Measuring progress towards policy coherence for sustainable Development
SDG Indicator 17.14.1
Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

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Sustainable Development Goal Framework

17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

169 targets

244 indicators

https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/indicators-list/
Operationalization of the SDG framework

- SDG Goals and Targets were set by Member States with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015). The General Assembly tasked the UN Statistical Commission with developing a monitoring framework.

- Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDG), 30 member state members, established to develop the indicator framework.

- IAEG-SDG agreed on a framework of 244 indicators and designated UN agencies as custodians of the various indicators. (adopted by UN General Assembly in 2017).

- UNEP is the custodian for 17.14.1.
1. Process: Development of Methodology

- Custodian Agency of SDG 17.14.1
- Set up external expert group (UN Entities, government, Academia, Think Thanks, NGOs) → refinement of methodology
- Pilot-testing zero-draft methodology in 4 countries to consultation workshops of one day: Guyana, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Tanzania
- Submission to Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDG) in February: reclassified to Tier II
2. Methodology: Indicator Framework:

*Composite Indicator → mix of 8 sub indicators*

1. Institutionalization of political commitment
2. Long-term considerations in decision-making
3. Inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral coordination
4. Participatory processes
5. Assessment of policy effects and cross-sectoral linkages
6. Alignment across government levels
7. Monitoring and reporting for policy coherence
8. Financing tools for policy coherence

Each subindicator has a value of 10 points → total of 80
→ converted into a percentage
3. Lessons Learned from Pilots

- The pilots enabled UNEP to refine the methodology (e.g. Subindicator 5, language)
- Value system was endorsed
- Catalyst to bring governmental entities together & strengthen or start the conversation on PCSD
- Some further guidance will be helpful (examples and case studies)
- No one-size-fits all solution for PCSD. (e.g. Federated states, High degree of devolution, centralized, developed and developing sates etc.)
- Policy Coherence, whole of government, whole of society...
4. Next Steps

- Designing a data collection and reporting system for the indicator (national data or international sources). We are planning to use an online questionnaire which is emailed to countries (we will also send an excel sheet for countries that do not wish to use the online questionnaire).
  - We are aiming for a first data collection round in Q3 2020.
  - This data will be used to report to the Global SDG database, report and to compute regional and global aggregates.
- Supporting improved capacity for data use and analysis
  - This includes providing advice on how countries can improve mechanisms for policy coherence. We are currently working with our Regional Offices to promote this approach.
Thank you!

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