

Key National Indicators: A Draft Guide to Terms and Concepts

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Background

- Working Group workplan assigned GAO with creating a glossary of KNI terms
- Collaborative effort of GAO and OECD, based largely on prior work

Guide to Terms and Concepts

- A **guide**, rather than traditional glossary
 - Definitions of concepts and general terms rather than of specific indicators
 - Recognition that concepts are still evolving, field is not well-defined
 - Wide range of indicators, methods of selecting indicators, nature of indicator systems, how they are used
 - To make guide most relevant for SAIs, looking for input from Working Group members
 - Guide posted on Wiki (www.intosai4kni.org)
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Overview of Guide

- What is Measured?
- What Are Indicators?
- What Are Indicator Systems?
- What Is Data Quality?

What Is Measured?

- Progress
- Well-being
 - Quality of life, subjective well-being
- Sustainable development

What Are Indicators?

- Indicators, key indicators
 - Input/output/outcome indicators
 - Composite indicators
 - E.g., Human Development Index, Consumer Price Index
 - Pressure-state-response indicators
 - Dimensions and domains
 - Performance measures
 - Reliability, validity
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What Are Indicator Systems?

- Topical indicator systems
- Comprehensive key indicator systems
- Selection of indicators

What is Data Quality?

- Attributes of “Fitness for Use”:
 - Relevance
 - Accuracy
 - Credibility
 - Timeliness
 - Accessibility
- Validation and verification

Next Steps

- Draft guide posted on KNI WG Wiki
- Comments/additions by July 1
- What form will guide take?
 - Post on INTOSAI website?
 - Discussion draft?
 - Translation?
 - Timing?