

The 2025 Comprehensive Review: Principles, Criteria, and Timeline

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Guiding principles of the 2025 Comprehensive Review (same as 2020 Review)

The 2025 comprehensive review provides **a good opportunity to improve** the indicator framework to help the global monitoring of the 2030 agenda and to provide the necessary guidance to countries, many of which are already well advanced in implementing their national framework and reporting platforms.




Guiding principles of the 2025 Comprehensive Review including:

- The review needs to **take into account investments already made** at the national and international levels and should not undermine ongoing efforts;
- The revised framework **should not significantly impose an additional burden** on national statistical work;
- There should be space for improvements, while at the same time ensuring that **the changes are limited in scope** and the size of the framework remains the same;
- **The focus** of the common work of the Expert Group should remain on the **national implementation of the framework** in countries for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



Specific criteria for implementation of the 2025 Comprehensive Review (subject to modification)

1. An **additional indicator** may be considered **only in exceptional cases** when a crucial aspect of a target is not being monitored by the current indicator(s) or to address a critical or emerging new issue that is not monitored by the existing indicators;
 2. A **deletion** will be considered when a **tier II** indicator has not been able to submit any data to the global SDG monitoring or is proven to be challenging for countries to implement, and **a replacement** will be proposed if the deleted indicator is the only indicator monitoring the corresponding target;
 3. **Adjustments or replacements** will be considered when the indicator does not map well to the target or does not track the target well;
 4. The proposed indicator must have an **agreed methodology and good data availability at global and regional levels** (tier III indicator proposals will not be considered) and be suitable for global monitoring;
 5. The aim of the review is to **maintain the same number** of indicators currently in the framework in order **not to alter significantly the original framework**, which is already being implemented in most countries and not to increase the reporting burden on national statistical systems.
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Additional Criteria/Consideration for the 2025 Comprehensive Review

- The addition of sub-indicator within an existing indicator tier 1 or tier 2 is discouraged as it adds to the reporting burden.
- Additionally, any proposal for replacement or additional indicator should minimize the use of sub-indicators to ensure the indicator framework does not expand.
- The IAEG-SDGs will examine closely all proposals to ensure the reporting burden does not increase as a result of additional sub-indicators.



Timeline for 2025 Comprehensive Review

Nov 2022: the IAEG-SDGs shared the recommended timeline and the guiding principles for 2025 Comprehensive;

Nov 2023: the Group will share the specific criteria for the 2025 Comprehensive Review;

January- June 2024: the Group will prepare a review framework containing possible deletions, replacements, adjustments and additions, based on previous analysis and assessments, with assistance from the Secretariat;


May 2024: All proposals for indicator changes for the 2025 Review (replacements, deletions, refinements, adjustments and additional indicators) must be submitted to the Secretariat.

July-August 2024: open consultation will be held on a preliminary list of a proposal of indicator changes;

September 2024: the Group will review the results of the consultations;

Oct/Nov 2024: at 15th IAEG-SDG meeting, the Group will review the draft proposal of indicator changes to be included in the 2025 Comprehensive Review;

December 2024: the Group will prepare the final proposal for the 2025 review and submit it to the Commission for its consideration at the fifty-sixth session in March 2025.





Thank you

