



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

## **Plenary Session**

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

**Agenda Item 6. Review of Updates to Tier III  
workplans**

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# Process for updating Tier III workplans

- In February, the Secretariat requested agencies to provide updated Tier III workplans, with a particular focus on including the following information:
  - Detailed timeline that includes dates for when:
    - methodological work will be completed;
    - methodology will be approved as an international standard;
    - indicator will be submitted to the IAEG-SDG for possible reclassification; and when data collection will begin.
  - Expected data coverage of the indicator and frequency with which the data are collected, including total number of countries for which there will be information and regions.

# Review of Responses

- Out of 41 current Tier III Indicators:
  - **7 are proposed for Tier reclassification at this meeting**
  - **20 provided updated information for their Tier III work plans**
  - **14 did not provide any updated information**
- For the latter 14, some of these indicators are orphan indicators or have encountered methodological problems that have caused development of methodology to stall

# Review of Responses

- Most of the 34 Tier III indicators not proposed for tier reclassification at the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting have indicated that their methodological development will be completed by mid- to late-2019.
- However, the IAEG-SDGs is requesting more detailed and updated information on methodological development and when data collection activities will begin.
- If no responses are received by the end of May, the indicators will be included in the comprehensive review.

# Summary of Updates to Tier III Workplans (1/2)

- 5 Tier III Indicators under Goal 13 and 2 Tier III Indicators (8.9.2 and 12.b.1) for which the current indicator formulation has some issues will be included in 2020 Comprehensive Review;
- 4 Tier III Indicators (1.a.1, 1.b.1, 12.a.1, 17.18.1) are without an active custodian agency and are considered orphan indicators by IAEG-SDGs and will be included in the 2020 Review;
- 5 Tier III Indicators have agreed global proxies presented at 50<sup>th</sup> session of UNSC (1.a.3, 11.a.1, 12.5.1, 14.1.1 and 14.2.1). These proxies can potentially be considered as replacements.

## Summary of Updates to Tier III Workplans (2/2)

- On 6 Indicators methodological work is expected to be completed in the first half of 2019 (11.4.1, 12.3.1(b), 12.4.2, 12.7.1, 17.6.1, 17.14.1);
- On 8 indicators methodological work is expected to be completed by end of 2019 (3.5.1, 4.7.1, 11.7.2, 12.6.1, 12.8.1, 14.c.1, 16.4.1, 17.5.1);
- 4 indicators do not have an expected date for when methodological work will be completed or have other issues (7.b.1, 11.c.1, 15.a.1/15.b.1, 17.7.2). Unless further information is received, these will be included in the comprehensive review.

## Way Forward

- Indicators whose methodological work are not likely to be completed by late 2019 will be included in the 2020 Comprehensive Review
- Indicators that are not likely to have data available in a timely manner will also be considered as part of the 2020 Comprehensive Review
- The IAEG-SDGs has already decided on a set of indicators to include in 2020 Comprehensive Review, such as Tier III indicators under Goal 13
- The IAEG-SDGs will also consider the possibility of using the already agreed global proxies as possible replacements for Tier III indicators that have not made sufficient methodological progress

# THANK YOU

