

Report and outcomes from the eighth meeting of IAEG-SDGs

Meeting Agenda

- a) Tier classification updates and the methodological development of Tier III indicators;
- b) Criteria for the implementation of the Guidelines on Data Flows and Global Data Reporting for Sustainable Development Goals and best practices;
- c) Possible proxy indicators to be used for immediate monitoring;
- d) Activities within the work stream on data disaggregation and the three working groups on interlinkages, SDMX and geo-spatial information, respectively; and
- e) Annual refinements of the indicators and plan for the 2020 Comprehensive Review.



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Tier re-classification

At the seventh meeting of the Group, six Tier III indicators were reviewed and reclassified as Tier II. At the eighth meeting of the Group, an additional 14 Tier III indicators or sub-indicators were reviewed for reclassification and were reclassified as Tier II. The Group also reviewed and reclassified five additional Tier III at two virtual meetings in September. The Expert Group provided feedback to custodian agencies on those indicators that could not be reclassified noting on the specific methodological work that is still needed prior to the consideration of reclassification.

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Given the urgency of reclassifying the remaining Tier III indicators, the Expert Group will review additional tier reclassification requested at virtual meetings between December 2018 to February 2019 and will continue to review the reclassification requests at its two physical meetings in 2019 and at virtual meetings throughout the year. An update on the reclassification of Tier III indicators will be provided orally at the introduction of this report to the Commission. Custodian agencies are required to submit all required documentation for these reclassification requests at least one month in advance so that the members of the Group have sufficient time to review all documents.

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/tier-classification/>



Reports from Working Groups:

Working group on geospatial information

The IAEG-SDGs expressed the concern that the group is not sufficiently connected to their work as the members are mostly representatives of the geospatial community with little or no interaction with the statistical community.

The recommendation was made to include a few of the IAEG-SDGs members (the same representative sitting in the Group and not the one from the geospatial agency).

Work programme of the Expert Group (March 2019 – March 2020)

- (a) Continue the review of work plans for Tier III indicators and reclassify indicators when requirements are met;
- (b) Carry out the comprehensive review on replacement, deletion, refinement or adjustment of indicators, and in a few selected cases, additional indicators, and prepare proposals for the consideration at the 51st session of UNSC in 2020;
- (c) Continue the work stream on data disaggregation to provide further guidelines and liaise with the other working groups;
- (d) Continue the work of the three working groups and review the work plans of the working groups to ensure that they are in line with the work of the IAEG-SDGs;
- (e) Continue to incorporate more best practices for the data flows between countries and custodian agencies;
- (f) Hold two meetings.

