

Initial Assessment on current status regarding target and indicators¹

1. The **targets are not easily measurable** as they are currently drafted. The targets should contain unambiguous terms, a clear structure and clarity of purpose in order to be measurable.
2. Not all draft Beyond 2020 **targets are yet as SMART** as they could be; they should be developed and agreed in conjunction with the indicators. It will be important for the **draft targets to be further updated** to fill observed gaps and eliminate duplications.
3. It is **difficult to measure progress towards the impact** of a target if the intended impact is unclear.
4. Most of the draft targets are currently process-focused. Some of the **targets should be impact-focused** so that the impact of the Strategic Objectives can be measured. The group reiterated the importance of placing more emphasis on impact- focused targets.
5. There is no **agreed understanding of the scope of 'waste'** in the context of the Beyond 2020 framework to measure progress against waste-related targets.
6. The current suite of targets and indicators does not capitalize on linkages and **synergies between the Beyond 2020 framework and other frameworks**, such as the chemicals and waste conventions, Sustainable Development Goals, the Convention on Biological Diversity and others.
7. The current suite of targets and indicators does not reflect the **differing circumstances and priorities of different stakeholders**.
8. **Custodians** have not yet been assigned to each target or indicator / groups of indicators, to ensure consistency and accuracy of data collection overtime.
9. Issue of **data availability**.
10. The **list of indicators to measure progress against the Beyond 2020 targets**, including the initial list that was developed at the workshop is **too extensive**. The list needs to be refined down to a smaller number of specific indicators.
11. Targets need to be formulated to have both quantitative and qualitative indicators.

¹ The assessment is based on findings identified during the contact group discussion during IP3 and in the technical expert workshop on indicators for the SAICM Strategic Approach Beyond 2020 hosted by the Government of the United Kingdom in September 2019.