

# **Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**

**Target number:** 17.14

**Indicator Number and Name:** 17.14.1- Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence of sustainable development

**Agency:** UNEP

## **Has work for the development of this indicator begun?**

Yes. UNEP supports countries in integrating sustainable development within their national policy setting. (e.g. Poverty and Environment Initiative: <http://www.unpei.org/>) This work provides UNEP with an understanding of the concepts behind enhancing the policy coherence of sustainable development; however, developing an indicator methodology for 17.14.1 is at a very early stage. We have established contacts with partners including OECD.

## **Who are the entities, including national and international experts, directly involved and consulted in developing the methodology/and or data collection tools?**

UNEP is actively involved in embedding environment into sustainable development at all levels this role is reflected in its POW 2018-19 and the strategy for 2018-21). It works with entities active in social and economic spheres, which will partner with UNEP in developing this indicator. For the time being consultations started with OECD, and a list of other partners and experts is being finalized.

## **What is the involvement of or how do you plan to involve National Statistical Systems in the development of the methodology?**

No, this is primarily a policy process indicator; however, we will ensure that the IAEG and UNSD are informed of all methodological developments on this indicator.

## **Please briefly describe the process of developing the methodology for the indicator**

The work will likely be undertaken in two stages: (i) using UNEP's existing work on sustainable development policy and consultations with external experts and partners to develop a framework for assessing policy coherence, and (ii) supporting countries in using the framework to assess their own policy coherence.

1st Stage: Initial draft methodology:

- development of methodological specifications (August 2016 – July 2018):
- identification of broad capacity gaps for monitoring and reporting on the indicator and identification of interested pilot countries (August-October 2018)
- development of a plan for implementation of the indicator (November-December 2018)

Potential 2nd Stage: Technical review and piloting in countries (January 2018 – December 2020):

- piloting in countries
- incorporating feedback from countries
- Peer review by countries

## **Please indicate new international standards that will need to be proposed and approved by an intergovernmental process (such as UNSC) for this methodology.**

None at this time; however, UNEA members will be informed on the progress

**An intergovernmental review process is still under consideration**

**When do you expect the methodological work on this indicator to be completed?**

By 2020

**Are data and metadata already being collected from the National Statistical System for one or more components of this indicator?**

No

**If yes, please describe:**

**How do you plan to collect the data?**

To be determined, likely a questionnaire. There may be peer reviews, depending on the choice of type of indicator.

**If the indicator involves multiple components from different data sources, please describe how each individual component of the indicator will be collected here.**

To be determined, depending on choice of type of indicator.

**With what frequency is data expected to be collected?**

Every five years

**Is there a process of data validation by countries in place or planned for this indicator?**

To be determined

**If yes, please briefly describe:**