

# 2025 Comprehensive Review Process and result

IAEG-SDGs High-Level Side Event at the  
56<sup>th</sup> UN Statistical Commission  
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# Timeline for 2025 Comprehensive Review

**Jan.- June 2024:** The IAEG-SDGs prepared a review of the framework noting possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions, based on previous analysis and assessments;

**1-30 April 2024:** Open call for proposals. All proposals for indicator changes (replacements, deletions, refinements, adjustments and additional indicators) were submitted by **30 April**;

**May-July 2024:** The IAEG reviewed all proposals and decided on a preliminary list of indicators;

**July-August 2024:** Open consultation was held on the preliminary list of indicator changes;

**Sept-Oct 2024:** The IAEG reviewed the results of the consultations and held additional consultations with international agencies and partners;

**Oct 2024:** At the 15th IAEG-SDG meeting, held on 21-23 October in Oslo, the Group reviewed the draft proposal for indicator changes and made preliminary decisions on most of the proposals.

**Nov.- Dec. 2024:** The IAEG held additional consultations, finalized the proposals for the 2025 review, and submitted them to the Commission for its consideration at the 56<sup>th</sup> session



## Guiding Principles of the 2025 Comprehensive Review:

- 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 the common work of the Expert Group should remain on the **national implementation of the framework** in countries for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



# Specific criteria for implementation of the 2025 Comprehensive Review

1. The aim of the review is 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.
2. The 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;
3. Taking into account the first two criteria,
  - 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;
  - A **deletion** 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, and **a replacement** will be proposed if the deleted indicator is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target;
  - **Adjustments or replacements** will be considered when the indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well.

## Additional Criteria/Consideration for the 2025 Comprehensive Review

- The addition of a sub-indicator within an existing indicator 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.



# Summary of open call for 2025 Comprehensive Review proposals

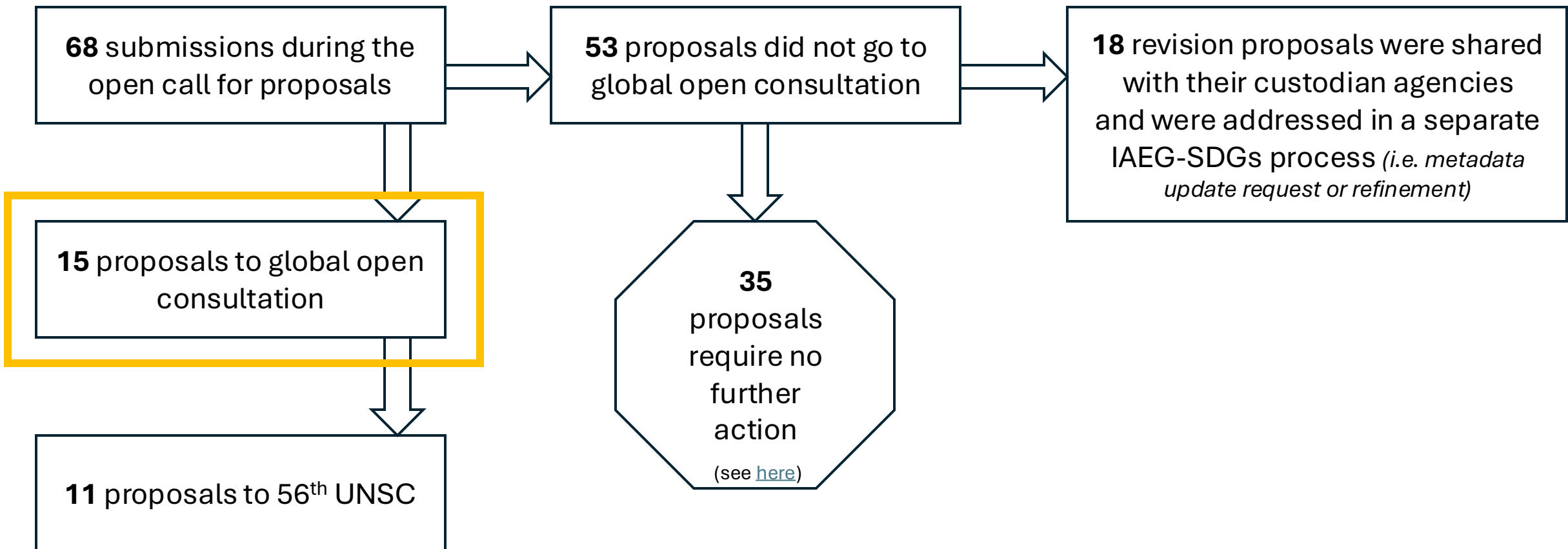
- Open call for proposal period: **1 – 30 April 2024**
- Total number of proposals received:

	Number of Proposals Received
Addition	23
Deletion	0
Replacement	3
Revision/adjustment	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

- IAEG carried out **four** weekly intensive meetings to review all proposals to decided on a preliminary list to be included in the open global consultation: **29 May – 3 July**

## Review process by the IAEG-SDGs following the open call for proposals for indicators to be included in the global consultation

- **Purpose:** To decide which proposals were included in the global consultation in July. It was a *shortlisting process for the global consultation*, not a *final decision* on proposals.
- **Criteria:** The decision was *largely* based on:
  1. Methodology Soundness
  2. Metadata
  3. 40% data availability
  4. *[Desirable but not mandatory]* Involvement of custodian agency





# Open Global Consultation

- **Date:** 15 July – 15 August 2024
- **Where:** [2025 Comprehensive Review website](#)
- **Announcement:**
  1. UNSD website
  2. UNSD social media channels (X/Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.)
  3. SDG focal persons mailing list
- **Materials to share:**
  1. Summary of all 68 proposals received and rationale(s) for *not* including some of them in the consultation
  2. For each proposal included in the consultation:
    - a) Proposal form
    - b) Metadata

## Open global consultation

### **Important considerations:**

1. Anyone could provide comments during the consultation, but comments that are repeated, low-quality, or irrelevant may be screened out
2. Not all proposals under consultation made it to the final list of proposals sent to the Statistical Commission
3. IAEG-SDGs final decisions were based on content of the proposal, comments received during consultation, and the size/scope of the final global indicator framework



## Overview of feedback received during global consultation

- The global open consultation was open for one month from **15 July to 15 August 2024**.
- There were **15 proposals** for which comments were sought.
- Over **741** individual responses were received.

Proposals (15)	Amount of inputs
Target 1.b revision proposal from Save the Children-UNICEF	67
Target 2.2 addition proposal from Switzerland FSO	266
Target 2.2 addition proposal from Global Breastfeeding Collective-UNICEF	212
Target 3.5 addition proposal from IARD	164
Target 3.8 revision proposal from WHO (proposal 1)	41
Target 3.8 revision proposal from WHO (proposal 2)	46
Target 3.9 revision proposal from Brazil IBGE	31
Target 3.b replacement proposal from WHO	34
Target 4.6 replacement proposal from Singapore	29
Target 8.9 addition proposal from UN Tourism	68
Target 8.a addition proposal from Russia Federal State Statistics Service	21
Target 9.3 revision proposal from UNIDO	29
Target 10.1 addition proposal from OXFAM (proposal 2)	91
Target 11.1 addition proposal from Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness	51
Target 15.9 revision proposal from UNEP → <b>withdrawn and refinement proposed instead</b>	29

Type of proposal	Count
Additions	7
Replacements	2
Revisions	6 -> 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 -&gt; 14</b>

# Final Proposal

- **In October 2024:** The IAEG-SDGs reviewed all inputs systematically and made an initial decision in Oslo during the 15<sup>th</sup> IAEG-SDG Meeting.
- **In November 2024:** the IAEG-SDGs carried out two additional virtual meetings and finalized the proposals of the 2025 Review.
- The final proposals include **11 changes** to the current global indicator:
  - **3** proposals for **additional** indicators;
  - **2** proposals for the **replacement** of existing indicators, and
  - **6** proposals for the **revision** of existing indicators.
- The total number of **unique** indicators in the global indicator framework will be **234**.
- The Group noted that these proposals are not expected to significantly impact the reporting burden as data have been collected for these indicators.



# ADDITIONS: 3

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No.	Target	Proposed Indicator
1	2.2	Prevalence of minimum dietary diversity, by population group (children aged 6-23.9 months and non-pregnant women aged 15 to 49 years)
2	8.9	Employed persons in the tourism industries
3	11.c	Total Official Development Assistance (ODA) and other official flows in support of urban infrastructure or urban infrastructure projects, by sectors

# REPLACEMENTS: 2

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	Current Indicator	Replacement Proposal
1	3.b.3 Proportion of health facilities that have a core set of relevant essential medicines available and affordable on a sustainable basis	3.b.3 Health product access index
2	4.6.1 Proportion of population in a given age group achieving at least a fixed level of proficiency in functional (a) literacy and (b) numeracy skills, by sex	4.6.1 Youth/adult literacy rate

# REVISIONS: 6

No.	Current Indicator	Revision Proposal
1	1.b.1 Pro-poor public social spending	Revise data series to: “the proportion of spending benefiting the poorest 20%”
2	2.5.2 Proportion of local breeds classified as being at risk of extinction	Proportion of local <b>and transboundary</b> breeds classified as being at risk of extinction
3	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services	To modify 3 tracers: family planning, health workforce, and management of diabetes
4	3.8.2 Proportion of population with large household expenditures on health as a share of total household expenditure or income	To measure the proportion of the population with positive out-of-pocket household expenditure on health exceeding 40% of household discretionary budget
5	4.7.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies, (b) curricula, (c) teacher education and (d) student assessment	Revision of metadata to include a “greening” component to reflect sustainability and climate education efforts
6	9.3.1 Proportion of small-scale industries in total industry value added	9.3.1. Proportion of small-scale industries in total industry value added based on (a) international classification and (b) national classifications

# 2025 Comprehensive Review: low data coverage indicator review

The IAEG-SDGs conducted a review of indicators that have no reported data or low data availability (defined as less than 30% of data coverage) in the global SDG Indicator database

- **2 indicators** with no data
  - Custodian agencies provided a timeline for data provision
- **32 indicators with <30% country data coverage as of Q3 2024.**
  - Most custodian agencies have provided information on the following:
    - Rationales for low data coverage and why there has been little improvement over the years,
    - Plans and timelines for filling in the data gaps in the near future
    - Investments by custodian agencies and countries in developing and implementing the indicators, and
    - Suggestions on how to address and improve data coverage.



# Indicators with no data or low data coverage

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- The IAEG-SDGs decided not to delete any of these indicators
- The IAEG-SDGs:
  1. Commends the efforts of custodian agencies, countries, and development partners in producing methodologies and international standards for the indicators
  2. Acknowledges the progress being made in data availability for some indicators
  3. But also recognizes that many of the indicators of low data coverage have proven exceptionally challenging for countries to compile
  4. Strongly recommends custodian agencies take into account the practical difficulties countries face in reporting on these complex and resource-intensive indicators
  5. If data availability remains low by 2030, it may indicate that these indicators are either not prioritized by countries or are overly complex and costly to compile.
  6. In that case, it is advisable to adopt a practical approach when selecting or developing indicators for the post-2030 agenda, including the use of alternative indicators that may not capture every nuance of a target but still align with its spirit and provide actionable insights into progress.

**THANK YOU!**

