MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION - SOUTH AFRICA

SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee Meeting

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Mainstreaming

Effective implementation of Agenda 2030 requires it to become an integral part of plans and priorities that guide the nation’s development, not a separate undertaking. SDG implementation therefore leans on both the National Development Plan and the current Medium Term Strategic Framework, and naturally on the Constitution. This also facilitates the involvement of all relevant line-function departments across the Government.

- DBE made effort to align Agenda 2030, National Development Plan, Medium-Term Strategic Framework and Action Plan to 2019: Towards the Realisation of Schooling 2030
- Working closely with Statistics SA on collecting, analysing and reporting national education data on sustainable development. Ensuring information is correct and relevant.
- Soliciting support of principals and top managers – Ownership through identification of responsible programme managers related to each target/goal
Indicator Baseline Report - 2017

- Formed part of the process of compiling the baseline report
- Sectorial Working Groups – According to mandate and related SDG Goal
- Critique sector indicators including sharing the definition, method of computation and data source for each indicator.
- Provide data from the EMIS and SA-SAMS (Including data quality assurance)
- The problematic indicators were discussed with some of the challenges being related to data quality from the sources, and others due to difference in how the indicator is expressed by SDGs versus DBE planning documents
- Report disseminated in a forum including all education stakeholders
Only 156 of the proposed 230 indicators have agreed standards and methods and can thus strictly speaking be measured.

The baseline report, covers only 98 of the 156 indicators (63%), and the rest of the indicators in the report are additional domesticated indicators.
Country Report - 2019

Structures – Stats SA as the coordinating and oversight
• National Coordinating Committee (NCC)
• Sectorial Working Groups (SWG)
  – Social
  – Economic
  – Environment
  – Peace, Safety and Governance

Sub-structures of the SWGs were created for focused discussions
  – DBE is chair of Goal 4 sub-structure

• Technical Working Group (TWG)
• Extended Report Drafting Team (ERDT)
• Report Drafting Team (RDT)
Country Report - 2019

Sustainable Development Goals
Indicator Baseline report 2017 - South Africa

2019
1st Full Scale COUNTRY Report

2021
2023
2025
2027
2029

2030
Final Full Scale COUNTRY Report in 2031

SDG Updates Every 2 Years

STATS SA
STATISTICS SOUTH AFRICA
Country Report 2019

SWG sub-structures responsible has so far:

• Discussed alignment between UNESCO data and the SDG country report.

• Identified indicators that have been reclassified from (And decided whether reclassified indicators can be reported on).

• Review SDG baseline report 2017 indicators – Indicators that could be reported on, and those that could not (Devise way forward).

• Agreeing on SDG Domesticated and Additional Indicators to be reported on
Way Forward

• Continue working with key partners:
  – Ministry of Higher Education
  – Statistics South Africa
  – Civil Society
  – Higher Education Institutions
  – NGOs

• Coordinate efforts towards implementation of sector, national and international goals and targets.

• Continually improve data quality and reliability, to allow for credible reporting and addressing the data gaps when reporting on SDGs.

• Participate in regional and international activities (conferences, reporting etc) and being part of the conversations that take the region forward in implementation and reporting on SDGs.

• Prioritize SDGs, Agenda 2063, AU targets and reporting.
Thank you!

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