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The WMG calls for gender-sensitive indicators across the goals. To overcome existing policy silos and to build on the linkages among different goals, the final post-2015 development agenda must integrate gender perspectives across all goals, targets and indicators.

We believe that developing indicators must be inclusive, open, transparent and strengthened over time. Major Groups must continue to be engaged in a formal and systematic manner in the development of the indicators. We believe that in order for the goals and the targets to be achieved, the indicators must be agreed by technical experts, with input from diverse groups of civil society.

Research and development of the indicator framework should remain open after the 47th Session of the SC. If we want to implement an ambitious agenda, the devising of indicators must not be rushed, to allow for input from all concerned parties, including at the national and regional level. This session should draft the main principles and criteria for the next stage to develop indicators. The WMG has a set of proposals in that regard:

1. Data should be disaggregated on the basis of age, sex, gender, geography, income, disability, race and ethnicity and other factors as relevant to monitor inequalities. For example with Goal 7, the population with access to electricity, disaggregated data will show which groups will require additional support.
2. Develop indicators that contribute to multiple targets and measure the impact of multiple inputs.
3. Make room for the development of new indicators to better capture information on areas where data is already being collected.
4. Develop indicators to address all SDGs and targets.
5. Indicators must address the output and input; and process indicators should be included to reflect where financing should be directed. There is a need to prioritize missing data and filling data gaps.
6. The IAEG on SDGs must have balanced regional representation, with funding available for Global South representation.
7. Civil society (particularly funding for adequate Global South representation) should be included in the Global Monitoring Groups.

8. The private sectors has a responsibility to collect accurate data about their environmental and social impact, but private data collections should not be in competition with national systems

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