



**SUSTAINABLE
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**9th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on
Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)**

**Agenda Item 11. Workplan and timeline for 2020
Comprehensive Review**

Guiding principles of the review (1/2)

- The 2020 comprehensive review is an opportunity to improve the indicator framework to help the global monitoring of the 2030 agenda and provide the necessary guidance to countries, many of which are already well advanced in implementing their national framework and reporting platforms.
- The review needs to take into account investments already made at the national and international levels and should not undermine ongoing efforts.

Guiding principles of the review (2/2)

- The revised framework should not impose a significant additional burden on national statistical work.
- There should be space for improvements while at the same time ensuring that the changes are limited in scope and the size of the framework remains the same.
- The focus of our common work should remain on the implementation of the indicator framework in countries for the achievement of the SDGs.

2020 Comprehensive review

- Modifications of the framework during the 2020 comprehensive review will include the **replacement, deletion, refinement or adjustment** of indicators, and in a few selected cases, additional indicators, only when:
 - the current indicator(s) did not map well to the target or track the target well;
 - an additional indicator was needed to cover a critical aspect of the target;
 - the methodological development of a tier III indicator had stalled or not produced the expected results.

Criteria for the comprehensive review of the indicators

- **An additional** indicator may be considered only in exceptional cases when a crucial aspect of a target is not being monitored by the current indicator(s) or to address a critical or emerging **new** issue that is not monitored by the existing indicators
- **A deletion** will be considered when the methodological work of a tier III indicator has stalled or has not produced the expected results, and **a replacement** will be proposed if the deleted indicator is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target; .
- **Refinements** or **adjustments** will be considered when the indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well;

Criteria for the comprehensive review of the indicators

- The proposed indicators must have **an agreed methodology** and **available data** (Tier III indicator proposals will not be considered) and be suitable for global monitoring
- The review will aim at maintaining close to the **same number** of indicators currently in the framework to not alter significantly the original framework, which is already being implemented in most countries and not to increase the reporting burden on national statistical systems.

Criteria for the comprehensive review of the indicators

- The addition of sub-indicator within an existing indicator tier 1 or tier 2 is discouraged as it adds to the reporting burden.
- Additionally, any proposal for replacement or additional indicator should minimize the use of sub-indicators to ensure the indicator framework does not expand.
- The IAEG-SDGs will examine closely all proposals to ensure the reporting burden does not increase as a result of additional sub-indicators.

2020 Comprehensive review timeline

- **March-May 2019** – Final progress review of Tier III indicators to determine whether they can be maintained in the list or be included in the 2020 review.
- **March-May 2019**– IAEG-SDGs will prepare proposals containing possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions, based on previous analysis and assessments and consultations with members countries and inputs from experts where needed, with assistance from the Secretariat.
- **June-end of July 2019** – IAEG-SDGs will finalize the proposals that will go for the global consultation

2020 Comprehensive review timeline

- **End of July-August 2019** – An open consultation on the preliminary proposals of possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions.
- **By September 2019** -- the IAEG-SDGs will review the results of the consultations;
- **Oct-Nov 2019** – The IAEG-SDGs will discuss and request additional information on these proposals with custodian agencies and other experts bilaterally and at 10th meeting of IAEG-SDGs
- **By end-November 2019** -- the IAEG-SDGs will prepare the final proposal for the 2020 review and submit it to the Commission for its consideration at the fifty-first session in March 2020.