

RAPID INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT (RIA)

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Abbreviations

IT	Information Technology
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
Mol	means of implementation
NDP	National Development Plan
NSO	National Statistical Office
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals

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About this toolkit

The objective of this toolkit is to support countries in mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into national and subnational planning, by helping assess their readiness for SDG implementation. The toolkit suggests clear steps and templates for policy makers to conduct a rapid integrated assessment (RIA) of the SDGs to determine their relevance to the country context, both at the national and subnational level, and interlinkages across targets. The assessment is a first step in defining a roadmap for a country to implement the SDGs.

The RIA is applied in four stages as outlined below:

- *Step 1* offers guidance on analysing the relevance of the SDGs for the country, including determining the national and subnational development priorities, and mapping SDG targets aligned to the development and sectoral plans.
- *Step 2* provides options for applying an integrated approach to achieve sustainable development. This includes determining the focus of SDG targets vis-à-vis the sustainable development dimensions (social, economic and environment) and across the 5Ps (people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership) – to ascertain a balance across aligned targets and to identify the interlinkages across targets.
- *Step 3* discusses ways to assess existing monitoring capacity and provides a checklist for conducting a needs assessment. The need for cross-cutting indicators to reduce the monitoring burden at the country level is also discussed.
- *Step 4* consolidates the primary output of the RIA. This entails developing a national and/or subnational SDG profile that identifies development challenges, gaps in alignment with the national/subnational plans, corresponding indicators and a quick snapshot of potential interlinkages. The SDG profile indicates the readiness of a country to mainstream and implement

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