

Goal 17

Target number: 17.14

Indicator Number and Name: 17.14.1 Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence of sustainable development

Agency: UNEP

Has work for the development of this indicator begun?

After initial research on existing work, literature, partners and existing indicators on similar issues, UN Environment developed a draft conceptual framework and initial elements for this indicator. The work done so far has been inspired by examples of mechanisms in place in countries to foster policy coherence for sustainable development, observed through efforts on the ground or reported by countries through their voluntary national reviews or other mechanisms. UN Environment has set up an international working group with experts from different types of organizations (Academia, governments, NGO's, International Organizations, UN-entities) and from different regions, who have experience in measuring policy coherence for sustainable development, to further develop this methodology. Agreement has been reached on the general approach for the indicator, which is a composite indicator outlining the various types of policy coherence mechanisms that could exist at the national level. The indicator framework is currently being refined.

Who are the entities, including national and international experts, directly involved and consulted in developing the methodology/and or data collection tools?

1. UN Environment as custodian agency
2. Other UN agencies and international organisations with relevant work streams, such as UNDP, UNDESA and the OECD
3. Think tanks, research institutions and academic institutions working on policy coherence, such as Stockholm Environment Institute, Center for Global Development, German Development Institute, Center for Policy Dialogue, Finnish NGDO platform to the EU, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College, Arabian Gulf University (AGU), University of Buenos Aires, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú
4. Government institutions with relevant experience to share, such as the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning Rwanda, and DG Environment of the European Commission

What is the involvement of or how do you plan to involve National Statistical Systems in the development of the methodology?

This is primarily a policy process indicator, therefore we assume that at the national level information will be collected from relevant line ministries, however, as part of the methodological development we shall consult with National Statistical Offices both on the methodological approach and on the data collection plan.

Please briefly describe the process of developing the methodology for the indicator

Date	Meeting/deadline
November 2017 – June 2018	Development of draft methodological approach and indicator framework by UN Environment
June- October 2018	Establishment of International Expert Group and refinement of indicator framework
October- November 2018	Piloting of draft methodology with member states
November- 2018	Refinement of methodology and Expert Group Meeting to validate.
Beginning of 2019	Submission of methodology proposal to IAEG-SDG for validation and Tier upgrade
2020-2030	Data collection for all UN member countries

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Please indicate new international standards that will need to be proposed and approved by an intergovernmental process (such as UNSC) for this methodology.

None at this time.

When do you expect the methodological work on this indicator to be completed?

By 2019

Are data and metadata already being collected from the National Statistical System for one or more components of this indicator?

No

If yes, please describe:

How do you plan to collect the data?

To be determined with the Expert Group, but most likely through a Government Survey, potentially combined with other policy-related surveys for Goal 12, if the focal points are appropriate.

If the indicator involves multiple components from different data sources, please describe how each individual component of the indicator will be collected here.

To be determined, depending on the final methodology.

With what frequency is data expected to be collected?

Every two years.

Is there a process of data validation by countries in place or planned for this indicator?

Data will be provided by countries.

If yes, please briefly describe:

(as of July/August 2018)