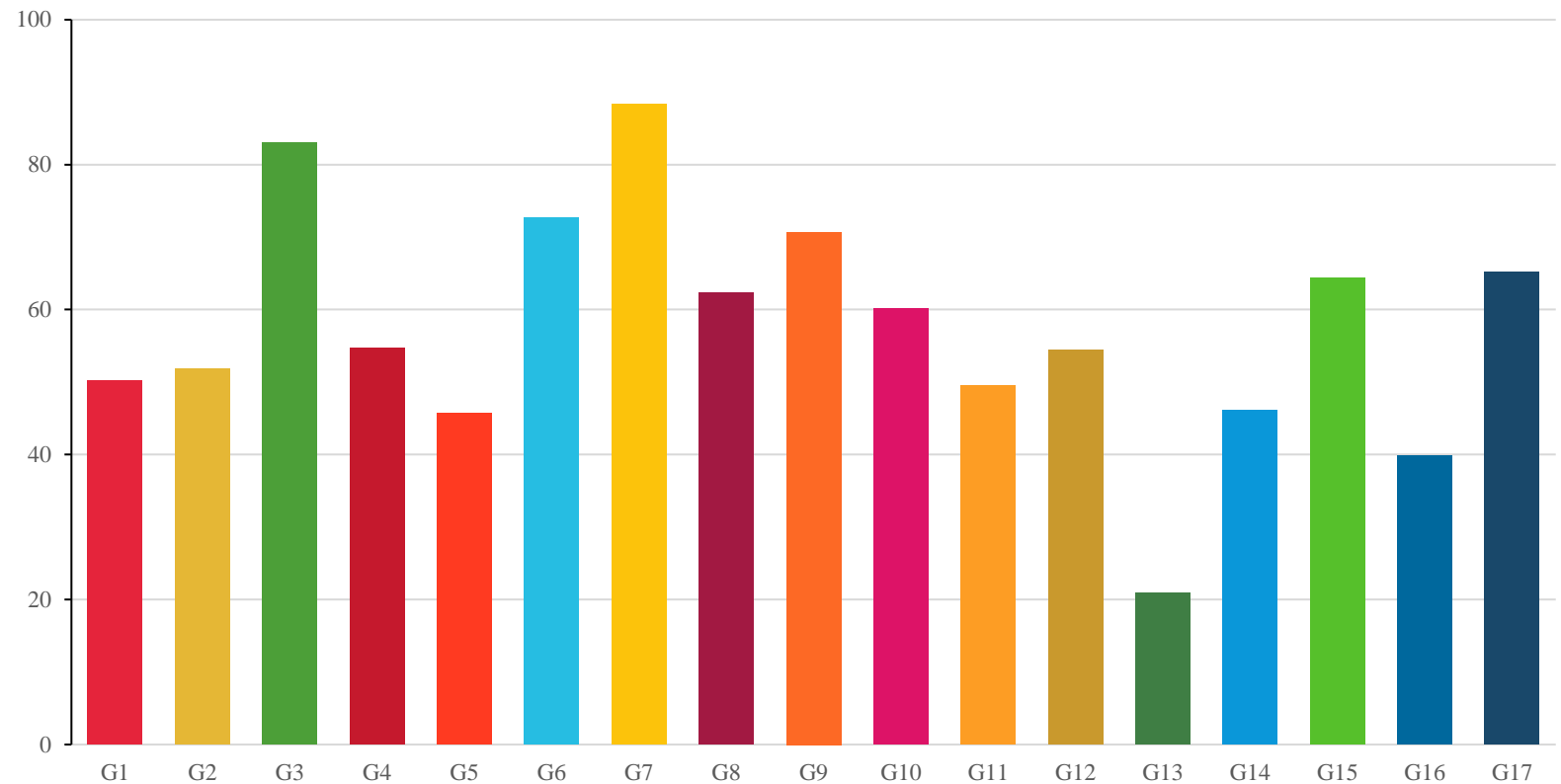
Key takeaways from 2020 Comprehensive Review

- **Do** remember that the global indicator framework is designed to provide a global overview of progress on SDGs. Proposals for global monitoring require an international agreed methodology, good coverage of data, and a custodian agency
- **Do** strictly follow the specific criteria and submission requirements: Attention to detail matters, and incomplete submissions or those that did not meet the criteria will be disregarded in the first round of elimination
- **Do** consult with relevant custodian agencies, where possible: A proposal is unlikely to be considered if it faces strong opposition from the custodian agency
- **Do** have a look at the global indicator framework as a whole: Indicators are complementary and interdependent; consider how your proposals will impact the framework: will they repeat something that already exists? Will they significantly expand the size of the framework? Will they be easy/practical to implement?
- **Do not** think the exclusion of a proposal implies that the issue or indicator in question is less important than others. IAEG-SDGs intends to make limited changes and ensure balance across Goals and targets. Indicators/proposals not considered may still have a key role to play in national, regional and thematic monitoring.
- **Do** remember that an important indicator that is not included in the global SDG indicator framework can be included in thematic indicator frameworks outside of the global SDG framework and used for in-depth review on a particular topic.

Persistent data gaps still challenge our SDG data landscape

- For several crosscutting goals such as Goal 13, Goal 5, and Goal 16, less than half of the 193 countries or areas have internationally comparable data since 2015.

Proportion of countries or areas with available data since 2015, by Goal (percentage)



IAEG's preparation of the draft review framework (January-June 2024)

The IAEG-SDG is currently reviewing

- Existing tier II indicators with low and no data coverage

- ✓ Indicators with no data
- ✓ Indicators with low and very low data coverage

Also consider: Is there a strong explanation of why the data availability of this indicator is low and has little improvement over the years? Is the indicator in consideration the only indicator for the target? Is there a replacement indicator that would meet the specific criteria of the 2025 Review?

- Goals with low data coverage

- Follow up with custodian agencies

- Request for the rationale for the low data coverage and no improvement over the years
- Any plan and timeline for filling the data gaps in the near future

- Suggestions on how to address and improve goals and indicators with low data coverage

THANK YOU!



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