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# **Principles of using quantification to operationalize the **SDGs** targets**

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## Using quantification to operationalize the SDGs

- ▶ **Strength and limitations of quantification – lessons learnt from the MDGs**
  - ▶ Power of quantification: bringing concrete commitments, tracking performance and holding stakeholders accountable.
  - ▶ Limitations: arbitrary methodology, one-size-fit-all yardstick, sometime perverse incentives
  
- ▶ **Types of SDGs indicators**
  - ▶ Targets with clear or implicit numerical values
  - ▶ Targets without specific numerical values or timeframe for implementation





## Principles for quantification

- ▶ Principles to be considered when:
  - ▶ Applying the specified numerical targets at country and local levels;
  - ▶ Suggesting specific global values for those 9 targets in the OWG proposal where there is currently an  $x$  %;
  - ▶ Using quantification as a tool to operationalize the targets that are vague.





## Principles for quantification:

- ▶ Universal with national adaptation
- ▶ Consistent with existing international frameworks and agreements
- ▶ Ambitious but achievable
- ▶ Leaving no one behind
- ▶ Setting a baseline
- ▶ Forward looking
- ▶ A participatory process

