

# **SDG indicators and UNECE Road Map on statistics for SDGs**

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# Development of global SDG indicators



- UN General Assembly adopted the **17 goals 169 and targets** in September 2015
- United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) established **Interagency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDG)** in March 2015  
<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/>
  - **Country led process**, 28 countries are members (represented by national statistical offices), all other countries and international organizations are observers
  - **Develop a list of indicators for SDG monitoring at the global level**
  - Provide support for the implementation of the indicator framework until 2030, review capacity building, report on progress towards SDGs
  - **2020 and 2025 comprehensive reviews. Reviews approved by the UN Statistical Commission**
- 11 meetings of IAEG-SDGs held, 10 virtual, next open virtual meeting [23 June 2021](#)

# Global SDG indicators



- **Global list of 231 unique indicators (+ 12 repeated in different targets) - for global review and follow-up**
- Developed and maintained by IAEG-SDGs (28 countries)
- UN General Assembly approved on 6 July 2017

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/indicators-list/>

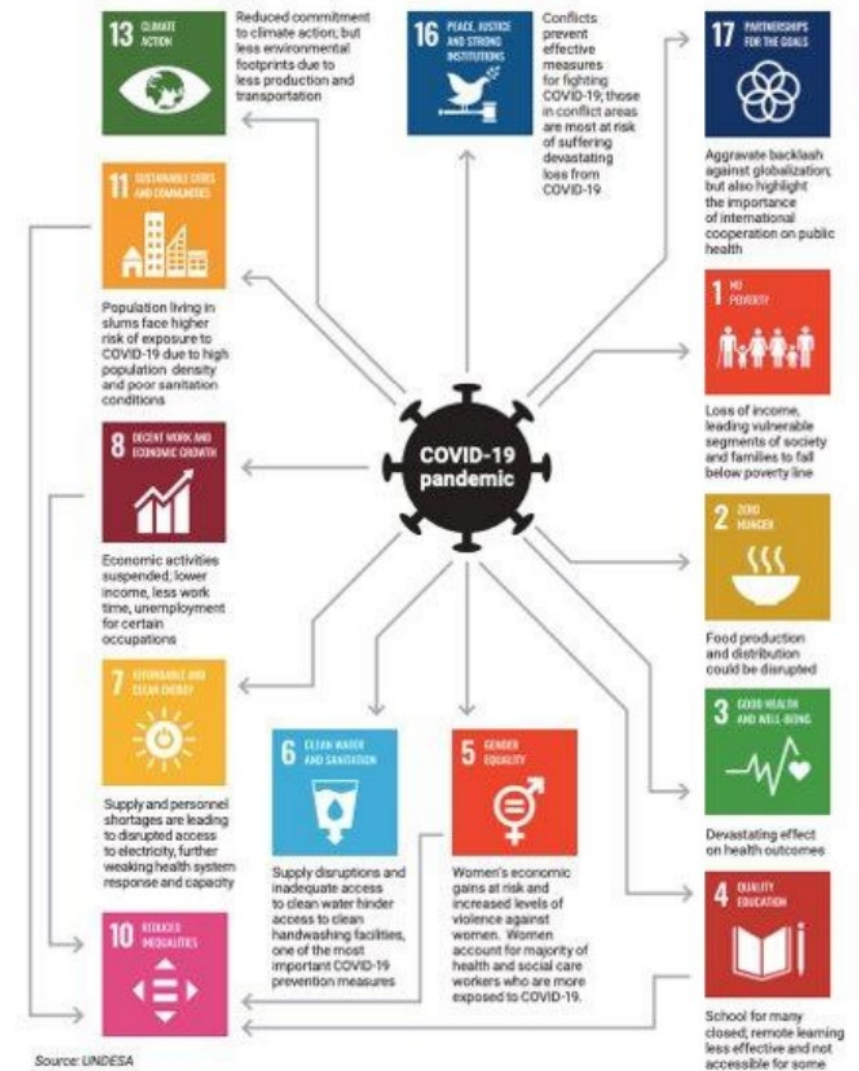
Tier system to assess availability of the indicators (2021 update)

- **Tier 1** – internationally agreed methods and data widely available **130**
  - **Tier 2** – agreed methods exist but data are not widely available **97**
  - **Multiple Tiers** – different components of the indicator are classified into different tiers **4**
- Custodian agencies/focal points for each indicator (over 50 agencies) - <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/dataContacts/>

# Global SDG indicators



- United Nations Statistical Commission – highest body of global statistical system – annual meetings
- IAEG-SDGs – report and refinement proposals
- 2021 report on COVID-19 and the global SDG indicators - 74 unique indicators (of the 231 in the Global Framework) that are likely to reflect the Goals highly impacted by the global pandemic
- 9.1.2 Passenger and freight volumes, by mode of transport



# UNECE work in statistics



## ▪ Conference of European Statisticians (CES), since 1952

- **members: Heads of statistical offices**
- **About 70 countries: UNECE + all OECD + countries from outside the region** participate in the work  
Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Japan, China, Mongolia, South Africa, etc.
- major **international organisations** participate to ensure coordination and avoid duplication (EU, OECD, IMF, WB, UNSD, CIS-STAT, ILO, WHO, UN Environment, FAO, EEA, UNFCCC, etc.)
- UNECE works with **experts from countries and international organizations** through steering groups, task forces and task teams
  - Statistical Division coordinates, facilitates, makes things happen
  - demand driven, at the request of countries



# UNECE work on SDG statistics



## Objective

to provide guidance to maintain robust SDG monitoring frameworks and meet the new challenges including those caused by the Covid-19 pandemic

## Achieved through...

### Methodological work

- [CES Road Map on Statistics for SDGs](#) (2017)
- [CES Road Map on Statistics for SDGs](#) (DRAFT)
- [Measuring and Monitoring progress towards SDGs](#) – NEXUS report
- Second [study pilot on data flows](#) (2019)
- [Matrix on Capacity Development](#) (2019)

### Sharing knowledge and good practices

- UNECE [Knowledge Hub on SDGs](#)
- [Dashboard](#) and [Database](#) on SDGs (RU/ENG)
- [Tools and resources](#) facilitating the implementation of recommendations
- Annual **Expert Meetings on Statistics for SDGs** since 2016. [2021 Expert Meeting 29 March-1 April](#)
- Annual round tables at [Regional Forum of Sustainable Development – 2021](#)
- [Country Case Studies](#) – issue or indicators specific solutions

### Capacity development

- On Statistics for SDGs in **EECCA countries** incl.:
- Annual **Workshops on Statistics for SDGs - 2021**
  - [COVID impact in Western Balkans: SDG focus](#)
  - [Review of SDG national websites: SPECA countries](#)
  - [Global Assessments](#)
  - National and sub-regional projects

Led by the **CES Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs** (Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland (co-Chair), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Sweden (co-chair), Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, CIS-STAT, Eurostat, OECD, UNECE Statistical Division (Secretariat))

# More information



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- SDG indicators website (including work of IAEG-SDGs)  
<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>
- Road Map (2017) on statistics for SDGs <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47510>
- Road Map 2.0 on statistics for SDGs
- <https://statswiki.unece.org/download/attachments/256970718/EC2%20SDG%20Road%20Map%202.0%20-%20for%20comments.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1615545511990&api=v2>
- UNECE Knowledge Hub on statistics for SDGs  
<https://w3.unece.org/sdghub/>  
UNECE Dashboard for SDGs (ENG/RU)  
<https://w3.unece.org/SDG/en> and <https://w3.unece.org/SDG/ru>
- UNECE Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs (April 2021):  
<https://unece.org/info/Statistics/events/351550>
- UNECE Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs (April 2020):  
<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=52560>

# Thank you!

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