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**Agenda Item 10. Workplan and timeline for 2020
Comprehensive Review**

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Guiding principles of the review

- 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.
- 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 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, when:
 - The indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well;
 - An additional indicator is needed to cover a critical aspect of the target;
 - The methodological development of tier III indicator has stalled or has not produced expected results.

Criteria for the comprehensive review of the indicators

- 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 or to address a critical or emerging **new** issue that is not monitored by the existing indicators
- A deletion will be considered when the methodological development of tier III indicator has stalled or has not produced expected results.
- Adjustments or replacements will be considered when the Indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.

Criteria for the comprehensive review of the indicators

- 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
- The review will aim at maintaining the **same number** of indicators currently in the framework to not alter significantly the original framework that already is being implemented in most countries and not increase the reporting burden on national statistical systems

2020 Comprehensive review timeline

- **Nov. 2018 – March 2019** -- IAEG will prepare a review framework containing possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions, based on previous analysis and assessments, with the assistance of the Secretariat.
- **March/April 2019** – 9th Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs – Final progress review of Tier III indicators to determine whether they can be maintained in the list or deleted.
- **May-July 2019** – Open consultation on the preliminary list of possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions.
- **By September 2019** -- the IAEG will review the results of the consultations;
- **By end-November 2019** -- the IAEG will prepare the final proposal for the 2020 review for the consideration of the Commission.