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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to refer to the following World Health Assembly and Executive Board documents:

- WHA68.8 (2015): Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution<sup>1</sup>
- A71/10: Health, environment and climate change<sup>2</sup>
- A72/15: Health, environment and climate change: Draft WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change<sup>3</sup>
- WHA77.14 (2024): Climate change and health<sup>4</sup>
- A77/16: Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028<sup>5</sup>
- EB156/24: Updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution<sup>6</sup>

The Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) identified WHO as the custodian agency responsible for the compilation and reporting on the official global indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals related to a wide range of environment and health related SDG indicators.<sup>7</sup>

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.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA68/A68\\_R8-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_R8-en.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> [https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/276332/A71\\_10-en.pdf](https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/276332/A71_10-en.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> [https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA72/A72\\_15-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA72/A72_15-en.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> [https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA77/A77\\_R14-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA77/A77_R14-en.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> [https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA77/A77\\_16-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA77/A77_16-en.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> [https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/EB156/B156\\_24-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB156/B156_24-en.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> [Global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

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### **Data request for air pollution (SDG 11.6.2 and SDG 7.1.2)**

In view of updating SDG indicators 7.1.2, 11.6.2 and 3.9.1 for the next reporting round, **WHO is hereby seeking Member States data input for some of the air pollution-related SDG indicators, namely SDG 11.6.2 and SDG 7.1.2. More specifically, country data on air quality is requested, which is integral to the development of these SDG indicators.** Member States are invited to provide national annual mean concentration data from ground monitoring stations of particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>)<sup>1</sup> and NO<sub>2</sub> from 2010 to the most recent year that is available. These data have been regularly compiled by WHO since 2011 and made publicly available.<sup>2</sup> The template for adding Member States' respective national data can be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/air-pollution/submitting-official-data>.

Member States are also invited to send any **relevant national surveys containing information on cooking, lighting and heating fuels for household use** if these are not publicly available.

Data should be sent by email before **15 July 2025** to [sdg\\_airpollution@who.int](mailto:sdg_airpollution@who.int). For clarification, Dr Heather Adair-Rohani, Unit Head a.i, Air Quality, Energy and Health, can be contacted at [adairrohani@who.int](mailto:adairrohani@who.int), or Dr Sophie Gumy, tel: +41 79 467 3402 or email at [bonjourso@who.int](mailto:bonjourso@who.int). Member States interested in following the development of the modelled estimates for some or all the indicators are welcome to contact Dr Sophie Gumy at [bonjourso@who.int](mailto:bonjourso@who.int).

### **Country consultation for SDG 3.9.1, 3.9.2, 7.1.2 and 11.6.2 and nomination of focal persons for the next data release**

In order to ensure that the country consultations are most effective, **Member States are invited to designate one or several focal point(s)** for the above-mentioned SDG indicators and estimates of the burden of disease attributable air pollution and water, sanitation and hygiene in relevant Ministries (Health, Environment, Energy, Water, National Statistical Office) for further cooperation and support on this important issue. The role of the focal point will be to review and provide feedback on the finalization of the SDG estimates and the WHO Air Quality database.<sup>3</sup> **Focal points should be communicated no later than 30 June 2025** to Dr Sophie Gumy at [bonjourso@who.int](mailto:bonjourso@who.int) and Dr Sophie Boisson at [boissons@who.int](mailto:boissons@who.int), copying [sdg\\_airpollution@who.int](mailto:sdg_airpollution@who.int).

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

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<sup>1</sup> Particulate matter equal or smaller than 2.5 and 10 micrometers, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/air-pollution/who-air-quality-database>.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that the IAEG–SDGs has requested the United Nations Statistics Division to compile information on National Statistical Office (NSO) SDG focal persons to ensure that NSOs are duly informed of international agency interactions with countries when collecting, processing and disseminating data for the SDG indicators. WHO is therefore urging Member States to ensure coordination with their official SDG focal point when nominating expert focal persons to review the above-mentioned SDGs.