



**Update on the work of the
Inter-agency and Expert Group on
Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)**

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IAEG-SDG Work Programme

V. Work programme of the Expert Group as presented to UNSC48 and modified following the decisions of the commission

Activities between March 2017 and March 2018:

- (a) Establish procedures for the review of workplans for tier III indicators and finalize a mechanism for moving indicators from one tier to another;
- (b) Initiate work on a proposal for additional indicators and other changes as part of the comprehensive review for consideration by the Statistical Commission at its fifty-first session in 2020;
- (c) Review the availability of data for tier I and tier II indicators and develop a plan for increasing the data coverage of tier II indicators with the joint subgroup of the Expert Group and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

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(d) Develop further guidance on the issue of data disaggregation;

(e) Continue the work of the three working groups, on statistical data and metadata exchange, geospatial information and interlinkages;

(f) Develop guidelines on the data flows between countries and custodian agencies;

(g) Hold two meetings, the first in March 2017 and the second in the fourth quarter of 2017, on dates to be determined, and continue to interact electronically and through teleconferences, as needed.

Next Steps

- Preparation of the Guidelines:
 - Establishment of the drafting group
 - First draft (available for the next IAEG-SDG meeting)
 - Submission to UNSC49
- Implement the plan for the yearly refinements to be submitted to UNSC49
- Initiate work on 2020 comprehensive review of the global indicator framework (as presented under agenda item 14)

Agreed mechanism to ensure completion of work as planned for Tier III

- IAEG is conducting a thorough review of Tier III work plans, flagging any issues in the current methodological work, in particular for those referring to targets with a 2020 deadline
- Agencies will be invited to provide an updated work plan to ensure acceleration of methodological development where needed

Issues with other Tier III work plans

- **In a few cases, there is limited information in the work plan or work has not yet started**
 - IAEG will request a more comprehensive work plan from the custodian agency.
- **Timeline is not clear in the current work plan**
 - IAEG will request a clear timeline from the custodian agency.
- **Evidence or results of pilot studies that are regionally representative need to be made available for IAEG review (examples of the data from pilot studies)**
- **For some of the indicators, the methodological work has been completed.**
 - The indicator should be re-classified.