



Updates on the IAEG SDGs Work

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The IAEG-SDGs

- develop a list of indicators for the monitoring of the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda at the global level
- take into account existing efforts by different groups of countries and organizations, including regional and international agencies, regional commissions, academia, civil society and other relevant international organisations
- follow the basic principles it has committed to:
 - it is country-led
 - it is inclusive
 - it is transparent

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Highlights of the First Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

•Indicators

- must directly respond to the goals and targets agreed in the Open Working Group and 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
- should be limited in number and should include multi-purpose indicators that address several targets at the same time

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Highlights of the First Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (continuation)

- take the criteria recommended by Expert Group Meeting on the indicator framework for the post-2015 development agenda, New York, 25-26 February 2015 into account and follow a framework approach in its work and recognized:
 - that while the number of global indicators must be limited, some targets might require multiple indicators to measure its different aspects
 - the need to systematically address the issue of disaggregation, and to leave no one behind

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Highlights of the First Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (continuation)

- the IAEG-SDGs, according to its Terms of Reference,
 - will develop a proposal for an indicator framework
 - a list of indicators for the monitoring of the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda at the global level

- its proposal will be considered for adoption by the Statistical Commission at its 47th session in March 2016 and later presented to the designated political inter-governmental process for its consideration

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Highlights of the First Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (continuation)

- the role of the IAEG-SDGs members should:
 - include consultation and coordination within their own national statistical system,
 - should also include reaching out to the countries in their respective region and sub-regions

- the important contributions of the regional commissions and regional and international agencies should be solicited

- major groups and other stakeholders in the indicator development process should be involved through appropriate channel of consultations

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Highlights of the First Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (continuation)

- the information on the activities of the IAEG-SDGs should be available in a fully transparent manner to all Member States thru an electronic platform(<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>)
- two discussion streams were created to which all members of the IAEG-SDGs are invited and encouraged to participate:
 - one focusing on conceptual frameworks and indicator concepts and definitions
 - another one focusing on identifying interlinkages among indicators across goals and targets
 - the discussions under the two work streams should be conducted in an integrated manner

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Highlights of the First Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (continuation)


- agreement that the next meeting of the IAEG-SDGs should be a three-day meeting and tentatively scheduled for 26-28 October 2015 was reached
- it was agreed that the proposal for a global indicator framework will need to be finalized by the end of November for a timely submission to the 47th session of the Statistical Commission in March 2016

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Timeline for 2015	
Date	Activity
1-2 June	First Meeting of the IAEG SDGs
8 September	end of acceptance of comments from observers on electronic platform
15 October	Deadline for final comments on updated list of possible indicators
26 – 28 October	2 nd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs to review work done and remaining issues
16 November	Deadline for final minor amendments on indicator proposal
30 November	Submission of document by the IAEG-SDGs on an indicator proposal to 47 th session of the UNSC
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Global Monitoring Framework versus National Monitoring Framework	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 17 Goals and 169 targets have been determined and they could be viewed as the general framework we should work with in determining indicators • global monitoring aims for comparability across countries while national monitoring aims at domestic accountability • lessons from MDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ countries adapted indicators in their context ○ indicators showed countries' achievement ○ countries communicated results better (changing data visualization) ○ countries pushed to provide disaggregations ○ statistics connected more to policy 	
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IAEG SDGs process in finalizing the global indicators

- Started with the IAEG list in June 2015
- Two streams currently integrating the list for presentation in the second meeting
- Other comments on the IAEG's list to be accepted from IAEG members until October 15(result of this 3-day meeting shall be submitted by representatives of the Asia Pacific sub-regions)

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IAEG SDGs process in finalizing the global indicators

- Indicators shall be categorized into 3 tiers:
 - Tier 1(methodology developed and data available)>> **START WITH THIS**
 - Tier 2 (methodology developed but data sparse)
 - Tier 2(methodology still to be developed)
- Indicators may be evaluated in the usual manner: SMART indicators(feasible?)
- Indicators should also be evaluated on relevance and suitability

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IAEG SDGs process in finalizing the global indicators

- Indicators also categorized thematically
- It is understood that the list to be presented to the UNSC in March 2016 shall continue to be developed and enhanced

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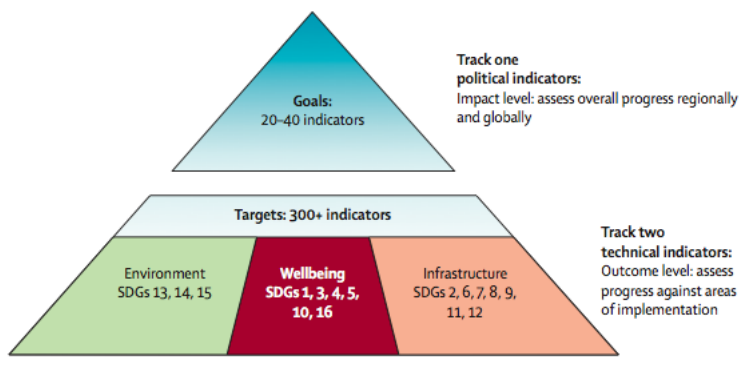


Figure: The two-track approach to measuring the SDGs
SDGs=Sustainable Development Goals.

Source:Austen Davis, Zoe Matthews, Sylvia Szabo, Helga Fogstad, Measuring the SDGs: a two-track solution, pp 221-222, www.thelancet.com Vol 386, July 18, 2015

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