Plenary Session

9th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Agenda Item 6. Review of Updates to Tier III workplans

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Process for updating Tier III workplans

• In February, the Secretariat requested agencies to provide updated Tier III workplans, with a particular focus on including the following information:
  o Detailed timeline that includes dates for when:
    ▪ methodological work will be completed;
    ▪ methodology will be approved as an international standard;
    ▪ indicator will be submitted to the IAEG-SDG for possible reclassification; and when data collection will begin.
  o Expected data coverage of the indicator and frequency with which the data are collected, including total number of countries for which there will be information and regions.
Review of Responses

• Out of 41 current Tier III Indicators:
  o 7 are proposed for Tier reclassification at this meeting
  o 20 provided updated information for their Tier III work plans
  o 14 did not provide any updated information
  o For the latter 14, some of these indicators are orphan indicators or have encountered methodological problems that have caused development of methodology to stall
Review of Responses

• Most of the 34 Tier III indicators not proposed for tier reclassification at the 9th meeting have indicated that their methodological development will be completed by mid- to late-2019.

• However, the IAEG-SDGs is requesting more detailed and updated information on methodological development and when data collection activities will begin.

• If no responses are received by the end of May, the indicators will be included in the comprehensive review.
Summary of Updates to Tier III Workplans (1/2)

• 5 Tier III Indicators under Goal 13 and 2 Tier III Indicators (8.9.2 and 12.b.1) for which the current indicator formulation has some issues will be included in 2020 Comprehensive Review;

• 4 Tier III Indicators (1.a.1, 1.b.1, 12.a.1, 17.18.1) are without an active custodian agency and are considered orphan indicators by IAEG-SDGs and will be included in the 2020 Review;

• 5 Tier III Indicators have agreed global proxies presented at 50th session of UNSC (1.a.3, 11.a.1, 12.5.1, 14.1.1 and 14.2.1). These proxies can potentially be considered as replacements.
Summary of Updates to Tier III Workplans (2/2)

• On 6 Indicators methodological work is expected to be completed in the first half of 2019 (11.4.1, 12.3.1(b), 12.4.2, 12.7.1, 17.6.1, 17.14.1);

• On 8 indicators methodological work is expected to be completed by end of 2019 (3.5.1, 4.7.1, 11.7.2, 12.6.1, 12.8.1, 14.c.1, 16.4.1, 17.5.1);

• 4 indicators do not have an expected date for when methodological work will be completed or have other issues (7.b.1, 11.c.1, 15.a.1/15.b.1, 17.7.2). Unless further information is received, these will be included in the comprehensive review.
Way Forward

• Indicators whose methodological work are not likely to be completed by late 2019 will be included in the 2020 Comprehensive Review
• Indicators that are not likely to have data available in a timely manner will also be considered as part of the 2020 Comprehensive Review
• The IAEG-SDGs has already decided on a set of indicators to include in 2020 Comprehensive Review, such as Tier III indicators under Goal 13
• The IAEG-SDGs will also consider the possibility of using the already agreed global proxies as possible replacements for Tier III indicators that have not made sufficient methodological progress
THANK YOU