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Country consultation for SDG reporting on environmental health risks 24 September–5 November 2025

The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to refer to resolution WHA68.8 (2015)¹ and the updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution,² presented by WHO at the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, and to the agreement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda by UN Member States.³ The Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators designated WHO as the custodian agency, responsible for compilation and reporting on the official global indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals related to mortality from environmental risk factors and the air pollution related SDG indicators. According to the instructions from the IAEG-SDGs, international agencies responsible for producing country estimates on SDG indicators are expected to consult with countries on the interpretation and use of country data in global estimates and reports.

WHO is the custodial agency for the following Sustainable Development Indicators:⁴

- SDG 3.9.2: Mortality from water, sanitation and hygiene
- SDG 3.9.1: Mortality from the joint effect of household and ambient air pollution
- SDG 7.1.2: Access to clean household energy
- SDG 11.6.2: Air quality in cities

The country consultation is a process whereby WHO seeks feedback from national authorities on the country estimates of assessment of mortality related to environmental risk factors, as well as progress in air quality. It is therefore important that relevant country authorities are informed about the essential elements of the methodology used to derive the estimates in order to effectively provide feedback through this consultation.

¹ Resolution WHA68.8 “Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution” (http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_R8-en.pdf).

² EB156/24 “Updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution” (https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB156/B156_24-en.pdf).

³ A/RES/70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (<https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/1>).

⁴ Please note that WHO is responsible for many other SDG indicators (e.g. 3.4) for which country consultation is conducted separately via different processes.

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The country consultation will be conducted via the WHO country consultation portal with designated focal point(s), either in the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, or in the National Statistical Office. Please note that WHO has access to the latest list of the latter focal points as provided by the United Nations Statistics Department within the SDG framework, as well as designated focal point(s) that are currently being received in response to C.L.15.2025 (with a deadline by 30 July 2025).

Designation of additional focal point(s), together with contact details (full name, title, affiliation and email address), should be sent as soon as possible to Dr Sophie Gummy (sdg_airpollution@who.int) on SDG 3.9.1, 7.1.2 and 11.6.2, and to Dr Sophie Boisson (boissons@who.int) on SDG 3.9.2. Focal point(s) will then get instructions on how to access the country consultation platform. The role of the focal point will be to review and provide feedback to the finalization of the data repository for the above-mentioned indicators.

The country consultation on SDG 3.9.1, 7.1.2 and 11.6.2 will be open from 24 September to 5 November 2025. Any feedback or provision of new data must be provided by the indicated end date to ensure their consideration for inclusion in the final estimates. **The country consultation for SDG 3.9.2: Mortality from water, sanitation and hygiene will be initiated later in the year.**

In the meantime and for the duration of the country consultations, any questions on indicators related to air pollution shall be addressed to Dr Sophie Gummy (sdg_airpollution@who.int) for data related to air pollution and Dr Sophie Boisson (boissons@who.int) for queries related to water, sanitation and hygiene.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

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