

SDG indicators and UNECE Road Map on statistics for SDGs

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Development of global SDG indicators



- UN General Assembly adopted the **17 goals 169 and targets** in September 2015
- United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) established **Interagency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDG)** in March 2015
<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/>
 - **Country led process**, 28 countries are members (represented by national statistical offices), all other countries and international organizations are observers
 - **Develop a list of indicators for SDG monitoring at the global level**
 - Provide support for the implementation of the indicator framework until 2030, review capacity building, report on progress towards SDGs
- 10 meetings of IAEG-SDGs held, next one in autumn 2020

Polycymakers guidance on indicators



- **UN GA resolution 70/1** (Agenda 2030): the global indicator framework “will be simple yet robust, address all SDGs and targets, and preserve the political balance, integration and ambition contained therein” (para. 75)
- Indicators must:
 - **directly respond to** the SDGs and **targets** and their level of ambition;
 - must **not undermine or reinterpret** 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**;
 - be **action oriented**, global in nature and **universally applicable**;
 - **take into account different national realities**, capacities and levels of development and **respect national policies and priorities**
 - the **number** of global indicators **should be limited** and should include multi-purpose indicators that address several targets at the same time

Global SDG indicators

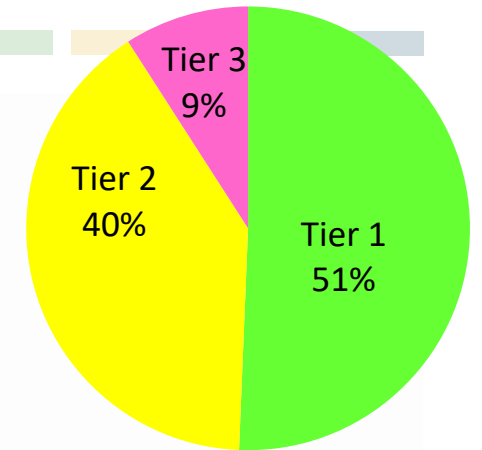


- **Global list of 232 indicators** - for global review and follow-up
- Developed and maintained by IAEG-SDGs (28 countries)
- UN General Assembly approved on 6 July 2017

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/indicators-list/>

Tier system to assess availability of the indicators

- Tier 1 – internationally agreed methods and data widely available 116 (51%)
 - Tier 2 – agreed methods exist but data are not widely available 92 (40%)
 - Tier 3 – no agreed methods, no data 20 (9%)
- Custodian agencies for each indicator (over 50 agencies)



Further development of indicator framework



- IAEG-SDGs annual refinements of indicators
- IAEG-SDGs comprehensive review of indicators in 2020 (and 2025)
 - Revision to existing indicator 6.3.1
 - ‘Proportion of wastewater safely treated’ => new proposal ‘Proportion of domestic and industrial wastewater flows safely treated’
- Review proposals to be approved by UN Statistical Commission on 3-6 March 2020

UNECE work in statistics



■ Conference of European Statisticians (CES), since 1952

- **members: Heads of statistical offices**
- **About 70 countries: UNECE + all OECD + countries from outside the region** participate in the work
Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Japan, China, Mongolia, South Africa, etc.
- major **international organisations** participate to ensure coordination and avoid duplication (EU, OECD, IMF, WB, UNSD, CIS-STAT, ILO, WHO, UN Environment, FAO, EEA, UNFCCC, etc.)
- UNECE works with **experts from countries and international organizations** through steering groups, task forces and task teams
 - Statistical Division coordinates, facilitates, makes things happen
 - demand driven, at the request of countries

SDG data coordination is a challenge

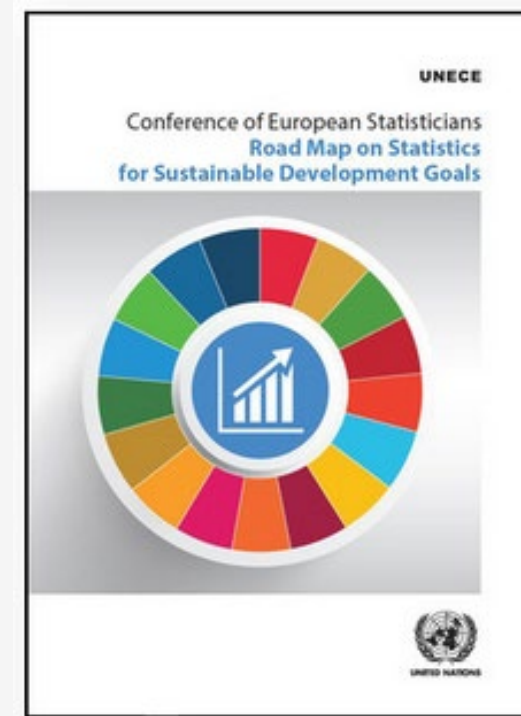


- **Monitoring progress** toward SDGs requires statistics
 - on **232** indicators
 - based on data provided by **193** countries
 - from at least **30** agencies in each country
 - compiled by over **50** international organizations (custodian agencies)
- **UNECE** supports countries in
 - setting up **efficient systems** for SDG statistics

UNECE Road Map on Statistics for SDGs



- **Guidance** to countries how to set up an **efficient system** of SDG statistics
- Endorsed in 2017 by over **65** national statistical offices
- **Practical tools** produced
 - [national reporting platforms](#) (**38** countries)
 - [testing data transmission](#) (**37** countries)
 - [assessment of available data](#) (**36** countries)
 - [national road map or work plan](#) (**25** countries)
- **Annual expert meetings** (in April)
- Workshops and advisory missions
- Preparing 2nd Edition of the **Road Map**



Reporting & dissemination: UNECE region



- **ONGOING:** UNECE is setting up a **REGIONAL PLATFORM** on statistics for SDGs.
- **COMPONENTS:**
 - [Knowledge Hub](#) – primarily for statisticians, launched in December 2019;
 - [Information on country progress in work related to statistics for SDGs](#), e.g. links to national reporting platforms
 - **Dashboard** – quick overview of progress towards SDGs in the region;
 - **Database** – SDG indicators integrated in the existing [UNECE database](#)
- **LAUNCH: March 2020**
- To support the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (19-20 March 2020)
 - **Annual Regional Report on implementation of 2030 Agenda**, (starting from 2020) using existing data and statistics
 - **Leveraging Data and Statistics for SDG progress** - round table on 20 March 2020

More information



- SDG indicators website (including work of IAEG-SDGs)
<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>
- Road Map on statistics for SDGs <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47510>
- UNECE Knowledge Hub on statistics for SDGs
<https://w3.unece.org/sdghub/>
- UNECE Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs (April 2019):
<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48570>
- UNECE Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs (April 2020):
<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=52560>

Thank you!

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