

Goal 17

Target number: 17.18

Indicator Number and Name: Indicator 17.18.2: Number of countries that have national statistical legislation that complies with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

Agency: PARIS21

Has work for the development of this indicator begun? Yes

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

In the case of the Indicator 17.18.2, PARIS21 will involve the National Statistical System by asking them to provide the Statistical Act/Law of their country where it is not already available.

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

Compliance: A country's statistics law will be considered compliant with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics if the law has provisions relating to all the ten Principles.

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

Already completed

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

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Yes but for a limited number of countries only.

How do you plan to collect the data?

Joint survey/compilation with national agency and international entity

With what frequency is data expected to be collected?

Annually

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

Yes

If yes, please briefly describe:

"1 – For the survey: Each country will fill out information relating to each of the ten UNFPOS. Guidelines on each of the questions will be provided (see below) and each country will be required to provide the necessary evidence on each response such as website links to the law and the specific paragraph or article.

2 – PARIS21 to employ text mining for each country's statistics law to assess compliance on each of the UNFPOS. The same guide as above on a range of text to be mined under each Principle will be provided. Efforts will also be undertaken to obtain and verify data from statistics laws that are written in local languages. "

If you have any additional comments that you believe would be helpful to IAEG-SDG members in analysing the work plan and methodological development of the indicator, please provide them here:

The methodology proposed will focus on reference to the principles and not their implementation level.

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