

Inter-agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

Tentative timeline, work plan and organization of work

Suggested tentative timeline and work plan

2015	Activity
07 July	List of proposals circulated to IAEG-SDGs
07 Jul – 14 Jul	Discussion on tentative timeline, work plan and organization of work
20 Jul (tbc)	Note on progress to the inter-governmental negotiations
28 Jul	Deadline for IAEG-SDGs members for inputs on the list of proposals
11 Aug	First list of possible indicators finalized
11 Aug – 04 Sep	Open consultation on first list of possible indicators open to all National Statistical Offices and observers
11 Aug – 04 Sep	Open consultation on first list of possible indicators open to major groups and stakeholders
04 Sep	Deadline for IAEG-SDGs members for inputs on the first list of possible indicators
21 Sep	Updated list of possible indicators circulated to all stakeholders
15 Oct	Deadline for final comments on updated list of possible indicators
26 – 28 Oct (tbc)	2 nd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs to review work done and remaining issues
16 Nov	Deadline for final minor amendments on indicator proposal
30 Nov	Submission of document by the IAEG-SDGs on an indicator proposal to 47 th session of the UNSC

Organization of work (to be amended as required)

The IAEG-SDGs has been tasked by the UN Statistical Commission to develop a proposal for the global indicator framework for the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda. The proposal is to be presented to the Commission at its forty-seventh session in March 2016 for its review and approval. The global indicator framework is to be based on the proposal by the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG) of a set of 17 goals and 169 targets, which are expected to be adopted, with possibly some limited revisions, at the High-level summit in September 2015.

At the March meeting of the inter-governmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, Member States stressed that indicators must directly respond to the goals and targets agreed by the Open Working Group and to their level of ambition; must not undermine or re-interpret the targets; must cover all targets, including targets on means of implementation and give equal weight to all targets; must maintain the balance achieved, and should not introduce any new or contentious issues. There was also wide consensus among Member States that the

global indicators should be limited in number and should include multi-purpose indicators that address several targets at the same time.

At its first meeting, in New York from 1-2 June 2015, the IAEG-SDGs decided to establish two discussion streams, open to all its members:

- (1) a first discussion stream focusing on conceptual frameworks and indicator concepts and definitions, and
- (2) a second one focusing on identifying interlinkages across goals and targets.

Each of the two discussion streams will be facilitated by a designated IAEG-SDGs member.

Based on the above, it is proposed to define the tasks of the two discussion streams as follows:

Discussion stream 1: Conceptual frameworks and indicator concepts and definitions

Topic 1: Review the concepts and definitions of the proposed indicators for global monitoring and recommend revisions if needed;

Topic 2: Review the relevance and adequacy of each indicator proposed, taking into account the criteria for the selection of individual indicators as recommended by the EGM on SDG Indicators in February 2015 and the other recommendations made by the IAEG-SDGs, as well as the need to measure all goals and targets in a coherent and comprehensive manner and the need to limit the number of global indicators;

Topic 3: Verify and match the indicator proposed against existing major indicator frameworks, including those developed at the regional level;

Topic 4: Develop a framework for the presentation and communication of the list of proposed indicators for global monitoring;

Topic 5: Address the issue of data disaggregation, and other cross-cutting issues such as inequality, special groups etc.

Discussion stream 2: Identification of inter-linkages across goals and targets:

Topic 1: Identify interlinkages across goals and targets with the purpose of reducing the total number of indicators, using text and scientific analysis;

Electronic discussion platform for the IAEG-SDGs members

An electronic forum has been established to conduct the necessary technical discussions on the topics mentioned above, as well as any additional topics that the IAEG-SDGs members may wish to address. Please see the “IAEG-SDGs Collaboration platform - How to use me note”.

The IAEG-SDGs facilitators may wish to invite experts from observer countries, agencies, and additional outside experts to participate in its discussions on specific topics or sub-topics.

The facilitators may also wish to request clarification and/or discuss proposed amendments to the proposal with the entity proposing the indicator and/or the one/s identified as responsible for the global monitoring of the particular indicator.

Facilitators and discussion leaders

The facilitators of each of the two discussion streams may wish to request one or more members to lead and summarize the discussions on a specific topic or on a group of indicators/targets.

Electronic discussion platform for observers

An additional forum has been created to allow observers to provide their inputs. The forum will be organized by goal, with an additional space for issues of cross-cutting nature. Furthermore, inputs under individual goals should indicate any interlinkages to other goals.