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
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- 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
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