



Plenary

4th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Agenda Item 9. Refinements and reviews to the indicator framework

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Proposed Review Schedule

based on IAEG-SDG Refinements/Revisions paper

- The first set of refinements to the global indicator framework will be presented to UNSC in March 2017.
- IAEG may propose future minor refinements/changes to indicators on an annual basis, if needed, but these proposals would be limited in scope.
- Two more comprehensive reviews of the indicator framework are planned to be submitted for consideration and decision at the 2020 and 2025 UNSC sessions.

Future Annual Refinements

- Any future refinements, aside from those submitted to the 2017 Statistical Commission, would be initiated by the IAEG and would address the following:
 - Specifying or correcting a unit of measurement
 - Clarification of terms used in the indicator
 - Spelling and other editorial changes.
 - Any other minor issues that do not substantively change the indicator meaning.

Reviews of the indicator framework

- Indicator reviews could imply substantive changes to the indicator framework.
- These changes could include the addition, deletion, refinement or adjustment of indicators.
- The review process would commence 12 months prior to any proposals being submitted to UNSC (ex. For the 2020 revision, the process would start in the fall of 2018 so that it is finalized by the end of 2019).

Revisions to the indicator framework

- Types of changes to be considered during 2020 and 2025 reviews:
 - Indicator does not map well to target
 - Additional indicator needed to cover all aspects of target
 - New data sources available
 - Methodological development of Tier III indicator has stalled/did not produce expected results
 - Indicator not measuring progress towards target

Timeline for Reviews (1)

- Proposed timeline for each reviews
 - The launch of the 2020 review will be in the fall of 2018 and for the 2025 review in the fall of 2023.
 - The proposal for changes will be submitted to UNSC and the end of 2019 and the end of 2024.
 - IAEG reviews the framework while consulting with custodian agencies and identifies indicators where revisions are possibly needed
 - IAEG holds an open consultation on the proposed possible changes to the indicator framework

Timeline for Reviews (2)

- IAEG reviews the results of the open consultation and develops a proposal for the changes to the indicator framework
- These results and proposal are shared publicly and are discussed at the meeting of the IAEG
- IAEG finalizes the proposed changes to the indicator framework and submits them for consideration/approval to UNSC.