



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Plenary Session

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

**Agenda Item 5. Review of Tier I and II Indicators
Missing Data and /or Metadata**

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Basis for Review

- Some Tier I and II indicators lack data and metadata in the Global Indicator Database and Metadata Repository. The IAEG-SDGs requested the Secretariat to conduct a comprehensive review of these indicators.
- In February, the Secretariat conducted an initial review of all Tier I and II indicators and identified 56 indicators that were missing data and/or metadata or where other issues were identified:
 - 3 missing both data and metadata
 - 2 missing metadata
 - 28 missing data
 - 7 with other issues
 - 16 that have no data in database but data were received for 2019 reporting cycle.

Review Process

- After this initial review, the Secretariat contacted custodian agencies for these indicators to request information on why data and/or metadata were missing.
- Custodian agencies provided responses for all but 5 of these indicators
- A summary of these responses is found in the Excel table

Results of Review

- Many of the indicators included in this review are Tier II indicators that were recently reclassified from tier III
- Metadata is now available for all indicators except 3 (in some cases, metadata was received in the last few days)
- For many of these indicators, data was recently shared with UNSD by custodian agencies but has not yet been uploaded onto Global Indicator Database or is expected to be submitted in coming months.
- Some other indicators are only reported at the regional/global level based on the indicator design
- A small sub-set of these indicators require additional follow-up on their data collection plans

Indicators Requiring Further Follow up and expected timeline for when data are available:

- **1.2.2**
- **1.a.2**
- **2.4.1**
- **3.b.3**
- **5.2.2**
- **5.6.2**
- **5.a.1**
- **5.a.2**
- **8.9.1**
- **15.7.1**
- **17.3.1**
- **17.13.1**

Way Forward

- By end-May 2019, custodian agencies are requested to either:
 - provide the missing data or metadata, or
 - Indicate their plans for data collection to be able to populate the indicator
- IAEG-SDGs will review and consider additional information provided by custodian agencies on these indicators and set up Webex meetings to discuss way forward
- For indicators where data collection is still an issue or where custodian agencies have determined data collection will not occur, or if no additional information is received by the deadline, the IAEG-SDGs will include these indicators in 2020 Comprehensive Review

THANK YOU

