

Reclassification request 12.5.1

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Goal 12:

Sustainable Consumption and Production

Target 12.5:

By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

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National recycling rate

Updates since November

- All comments sent from IAEG-SDG members were taken on board.
- The methodology was simplified in order to reduce the number of sub-indicators described and to make the methodology more straightforward.
- There is recognition that global comparability will still be an issue, but hopefully data quality will improve over time.
- An updated methodology was circulated. Additionally, UN Habitat is in the process of adding indicator 11.6.1 to this document in order to provide a single document which describes how to measure waste in the context of the SDGs.

Structure:

Level 1 Indicators	
<i>National recycling rate</i>	(Material recycled + material exported for recycling – material imported for recycling) / total waste generated (with gap filling for regional and global aggregates)
Level 2 Indicators	
<i>Total Waste Generated (excluding construction, mining and agriculture) by type, including e-waste</i>	This is the denominator for recycling and useful for understanding the target 12.5 on waste reduction.
<i>National recycling rate by type of waste, including e-waste (other possible disaggregations include for metals and packaging waste)</i>	Based on national data sources, including disaggregation of the recycling rate

Methodological notes

- 1) Align with the definitions which are being used at the global level by the UNEP/UNSD Questionnaire on Environment Statistics and the definitions in the Basel Convention which is a multilateral environment agreement entered into force by some 187 countries.
- 2) Align with the methodologies presented in the other SDG waste-related indicators (primarily, 11.6.1 and 12.3.1(a)). All work on the indicators has been done jointly with UN-Habitat.
- 3) Leverage existing data collection from the UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics.
- 4) Bring into focus key waste-related issues, such as e-waste.
- 5) Provide a step-by-step guide to progressively monitoring.