

Development of the ABAS M&E framework: A technical perspective

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Agenda



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1. Selection of targets
2. Selection of indicators
3. The final ABAS M&E framework
4. Linkages between the SDG global indicator framework and the ABAS M&E framework



Selection of targets

Methodology:



Guiding principles for targets

- SIDS-specific
- Clear and quantifiable
- Achievable by majority of SIDS by 2034
- Measurable by data already collected by SIDS
- Clearly defined

Selection of indicators

Guiding principles for indicators

- Relevance to SIDS
- Alignment with existing frameworks (SDGs, SAMOA Pathway, etc.)
- Limited number to avoid undue additional burden

Selection criteria for indicators

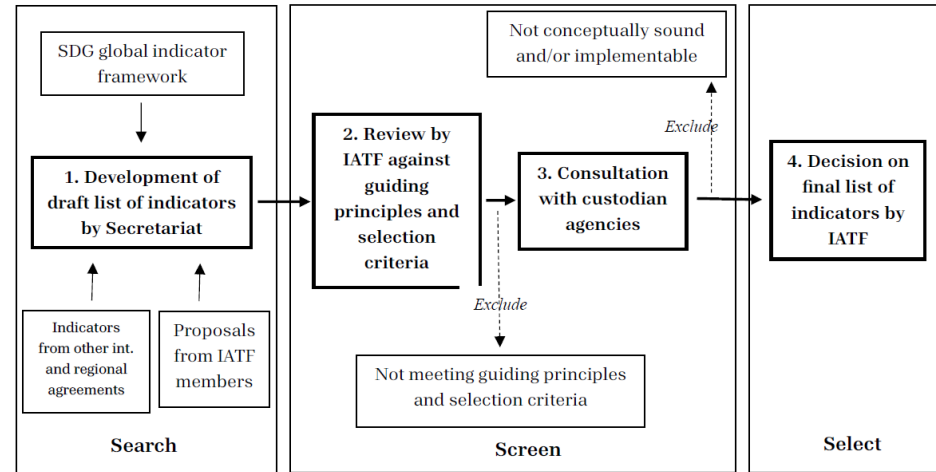
- Well-established methodologies and international standards
- Readiness for implementation (metadata and custodian agencies)
- Data availability at SIDS



Selection of indicators

Process to select indicators

- **Step 1:** Secretariat prepares draft indicators
- **Step 2:** IATF-ABAS reviews all indicators against guiding principles and selection criteria
- **Step 3:** Custodian agencies assess indicators for methodological soundness and reporting feasibility
- **Step 4:** IATF-ABAS finalizes indicator list based on feedbacks



Selection of indicators

- The first draft list had **140+ candidate indicators**
- Custodian agencies and IATF-ABAS members were consulted:
 - **300+ responses** received during the consultation
 - Mostly, custodians and members accepted inclusion of indicators
 - Some suggestions on additional indicators to include
- IATF-ABAS' final review took into account:
 - ABAS mapping: Link to outcomes in ABAS final text
 - AOSIS inputs: Written inputs and a two-day workshop
 - Assessment: Selection criteria and guiding principles
 - Additional one-on-one consultations: Custodian agencies and experts



ABAS M&E framework

- ABAS M&E framework has **59 targets** and **83 indicators** in **seven sections**
- Framework was endorsed by the UN General Assembly in November in Resolution **A/C.2/80/L.25/Rev.1**
- List of targets and indicators available [here](#)

	PROPOSED TARGET	SOURCE	ABAS COMMITMENTS	PROPOSED INDICATOR	SOURCE
1. SIDS' economies are robust, diversified, and adaptable					
1.1	SIDS manage their debt sustainably by implementing coordinated policies that foster debt financing, debt relief, and debt restructuring	Aligned with SDG target 17.4	32 A(a)(i) 32 A(c)(ii)	1.1.1 Debt service as a proportion of exports of goods, services and primary income	SDG 17.4.1
1.2	Increase the total amount of Official Development Assistance to SIDS	Aligned with SDG target 10.b	32 A(b)	1.2.1 Total amount of official development assistance to SIDS	SDG 10.b.1 Same SDG methodology, adjusted name for just SIDS
1.3	Increase stable and development-conducive foreign direct investment and other private capital flows in SIDS	New Based on AOSIS proposal AOSIS wording Rev 2	32 A(d) 32 A(b)(ii)	1.3.1 Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows	SDG 17.3.1 FDI series from UNCTAD . Name as in the SDG series, with the same SDG methodology
1.4	Mobilize additional grant-based resources for SIDS	Aligned with SDG target 17.3	32 A(a) (i-ii) 32 A(b) (i-ii)	1.4.1 Gross receipts by SIDS of official sustainable development grants	SDG 17.3.1 Grant series for SIDS.



ABAS M&E framework

- Of the targets and indicators in the ABAS M&E framework:
 - **35 of the 59 targets** are based on or aligned with the SDGs
 - **56 of the 83 indicators** are SDG indicators
 - The framework covers over **100 of the 133 ABAS commitments**
- Among the new, ABAS-specific indicators:
 - Some come from other frameworks:
 - 4.1.2 Total official international support (ODA plus other official flows) for disaster risk reduction capacity-building – **Sendai Framework F6**
 - Some are already reported by international organizations:
 - 1.1.2 Central government debt, total (% of GDP) – **The World Bank**
 - 1.5.1 Productive Capacities Index (PCI) – **UNCTAD**
 - Others are qualitative:
 - 6.4.1 Existence of the Global Data Hub for SIDS
 - 6.4.2 Existence of the Biennial Island Investment Forum for SIDS



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Thank you!