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## **Global SDG Indicator Framework: 2020 Comprehensive Review**

# IAEG-SDGs and 2020 Comprehensive Review of the Global Indicator Framework

- The Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) developed the global indicator framework for the SDGs
- In accordance with [GA Resolution 71/313](#), the IAEG-SDGS will be conducting a Comprehensive Review of the global indicator framework throughout 2019 and will submit its proposed refinements, revisions, replacements, additions and deletions to the 51<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2020 for its consideration.

## Guiding principles of 2020 Review (1/2)

- The 2020 comprehensive review is an opportunity to improve the indicator framework to help the global monitoring of the 2030 agenda and provide the necessary guidance to countries, many of which are already well advanced in implementing their national framework and reporting platforms.
- The review needs to take into account investments already made at the national and international levels and should not undermine ongoing efforts.

## Guiding principles of 2020 Review (2/2)

- The revised framework should not impose a significant 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 our common work should remain on the implementation of the indicator framework in countries for the achievement of the SDGs.

# 2020 Comprehensive review

- Modifications of the framework during the 2020 comprehensive review will include the **replacement, deletion, refinement or adjustment** of indicators, and in a few selected cases, additional indicators, only when:
  - the current indicator(s) did not map well to the target or track the target well;
  - an additional indicator was needed to cover a critical aspect of the target;
  - the methodological development of a tier III indicator had stalled or not produced the expected results.

# Specific Criteria for Implementation of the 2020 Comprehensive Review

- a) **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
- b) **A deletion** will be considered when the methodological work of a tier III indicator has stalled or has not produced the expected results, and **a replacement** will be proposed if the deleted indicator is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target; .
- c) **Refinements** or **adjustments** will be considered when the indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well;

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- d) The proposed indicators must have **an agreed methodology** and **available data** (Tier III indicator proposals will not be considered) and be suitable for global monitoring
- e) The review will aim at maintaining close to 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 not to increase the reporting burden on national statistical systems.

## Additional considerations

- The addition of sub-indicator within an existing indicator tier 1 or tier 2 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.

## 2020 Comprehensive review timeline

- **June 3, 2019** – All custodian agencies must provide an update of their Tier III workplans with the expected completion date and when the indicator will be proposed for reclassification. Indicators with no response will be included in the 2020 Comprehensive Review.
- **June 14, 2019** – All proposals for replacements, refinements, adjustments and additional indicators must be submitted.
- **June – July 2019** – The IAEG-SDGs will review the proposals received and prepare an initial list to be considered.

## 2020 Comprehensive review timeline

- **End of July-August 2019** – An open consultation on the preliminary proposals of possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions.
- **September 2019** – The IAEG-SDGs will review the results of the open consultation and develop a second proposed list
- **Oct-Nov 2019** – The IAEG-SDGs will discuss and request additional information on these proposals with custodian agencies and other experts bilaterally and at 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of IAEG-SDGs (22-24 Oct. in Addis Ababa)
- **By end-November 2019** -- the IAEG-SDGs will prepare the final proposal for the 2020 review and submit it to the Commission for its consideration at the fifty-first session in March 2020.

# Proposal submission requirements

**Each submission must include all of the information listed below:**

- A brief narrative of why this indicator should be included in the 2020 Comprehensive Review, including explanation of how this indicator was approved as an international standard (a template was provided)
- Detailed metadata following the metadata template
- **Availability of data** and/or link to where data can be located: Data available for at least 30% 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



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