

EGWM Paper 6

Alignment with High-Level Expert Group and Proposals for Immediate Work by the Expert Group

1. During the Summit for the Future members of the Bureau consulted a number of senior officials concerning Action 53 on the development of a framework on measures of progress on sustainable development to complement and go beyond gross domestic product of the [Pact for the Future](#).
2. Having this Action establishing an independent high-level expert group (HLEG) to set a strategic direction in this regard our first concern must be to ensure the conversations of the HLEG are shaped by well-configured backing notes describing:
 - a. The current state of the research
 - b. The scope of the framework
 - c. The relations to existing frameworks
3. As the HLEG will commence activity, as we understand current plans, in March 2025, this leaves a limited period of time to structure our first submission.
4. The Position paper circulated to this group (Paper 5) provides a base for this material, although comments are invited from all members on the latest draft, which continues to evolve on the base of EGWM member comments.
5. In addition, we would like to propose the establishment of the following task-teams to provide 2-3 page summaries of the current state of knowledge. These can be appended to the Position Paper as initial illustrations of the work of the EGWM, although we do not suspect this will conclude our engagement with the HLEG, who will require support to draft and ready a final report.
6. The task-teams proposed are:
 - a. Two task-teams covering traditional 'domains'
 - i. **Work** – a task-team, led by the ILO, to bring together a summary of the data which is available, against the 4x4 grid, in relation to key aspects affecting wellbeing arising from formal and informal work, stressing the importance of unpaid household activity along traditional concepts of paid work.
 - ii. **Housing** – a task-team, led by Habitat, to bring together a summary of the data which is available, against the 4x4 grid, in relation to key aspects affecting wellbeing arising from housing needs and availability.
 - b. Two task-teams covering new and rising 'domains'

- i. **Digital Well-being** – a task-team, led by the UAE, to bring together a summary of the data which is available, against the 4x4 grid, in relation to key aspects affecting wellbeing arising from the social, economic, and environmental impacts of digitalisation, such as trust, security, ‘fake news’, mental health, remote work, energy use and e-waste
 - ii. **Subjective wellbeing** – a task-team, led by Oxford Wellbeing Centre, to bring together a summary of the state of this rapidly evolving science and its capabilities and limitations to relation to the 4x4 grid.
 - c. Two task-teams covering long-term strategic issues
 - i. **Composite Indices** – a task-team, led by UNDP, to bring together a summary of how existing composite indices map to the 4x4 grid and what lessons could be learnt to help set principles to down-select the strongest candidates for use in a final dashboard.
 - ii. **Communications** – a task-team, led by the UK to assess different communications approaches and the key areas where the HLEG’s views on how to optimise data presentation would be beneficial.
7. Each task-team is asked to provide an initial assessment and the key points arising for February 2025. It is not expected to provide a full and rounded assessment or recommendations on individual metrics, but rather to help parametrise the debate and provide context for the establishment of a framework to tackle this topic.
 8. It is envisaged these topics will provide the correct inputs to support the HLEG consider the most substantive issues alongside examples of where core domains already have strong datasets to bring to bear.
 9. EGWM members are invited to express an interest in joining any task-team they desire, including identifying named staff they wish to delegate to the task-teams. Task-team members do not need to be full members of EGWM.