

# **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:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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

Yes

UNEP supports countries in integrating sustainable development within their national policy setting. 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.

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

UNEP will link this work to the UNEA work programme. The United Nations Environment Assembly is the primary intergovernmental forum responsible for the integration of sustainable development in national policy making.

**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 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 (August 2016 – June 2018):

- development of methodological specifications
- definition of recommendations to build capacity on the indicator
- development of a plan for implementation of the indicator

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

- piloting in countries
- incorporating feedback from countries
- self-assessment 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.

**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.

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

**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:**