

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

SDGs

The **Sustainable Development Goals**, otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Goals build on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, and include 169 Targets and a Global Indicator Framework to help countries measure and monitor progress through to at least 2030.

UN HLPF

The **United Nations High Level Political Forum** is the UN central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, providing for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies.

UNSC

The **United Nations Statistical Commission** has the mandate for the development and implementation of the Global Indicator Framework. The Statistical Commission oversees the work of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

IAEG-SDGs

The **Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals**, established at the forty-sixth session of the UN Statistical Commission, is responsible for developing, reviewing, and supporting the implementation of the Global Indicator Framework, for the Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

WGGI

The **Working Group on Geospatial Information**, established at the forty-seventh session of the UN Statistical Commission, reports directly to the IAEG-SDGs and is responsible for ensuring from a statistical and geospatial perspective that one of the key principles of the 2030 Agenda, to leave no one behind, is reflected in the Global Indicator Framework.

UN Custodian Agencies

Agencies responsible for developing the work plan (metadata) for SDG Indicators; compiling and verifying country data and metadata; and for submitting the data, along with regional and global aggregates, to the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

UN-GGIM

The **United Nations initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management** aims at playing a leading role in setting the agenda for the development of global geospatial information and to promote its use to address key global challenges. It provides a forum to liaise and coordinate among Member States, and between Member States and international organizations.

GPSDD

The **Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data** is an open, multi-stakeholder network that focuses on building an enabling environment for harnessing the data revolution for sustainable development.

UN SDSN

The **UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network** aims to mobilize global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

IISD

The **International Institute for Sustainable Development** promotes human development and environmental sustainability through innovative research, communication and partnerships.

EO4SDG

A Group on Earth Observations (GEO) dedicated initiative whose purpose is to organize and realize the potential of Earth observations and geospatial information to advance the 2030 Agenda and enable societal benefits through achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. (<http://eo4sdg.org> ;Twitter: @EO4SDG)

CEOS SDG Ad-Hoc Team

A Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) dedicated ad-hoc team that focuses on coordination efforts around satellite Earth observation contributions to the SDGs.

<http://ceos.org/ourwork/ad-hoc-teams/sustainable-development-goals/>