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Background

The 2030 Agenda emphasizes the need for integrated approaches to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, SDG target 17.14 calls on all countries to “enhance policy coherence for sustainable development” as a key means of implementation. The call for integrated solutions was reiterated during the first United Nations Summit on the SDGs since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, which took place in 2019. During that occasion, Heads of State and Government committed to strengthening institutions for more integrated solutions. In the UN Summit’s political declaration called “Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”, Member States committed to proactively develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and ensure more responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making processes. Member States highlighted that they would “strive to equip domestic institutions to better address interlinkages, synergies and trade-offs between the Goals and targets through a whole-of-government approach that can bring about transformative change in governance and public policy and ensure policy coherence for sustainable development.” (para 27 (d))

Goal

To assist Member States in strengthening their institutions for more integrated solutions, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) – Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) – has developed a Readiness Assessment on Institutional arrangements for Policy Coherence. The assessment is based on UN DESA’s analytical work and the UN Environment Program’s draft methodology for Tier II Indicator 17.14.1. UN DESA/DPIDG is the custodian of the Program on Public Administration.

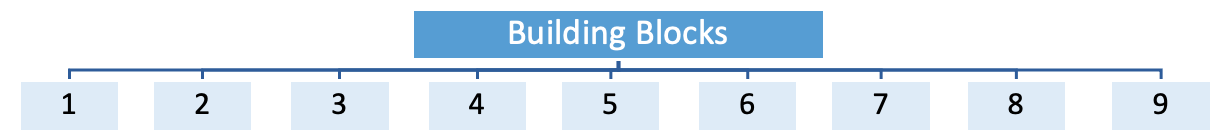
Objectives

The objective of this questionnaire is to gather information from UN Member States in preparation of case studies on policy coherence to be included in a UN capacity development training toolkit. The questionnaire is also aimed at supporting government agencies in assessing their institutional readiness to support policy coherence. It is meant to diagnose the extent to which the current public sector priorities and strategies, rules and regulations, processes and structures, competencies and the mindsets in government enable the implementation of integrated policies at central and local levels.

Structure

The questionnaire is a tool that contains questions to facilitate a participatory dialogue process among national ministries/agencies (and sub-national levels of government). The assessment is composed of 9 building blocks, which together give an indication of whether and to what extent a government agency has in place mechanisms that effectively enhance institutional arrangements for policy coherence to implement the sustainable development goals.

The Questionnaire has 9 building blocks for which the questions are partly fact-based and partly ask for the respondent to make an assessment or judgement.



* Building Block 1 requires answers based on facts attesting the extent to which a **political commitment** for policy coherence has been institutionalized through legal and normative frameworks in support of the implementation of the national development agenda.
* Building Block 2 requires answers based on facts regarding **transformational leadership, human resources and changing mindsets** for policy coherence.
* Building Block 3 requires answers based on facts attesting the **system thinking and policy linkages**: integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and systematic assessment of policy effects.
* Building Block 4 requires answers based on facts related to **organizational structures and processes** for inter-ministerial coordination/ integration.
* Building Block 5 requires answers about **financing** for policy coherence.
* Building Block 6 requires answers based on facts regarding use of **digital technology and data** for policy coherence.
* Building Block 7 requires answers based on facts regarding the **coherence between national and local/regional level**.
* Building Block 8 lists questions related to **stakeholders’ engagement** in strengthening policy coherence.
* Building Block 9 requires answers based on facts regarding **monitoring, reporting and evaluation processes** that support policy coherence.

Methodology

The main response categories for the majority of fact-based questions in the Questionnaire are ‘Yes’/’No’/’Don’t Know’ model. Some questions also require qualitative answers like own assessments, examples, specifications and some questions require answers based on a Likert scale to allow the respondent to express how much they agree or disagree with a particular statement. It would be helpful to attach formal documents to the questionnaire that provide evidence of certain commitments, procedures, regulations, mandates, etc. Moreover, it would be most helpful if the respondents could provide comments and expand where requested as this will make the body of evidence richer and will provide more detailed information about the functionality and challenges of matters related to policy coherence.

It will be important that the respondent(s) who fill out the questionnaire, has/have the authority to make an assessment or judgement and/or involve other respondents who could complement the information in order to give an accurate picture of the reality on the ground. The respondent(s) is/ are asked to sign the form as evidence for the fact that the information provided is accurate and correct.

**Respondent(s)’ Information Form**

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| **Full Name:** |  |
| **Organization:** |  |
| **Position/Title:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |
| **Please check whichever applies. You are a government official with the following responsibilities/ mandate:**  Decision-maker  Policy maker  A financial background  Co-ordination experience in the implementation of the SDGs  Training background  Other: | |
| **Please select whichever applies:**  A group of government agencies responded to the questionnaire collectively and are authorized and fully knowledgeable to respond this questionnaire  I am authorized and fully knowledgeable to respond this questionnaire  I authorize UN DESA to use my responses as deemed necessary | |

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# The Questionnaire

Building Block 1: Institutionalization of political commitment towards policy coherence

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| 1. Do you have a National Development Strategy and Plan?  Is there a framework for sustainable development (national strategy, action plan, guidelines) based on a long- term vision and goals (e.g. 10 years) embedded in the National Sustainable Development Plan? If no, or don't know, please go to question 4 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. What governance principles and values are highlighted in the National Sustainable Development Vision? Please answer below: |
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| 3. Does your National Development Plan reflect/ incorporate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 4. If you answered no or don’t know to question 1, is there a similar instrument put in place? Please specify: |
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| 5. Is there a legal or equivalent statement endorsed at the highest political level spelling out the government’s commitment to the integrated and coherent implementation of the SDGs? If not, please go to Question 11 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 6. If you answered yes to the previous question, has it been endorsed for the whole of government? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 7. If you answered yes to the previous question, has it been endorsed for specific sectoral/ cross-cutting policies? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 8. If yes, for which specific sectoral/ cross-cutting policies? Please answer below: |
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| 9. Has the legal or equivalent statement, endorsed at the highest political level spelling out the government’s commitment to the integrated and coherent implementation of the SDGs, been published? If no or don't know, please go to question 11 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 10. If it has been published, please indicate where: (please check all that applies) |
| Through national law  Official policy/ national development policy  Regulation  Vision  Strategy  Action plan  Other: |
| 11. Is there an operational plan/ action plan to support the implementation of the national development plan? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. Has your government identified priority policy areas for policy coherence? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 13. Have timelines been set for the achievement of policy coherence objectives in the national development plan? If no or don't know, please go to question 15 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 14. If timelines been set for the achievement of policy coherence objectives in the national development plan, please provide more information |
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| 15. Are you aware that the domestic policies take international commitments into consideration (e.g., Paris Climate Agreement (UNFCCC), Addis Ababa Action Agenda; Samoa Pathway, Copenhagen Convention on Climate Change; Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, etc.)? If yes, please give (an) example(s): |
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Building Block 2: Transformational leadership, human resources, and changing mindsets for policy coherence

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| 1. Is there a commitment and engagement from the leadership at all levels of government for policy coherence? If no or don't know, please go to question 3 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. If there are commitment and engagement from the leadership at all levels of government for policy coherence, please tick the relevant box/s: |
| National  Regional  Municipal  City  Other: |
| 3. Have the SDGs been integrated in the curricula of the schools of public administration/institutes of public management? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 4. Have human resources been allocated to implement the mandated activities of the entity (e.g. inter-ministerial unit, etc.) of the coordinating body in charge of policy coherence? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 5. If yes to the previous question, is there a dedicated budget? How much? Please answer below: |
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| 6. Has the government developed a competency framework to identify and strengthen the appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes required for policy coherence? if no or don't know, please go to question 8 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 7. If you answered yes to the previous question, what are the competencies that have been identified? Please answer below: |
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| 8. In order to change civil servants’ mindsets, are there mechanisms in place to ensure the internalization of principles and values related to policy coherence? If no or don't know, please go to question 10 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 9. If you answered yes to the previous question, which mechanisms are in place to ensure the internalization of principles and values related to policy coherence? Please answer below: |
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| 10. Is there a system in place to facilitate staff movement across divisions/ ministries? If no or don't know, please go to question 12 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 11. If there is a system in place to facilitate staff movement across divisions/ ministries, please explain: |
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| 12. Is there a goal and related activities on policy coherence (e.g. cooperation, dialogue, problem-solving; strategic thinking, etc.) part of the performance assessment of civil servants? If no or don't know, please go to question 14 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 13. If you answered yes to the previous question, please elaborate: |
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| 14. Is there increased awareness among public servants to collaborate and work? If no or don't know, please go to question 17 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 15. If you answered yes to the previous question, please tick all the relevant boxes below: |
| Across sectors at national level  In collaboration with local government  Engage stakeholders (academic, civil society, private sector, international or regional stakeholders…)  Other: |
| 16. Please elaborate with some examples: |
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| 17. Do training programs exist to support capacity development in the field of: (please check all boxes that apply) |
| Institutional coordination for policy coherence  Policy coherence  Integrated planning  System thinking  Long-term prediction/ forecasting  Negotiation skills  Analytical skills  Data collection  Monitoring and evaluation for improved policy coherence  ICT  Modelling  Spatial planning  Such training programs do not exist  Other: |
| 18. Please rate the extent to which your government has the capacities to ensure that social, economic and environmental dimensions in each policy is considered at the level of **Policy Planning** |
| Very low equipped  1  2  3  4  5 Very well equipped |
| 19. Please rate the extent to which your government has the capacities to ensure that social, economic and environmental dimensions in each policy is considered at the level of **Policy Design** |
| Very low equipped  1  2  3  4  5 Very well equipped |
| 20. Please rate the extent to which your government has the capacities to ensure that social, economic and environmental dimensions in each policy is considered at the level of **Policy Implementation** |
| Very low equipped  1  2  3  4  5 Very well equipped |
| 21. Please rate the extent to which your government has the capacities to ensure that social, economic and environmental dimensions in each policy is considered at the level of **Monitoring and Evaluation** |
| Very low equipped  1  2  3  4  5 Very well equipped |
| 22. If there are differences depending on the sectors, please specify: |
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| 23. In order to change mindsets within government and across levels of government, has the unit in charge of policy coherence organized the following initiatives to promote policy coherence for sustainable development as part of the Agenda 2030? (please check all boxes that apply) |
| Advocacy  Awareness raising  Communication campaigns  Some of the above, but not across all levels of government (national, local, regional)  No such initiatives have been organized  Other: |
| 24. If not, has information been communicated by a different mechanism? Please specify: |
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Building Block 3: System thinking and policy linkages: integration of the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and systematic assessment of policy effects

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| 1. Is there a requirement in place in your government that every new policy includes an ex ante assessment of trade-offs, synergies or complementarities of the sectoral plans or policies? If no or don't know, please go to question 3 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. If yes, are there any consequences if the ministries/ sectors do not provide an ex ante assessment of trade-offs, synergies or complementarities of the sectoral plans or policies? Please specify or illustrate with some examples: |
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| 3. In your experience, do these assessments impact policies? If no or don't know, please go to question 5 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 4. If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain why: |
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| 5. Are there planning templates/ checklists/ guidelines in place to conduct an ex -ante assessment of how the social, economic and environmental aspects are integrated in sectoral plans and policies of line ministries? If no or don't know, please go to question 9 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 6. In your experience: Do these assessments impact policies? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 7. If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain why: |
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| 8. If you answered no to the previous question, please explain why not: |
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| 9. Is there a full cost benefit analysis of policy impacts across all sectors included as part of the ex- ante assessments related to new policies or plans? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 10. Is there a system for ex-post assessment of the contribution of policies or plans to the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and cross-sectoral impacts to inform future policy making? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 11. In your experience: Are the assessments used to inform future policy-making? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. Please explain your answer to the previous question: |
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| 13. Is there a mechanism in place to assess risks, prevent or mitigate potentially negative effects on current and future wellbeing of generations and optimize synergies between different policies as part of policy planning? If no or don't know, please go to question 15 |
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| 14. If you answered yes to the previous question, please specify what kind of mechanism: (please check all that applies) |
| Supreme Audit Institutions/ Independent Audit Institute  Parliament  Other: |
| 15. Have mitigation measures been implemented as a follow up? If no or don't know, please go to question 17 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 16. If you answered yes to the previous question, please provide examples: |
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| 17. Are systems/ mechanisms in place that consider international spill-overs of policies, e.g. cross-border and international impacts? If yes, please provide examples: |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 18. Does your government make use of tools such as strategic foresight, scenario development and system thinking approaches in the formulation and implementation of policies? Please indicate which tools your government uses: (please check all that applies) |
| Strategic planning and foresight: COMBOS, Wayfinder, others (please specify):  Impact analysis  System thinking approaches and modelling across all SDGs: International Future Studies, iSDG,  Modelling approaches looking at a combination of specific sectors (e.g. CLEWS)  Other: |
| 19. Has your government put in place impact assessment mechanisms that take into account intergenerational effects of major infrastructural developments? If yes, please provide examples: |
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Building Block 4: Organizational structures and processes for Inter-ministerial coordination/ integration

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| 1. Is there a central government unit/ ministry/ inter-ministerial committee in charge of promoting coherent and integrated planning, policy making, implementation and M&E of the SDGs, including facilitating information sharing and coordination among different ministries/sectors? If no or don't know, please go to question 13 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. If promoting coherent and integrated planning, policy making, implementation and M&E of the SDGs, including facilitating information sharing and coordination among different ministries/sectors is organized in an inter-ministerial mechanism – please name the involved ministries and highlight the ministry in charge: |
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| 3. If yes, is its mandate provided by: (please check all that applies) |
| Parliament/ law  President or Prime Minister decree  Ministerial by- law  A single Minister/ executive politician  Other: |
| 4. How is the new central government unit/ ministry/ inter-ministerial committee in charge of promoting policy coherence and integrated planning organized? Please answer below: |
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| 5. Has the organizational structure of the central unit/ ministry in charge of inter-ministerial coordination defined roles and responsibilities among the different ministries in relation to policy coherence (please check all that applies) |
| at the level of policy planning  at the level of policy making  at the level of decision making  at the level of implementation  at the level of M&E  Other: |
| 6. Could you explain below how this has been done? Please answer below: |
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| 7. Does the organizational structure referred to in question 1 (unit/ministry, etc.) have: (please check all that applies) |
| the mandate to make decisions and arbitrate to resolve trade-offs between policies, or reconcile sectoral policies that are competing or conflicting?  the mandate to promote alignment of internal/ domestic and external/ international policies?  the mandate to convene technical level sectoral ministries to ensure action and alignment with the political level?  Other: |
| 8. If you said yes to any of the above, please explain: |
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| 9. Are the accountability and reporting lines clearly defined? If yes, could you elaborate? Please answer below: |
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| 10. Have horizontal and vertical workflows been established? Please specify: |
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| 11. What type of coordination mechanisms (e.g. task forces and working groups) has the organizational structure in charge of policy coherence put in place at the national level? |
| Within government  With non-governmental actors (coordination between government and other stakeholders such as civil society, academia, private sector representatives (e.g. e-participation platforms, online policy discussion forums):  Other: |
| 12. How effective is this coordination? (Please rate the level of effectiveness on a 5-point scale |
| Very Ineffective 1  2  3  4  5 Very Effective |
| 13. What are the specific challenges and conflicts in terms of coordination within government and with non-governmental actors? Please answer below: |
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Summary: the country has mechanisms in place to promote the alignment of private and public finance to policy coherence objectives and to track related expenditures.

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| 1. Has the country adopted an integrated public financial management system? If no or don't know, please go to question 3 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. If you answered yes to the previous question, how does this system assist the preparation and implementation of the national budget? Please answer below: |
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| 3. Overall, could you explain the role of the Ministry of Finance in improving policy coherence? (this is an open question and asks for your assessment): |
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| 4. Is there a long-term budget formulation? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 5. Is there a medium-term budget formulation? If no or don't know, please go to question 11 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 6. If yes, does the preparation of long term and medium- term budget formulation ensure policy coherence (i.e. integration of three pillars of development, economic, social and environment?) (please check all that applies) |
| through Interagency collaboration  through open consultation on the draft document within the government (e.g. between budget office and respective Ministry)  through an open consultation on the draft document with stakeholders (e.g. with legislature, …)  through the provision of a methodology to integrate the three pillars of development  through a clear role for oversight on this matter  Other: |
| 7. If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain how: |
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| 8. Please specify what incentives exist for the Ministry of Finance to ensure policy coherence? Please answer below: |
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| 9. Is the long term and/or medium- term budget prepared based on projected domestic resource mobilization and external finance (private, innovative, blended)? If yes, how is such an integration ensured? If no or don't know, please go to question 11 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 10. If yes, how is such an integration ensured? Please specify: |
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| 11. Does the annual budget preparation integrate domestic and non-domestic finance for policy coherence? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. If you answered yes to the previous question, how does such integration take place? Please answer below: |
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| 13. In how far have cross-sectoral objectives been considered in budgetary processes? Please answer below: |
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| 14. Have different sectors made progress with policy coherence to the extent that they have allocated joint budgets or have aligned budgets, based on an assessment of trade- offs and synergies between sector policies? if no or don't know, please go to question 16 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 15. If yes, which sectors made progress to this extent? Please give examples: |
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| 16. Does the budgetary system allow for cross-organizational budgets? Please expand your response: |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 17. Is there a mechanism in place that ensures accountability and transparency of public finance? (please select all boxed that apply) |
| internal control (executive branch)  audit (legislative branch)  Other: |
| 18. Does this mechanism assess/ track issues of policy coherence? |
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Building Block 6: Use of digital technology and data for policy coherence

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| 1. Do you have a digital government strategy? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. Do you have a digital security strategy? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 3. Do you have a national data strategy? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 4. Is your digital government strategy linked to the National Development Plan and the SDGs? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 5. Is your national data strategy aligned with the National Development Plan and the SDGs? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 6. Do you have in place legal and regulatory frameworks to support the following: (please select all boxes that apply), If no or don't know, please go to question 8 |
| Digital government, including access to Information Acts  Personal Data Protection Acts, including Digital Security  Open Government Data Acts  Digital Identity  Digital Signature  Digital publication of government expenditure  Data Interoperability Act  Regulations on AI  Digital government as a right  Other: |
| 7. If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain: |
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| 8. Are there any training programs to develop public servants’ data mindsets and skills? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 9. Does the coordinating body responsible for the implementation of the SDGs make use of ICTs to facilitate communication, collaboration and coordination among institutions to ensure greater coherence? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 10. If yes, which tools/ approaches are used for inter-operability in data, the creation of data repository, communication and coordination tools? Please answer below: |
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| 11. Do digital capacities and competencies facilitate collaboration between ministries? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. Does the government use e-participation or information technology to engage stakeholders in strengthening policy coherence? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 13. Is there: |
| one point of access to government through a single government website?  multiple access points to government?  Other: |

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Summary: the country has mechanisms in place for aligning priorities, policies and plans between various levels of government

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| 1. Are there legal or other institutional arrangements between central government and other jurisdictions for systematic consultation, collaboration and alignment of policies, strategies and plans? If no or don't know, please go to question 3 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. If you answered yes to the previous question, please check all the boxes that apply below: |
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| 3. Do these arrangements function well? If yes, please explain why; If they do not function well, please explain why not |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 4. Are there sector-specific multilevel arrangements (f.e. housing, mobility, waste management) in place? If no or don't know, please go to question 6 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 5. If you answered yes to the previous question, please specify for which sectors: |
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| 6. Have the national sustainable development plans been aligned across different jurisdictions/ governments levels? If no or don't know, please go to question 8 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 7. If you answered yes to the previous question, at what level(s)? (please check all the boxes that apply) |
| Regional level  Provincial  Cities/ mega-cities level  District level  Municipalities level  Communities level:  Other: |
| 8. Are there endorsed coordination and consultation mechanisms in place so that the priorities of sub-national government entities are systematically integrated into national policy/ strategy formulation and planning processes, or the other way around (national priorities integrated into sub-national level policies, plans and programs)? If no or don't know, please go to question 10 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 9. If yes, what are these mechanisms? If not, why not (e.g. decentralized government) Please answer below: |
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| 10. Are planning cycle timelines for the national and sub-national plans, policies, regulations and/or programs aligned? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 11. Are there mechanisms in place to ensure coherent and coordinated action of agencies from different government levels involved in international initiatives and/or development cooperation? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. Besides formal mechanisms to align policies between national and sub-national levels, are there more informal mechanisms that foster policy alignment, complementarities and cooperation between central and other jurisdictions/ government levels? Please explain: |
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| 13. Do the mechanisms include participation of business through public-private partnerships for service delivery and infrastructure investment at subnational level? |
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Building Block 8: Stakeholders engagement in strengthening policy coherence

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| 1. Are there mandatory/legal frameworks (e.g. Constitutions, laws, regulation, etc.) to promote participatory processes at various stages of development (policy planning, design, decision making, evaluation/ revision) of policies, plans, programs? If no or don't know, please go to question 3 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 2. If yes, are these stakeholders: |
| Informed (e.g. awareness raising)  Consulted  Involved as partners  Engaged  Depends on the sector/ policy.  Other: |
| 3. What are the issues that stakeholders are asked to participate for (e.g. policy planning on climate change, infrastructure programs, evaluation of programs)? Please specify who the government interacts with for the purpose of organized interests, what the government consults experts for and what the government consults civil society for. (This is an open question where we ask for your views) Please answer below: |
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| 4. Does the participation process with stakeholders involve a reasonable timeframe for its stated objective? If your answer is no, please explain why not? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know  If your answer is no, please explain: |
| 5. Does the participation process with stakeholders involve a reasonable timeframe for its stated objective? If no or don't know, please go to question 7 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 6. If yes, how does the government verify with the stakeholders participating? If not, why not? |
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| 7. Are the principles of open government applied to the methods and processes of participatory approaches to SDG implementation? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 8. Is maintaining relationships with civil society part of the participatory approach? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 9. Does your government have mechanisms in place that disclose the rationale for taking or not taking into account the inputs from stakeholders? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 10. If yes to the previous question, how does the government verify with the stakeholders participating? If not, why not? |
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| 11. Is there an accountability mechanism in place that allows public intervention such as petitioning and subsequent review regarding sustainable development related policies? If no or don't know, please go to question 13 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. If you answered yes to the previous question, please specify: |
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| 13. Are there mechanisms to engage the private sector in the policy process? If no or don't know, please go to question 15 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 14. If you answered yes to the previous question, Which ones: |
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| 15. Are there mechanisms to engage older persons, youth, persons with disabilities, people living in poverty in the policy process? If no or don't know, please go to question 17 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 16. If you answered yes to the previous question, Which ones: |
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| 17. Are there mechanisms to engage academics/scientists in the policy process? If no or don't know, please go to question 19 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 18. If you answered yes to the previous question, Which ones: |
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| 19. Are stakeholders’ engagement initiatives with a view to enhance policy coherence, encouraged or rewarded? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 20. If you answered yes to the previous question, please give examples: |
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Building Block 9: Monitoring, reporting and evaluation for policy coherence

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| 1. Is there a coherent national monitoring and evaluation framework that provides a basis for all the ministries? |
| Yes  No, there are multiple systems between ministries  Don't know |
| 2. Are there institutional arrangements for the evaluation of intended, ongoing or completed SDG policies? If no or don't know, please go to question 5 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 3. If yes, what are the institutional arrangements for the evaluation of intended, ongoing or completed SDG policies? Please answer below: |
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| 4. Is the evaluation commissioned or conducted by the administration itself? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 5. Is there a legal provision for monitoring and evaluation of the policies and programs for the implementation of the SDGS? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 6. Are the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to support the implementation of sustainable development policies and programs: (please check all the relevant boxes) |
| Based on indicators of progress  Based on a cost/benefit analysis  Based on impact assessments  Based on performance  Don't know  Other: |
| 7. Has your government identified benchmarks that will be used as parameters to evaluate achievement of the priorities? If no or don't know, please go to question 9 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 8. If you answered yes to the previous question, please specify what are the benchmarks? |
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| 9. Have indicators related to the implementation of policies or plans that track progress towards the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development been established? If no or don't know, please go to question 13 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 10. Are there continuous assessments of the indicators? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 11. Are they published? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 12. Are the budget cycle, monitoring and evaluation and policy planning linked? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 13. Does your government have mechanisms in place for monitoring of policies to ensure synergies, trade- offs, conflicts and clear guidance for policy makers to identify, prevent or mitigate the possible adverse effects of policies on the wellbeing of future generations? If no or don't know, please go to question 15 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 14. If yes, please check all the relevant box(es) |
| Through the Supreme Audit Institution/ Independent Audit Institute  Parliament  External Audit mechanism  Other: |
| 15. Is it legally required to monitor and evaluate policy coherence (inclusion of the social, economic and environmental aspects in every policy or assessing trade- offs and synergies between policies)? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 16. Does the evaluation include the preparedness of government for SDG policy design, implementation and evaluation? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 17. Does evaluation include the achievements of policies as regards the rule of law and strong institutions (SDG 16)? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 18. Have recommendations from one of the above been used by the government to promote policy coherence and adaptive action? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 19. Is it required that aspects of policy coherence are integrated into reporting of government entities? If no or don't know, please go to question 20 |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 20. If yes, please choose all the relevant box(es) |
| to the public  to the Parliament  Other: |
| 21. Do there exist information management systems and/or tools that facilitate availability, accessibility and comparability of centralized and harmonized data on sustainable development? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 22. Do stakeholders participate or have a role in the monitoring and evaluation of policies and programs? |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 23. Does the Statistics Office play a role in monitoring and evaluation? If no or don't know, please skip the next question |
| Yes  No  Don’t Know |
| 24. If yes, what is its role: |
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**Thank you for taking the time to fill out the Readiness Assessment on Institutional Arrangements for Policy Coherence to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

**We appreciate your participation!**