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Global Update: Indicators, Monitoring and Reporting

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Global Indicator Framework

- Slightly 'refined' framework agreed by the UN Statistical Commission in **March 2017**
- **Formally adopted** by
 - ECOSOC in **June 2017**
 - UN General Assembly in **July 2017**
- **Consequences**

Global indicators are **recommended for use until at least 2020**

No indicators will be dropped before 2020

Work continues on indicators requiring **further methodological development**



IAEG-SDGs: 14-17 November 2017

- Rotated approximately one-quarter of Members
 - **Out-going Members:** Armenia, Cabo Verde, Cuba, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Senegal, Uganda
 - **New Members:** Belarus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, Niger, Tajikistan, Trinidad and Tobago
- **New co-Chair**
 - **Philippines** standing down
 - Replaced by **Tanzania**
- Next rotation expected in 2019



IAEG-SDGs: 14-17 November 2017

- Continuing to work
 - With custodian agencies to **develop Tier III indicators**
 - To develop **guidelines and recommendations** on
 - Using **SDMX** for national reporting of data
 - Using **geospatial information** to enhance reporting
 - Identifying **interlinkages** between targets and indicators for better analysis
 - Harmonization of categories for **data disaggregation**



IAEG-SDGs: 14-17 November 2017

- Review of Tier classifications

- Considered - but **rejected** - application by UIS to reclassify 4.1.1 (a) from Tier III to Tier II in November 2017

- Reasoning

- **Lack of cross-national comparability** between regional assessments

- **No internationally agreed definition** or methodology for defining minimum proficiency levels



IAEG-SDGs

- **Major review** of global framework
 - Preparations under way for review in 2019, adoption by UN Statistical Commission in 2020
- **Additional indicators**
 - IAEG Members will propose a small number of additional indicators for some targets (including 4.1)
- **Indicators to be dropped**
 - No current news



IAEG-SDGs

- Proposing **small number of refinements** of global framework to UN Statistical Commission in 2018
- Consulting on a new set of **data reporting guidelines** (to be presented as a background document for UNSC) Deadline: 24 January 2018
- Next meeting **9-12 April 2018** in Vienna.
 - 9 April Members only, 10-12 April Plenary



High Level Political Forum

- UN central platform for the follow-up and review of the SDGs
- Meets every year under auspices of ECOSOC and once every 4 years at the UN General Assembly
- 2017 Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
 - Goals 1-3, 5, 9, 14 and 17
- 2018 Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
 - Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17
- 2019 Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
 - Goals **4**, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17



High Level Political Forum

- Each year the HLPF considers:
 - **Voluntary National Reviews** submitted by countries (48 in 2018)
 - **Voluntary contributions** from other organizations and stakeholders (including the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee)
 - **Background notes** on each of the goals under review representing a coordinated input from the UN System
 - The **UN Secretary General's Progress Reports** on the SDGs
- Deliberations are informed by
 - **Regional Meetings** on the theme under review and
 - **Expert Meetings** (one per goal under review)



High Level Political Forum

- UN Statistics Division coordinates inputs from UN system to the UN Secretary-General's Progress Reports
- Two reports:
 - One formal report to ECOSOC (published end May 2018)
 - One more glossy report (published 18 June 2018)
- Changes in 2018:
 - Glossy report will contain graphs/charts only for the 6 SDGs under review at the HLPF
 - Very short text/storylines for all other goals
- Deadline for data and storylines: **16 February 2018**

TCG Working Group Progress

- WG 1: Indicator Development
 - 15 indicators to develop, 10 proposals discussed yesterday
- WG 2: Capacity Development
 - met virtually 3 times following last TCG meeting
 - have developed a statistical capacity development framework covering processes, needs and types of sources
 - now building inventory of capacity development tools and funding mechanisms
 - created a Wiki to offer easy-to-access presentation



TCG Working Group Progress

- WG 3: Data Reporting, Validation and Dissemination
 - met virtually 2 times following last TCG meeting
 - have developed
 - a terminology document
 - two components of a data validation package: a data sources document and a country indicator review file
 - calendar of publication/dissemination of SDG 4 data



Other TCG-related activities

- **Governance** – revised TORs clarifying roles and new guidelines on communications, flow of work and actions needed
- **Outreach**
 - updated TCG, GAML and SDG4 microsites available via the UIS Website,
 - greater prominence to SDG 4 and equity indicators
 - SDG 4 Data Digest 2017
 - Handbook on Measurement of Equity in Education
 - Blogs
 - New education data collection and reporting cycle

