Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) 2025 Comprehensive Review Proposal Submission Form

Background

In accordance with <u>GA Resolution 71/313</u>, the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) will conduct a Comprehensive Review of the global indicator framework in 2024 with the aim to submit its proposed revisions, replacements, additions and deletions to the 56^{th} session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2025 for its consideration.

Types of proposal

Proposals will fall into one of these four groups:

- A. **Replacements**: a proposal to replace an existing indicator for an SDG target with a different indicator; will be considered if the existing indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.
- B. **Revisions/adjustments**: a proposal to revise or adjust an existing indicator for an SDG target; will be considered if the current indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.
- C. Additions: a proposal to add an additional indicator for an SDG target; 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.
- D. **Deletions**: a proposal to delete an existing indicator for an SDG target; 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. A proposal to delete an indicator will not be considered if it is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target.

Guideline/checklist

To help prepare the proposal, below are some guiding principles and helpful and/or required information. The IAEG-SDGs will <u>not</u> be able to properly review and consider submissions without the required information.

- The review aims 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.
- A 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.
- The addition of a sub-indicator within an existing indicator is discouraged as it adds to the reporting burden.
- Each submission proposal must include:
 - o Background and rationale for the indicator proposal
 - o Information on how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it (except for proposals to only delete an indicator)
 - o Link to available data and/or link to where data can be located (except for proposals to delete an indicator)
 - Completed metadata template (except for proposals to only delete an indicator). The metadata of proposed revisions/adjustments must be submitted with the track changes.
- Except for proposals to delete an indicator, it is highly recommended to consult the appropriate custodian agency(ies) prior to submitting the proposal to use their indicator.

For more information on the 2025 Comprehensive Review process, please refer to the following webpage.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORMS AT:

bit.ly/2025 review BY 30 APRIL 2024

If you encounter issues with the online form, please contact the IAEG-SDGs Secretariat (statistics@un.org).

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To be completed by and submitted to the Secretariat for the IAEG-SDGs review during the 2025 Comprehensive Review. All fields are required unless otherwise indicated; incomplete forms will not be considered. *Please use one submission form per proposal. If you have more than one proposal, please submit one form for each proposal.*

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1. This is a proposal for a(n): (please select only one):			
☑ REPLACEMENT : to replace an existing indicator for an SDG target with a different indicator.			
☐ REVISION/ADJUSTMENT : to revise or adjust an existing indicator for an SDG target.			
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☐ DELETION : to delete an existing indicator for an SDG target.			
2. Please enter the SDG Target this proposal is for (please enter the SDG target number. For example, 11.c):			
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3a. For "REPLACEMENT" or "D replace or delete:	ELETION"	proposals, please enter the indicator	name <u>and</u> number you are proposing to
Indicator 4.6.1: Proportion of literacy and (b) numeracy skil		n in a given age group achieving at lea	st a fixed level of proficiency in functional (a)
3b. For "ADDITION" proposals	, please er	iter the name of the indicator you ar	re proposing to add:
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Overview of proposal

4. Background and rationale for the proposal (please provide a summary of the rationale for the proposal)

As data for global SDG indicator 4.6.1 "Proportion of population achieving at least a fixed level of proficiency in functional literacy and numeracy skills" is available for only around 15 countries in the database of the custodian agency UIS, whereas data for youth/adult literacy rate (UIS indicator 4.6.2) are available for over 140 countries (footnote 1, please see below), we would like to suggest to replace the current global SDG indicator 4.6.1 entirely, specifically with the UIS indicator on youth/adult literacy rate for the SDG sub-indicator (a) and delete the SDG sub-indicator (b) in the global indicator framework.

The issue of low data frequency of the current SDG indicator and the recommendation to use literacy rate are also echoed in a recent UIS's blog post (footnote 2, please see below).

[1 sdg4-data.uis.unesco.org; accessed 15 Apr 2024;

2 https://world-education-blog.org/2024/03/20/what-is-new-in-the-latest-uis-data-release-and-what-gaps-remain-to-be-addressed/]

5. Please indicate how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it (except for proposals to only delete an indicator).

The methodology for youth/adult literacy rate is available in UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)' SDG 4 Data Digest 2019: How to Produce and Use the Global and Thematic Education Indicators. Please see the attachment.

6. Link(s) to available data and/or to where data can be located to demonstrate the 40% coverage threshold (except for proposals to only delete an indicator)

UIS data browser for SDG4 data (sdg4-data.uis.unesco.org)

7. In case the current data coverage is below 50%, is there a plan for how the data coverage will be expanded? Please elaborate on it (except for proposals to only delete an indicator).

Click or tap here to enter text.

8. Conclusion/other comments (please enter any other information about the proposal):

On the acceptance of literacy rate by UNSD, IAEG-SDGs and the custodian agency UIS as the replacement indicator in the global indicator framework, data for more countries will be available for SDG 4.6.1.

- 9. Metadata file (except for proposals to only delete an indicator).
- ☑ I/We have attached the appropriate metadata file to this proposal.
- 10. Acknowledgement.

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☑ I/We have read and understand the information regarding the guiding principles, criteria and requirements for the 2025 Comprehensive Review proposals listed above.