



IDWG Meeting

24 September 2021 – Online

Minutes

Attendees

- DECC – Hannah Gilmartin, Niamh Hamill
- D/Taoiseach – Brid Ni Ghruagain
- DFA – Denise McQuade
- D/Finance – Grainne Goggin, Renee Martin
- D/Justice – Eileen Leahy
- D/Education – Leona De Khors
- DETE – Rory Mulholland, Shannen Enright
- DPER – Fiachra Kennedy, Criona Brassill
- DSP – Paul Dockery
- DTTAS - Maurice Harnett, Mairin Nicheallaigh
- DTCAGSM - Darragh Morgan, Colm O'Connor, Julie Flanagan
- DFHERIS - Siobhan Sleeman
- DCEDIY – Jane Ann Duffy
- CSO – Mary Smyth
- DHLGH – Martin McMahon
- DRCD – Maura Lynskey
- DAFM – Harry Crowley

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous IDWG meeting on the 30 July 2021 were agreed.



2. Updates provide on work since July IDWG meeting:

• Consultation process

NH DECC provided an update on work progressed to date as part of the NIP public consultation process including - submissions received, emerging trends and key findings.

A total of 5,219 submissions were received and are now currently under review.

• Application for TSI funding for technical support from the OECD

HG DECC provided an update on the Draft application for OECD support and ongoing meetings with OECD and DG Reform. 3 proposed work packages were outlined including 2 country-specific components and 1 multi-country component.

Next steps include the progression of the application within DECC to senior management and the coordination and submission to DPER by 8 October 2021.

• Proposed actions for NIP and bilateral meetings

HG DECC provided an update on ongoing bilateral meetings with Departments to agree and develop proposed actions for inclusion in the next SDG National Implementation Plan.

Meetings to date have included:

- Bilateral with DPER to discuss SDG Budgeting
- Bilateral with DPER to discuss One Learning training
- Bilateral with CSO to discuss SDG Data collection, progress reports and Geohive capabilities

Bilaterals will continue into early October.

• SDG policy map Review

HG DECC reminded IDWG members that updates to SDG targets their Depts. have been identified as leading are reviewed in conjunction with relevant policy teams and returned by COB today 24 September 2021.

Any proposed amendments to lead Depts. will be followed up on by way of email, or meetings scheduled where further discussion may be required.

• Ireland's next Voluntary National Review (VNR)

HG DECC provided an update on the Ministerial decision to defer Ireland's next VNR until 2023. The decision was taken to Prioritise the development of the next SDG National Implementation Plan and the Implementation of urgent core actions in the next Plan.

DECC will commence preparations for the next VNR in Q3 2022 for presentation at the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2023.



3. Mapping of PfG commitments against SDG targets

HG DECC opened discussions on the proposed mapping of PfG commitments against SDG targets.

Points raised by members:

- Would find it difficult to map PfG commitments which is primarily a Political document to SDG goals & targets
- PfG Commitments timings would not fit with UN Agenda of achieving the goals by 2030
- As the office managing PfG commitments is now longer operated within D/Taoiseach's, no formalised reporting structure is in place
- Not all on-going Policy work supporting the implementation of the goals is captured in the PfG
- While there is support for using a cross government reporting mechanism, similar structures to the Climate Action Plan should also be considered

4. AOB

Date of the next IDWG meeting 29 October 2021.